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AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Business Organizations, Corporate Governance, Public Benefit Corporations, Securities Regulation, Collective Action and Movements, Contracts, Contract Drafting

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL
Assistant Professor of Law (July 2026 to Present)

- Courses Taught: Business Associations, Securities Regulation
- Committee Member:
  - Committee to Support Students' Understanding of Ongoing and Emerging Legal Issues (2026-present)
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2026-present)
- Faculty Advisor: Latine Law Students Association (2026-present)

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL

Appointments from 2008 to Present:
Distinguished Senior Lecturer (June 2025 – June 2026)
Senior Lecturer (September 2019 – June 2025)
Adjunct Professor (August 2008 – August 2019)

- Create, expand, and teach doctrinal, seminar, and experiential courses for JDs, LLMs, and MSLs
- Develop & oversee relationships with judges, law firms, corporations, & public interest & governmental organizations to secure employment & educational opportunities for students & alumni
- Relevant Courses Taught: Business Associations (JDs & LLMs), Contracts (LLMs & Pre-JDs), Contracts and Ethics: Lawyer as a Problem Solver (1Ls), Basics of Contract Drafting (JDs & LLMs), Contract Drafting (MSLs), Externships (Judicial, Public Interest - JDs)
- Other Courses Taught: Criminal Law (LLMs), Legal Ethics (LLMs), Creating Change as a Lawyer (JDs and LLMs), International Team Project (Chile, Tanzania), Senior Research (JDs), Summer Research Internship (JDs), Summer Law Prep (Pre-JDs)

Appointments from 2003 to 2008:
Clinical Assistant Professor, Children and Family Justice Center (April 2003 – August 2008)
National Children's Law Network Coordinator (April 2003 – August 2006)
Children's Law Pro Bono Project Director (April 2003 – August 2006)

- Supervised clinic law students in juvenile delinquency, school expulsion, and special education cases
- Recruited, trained, and supported firm pro bono attorneys, expanding from 33 to 120+ cases per year
- Coordinated a 3-year nationwide project to improve the quality of representation of such clients
- Courses Taught: Juvenile Delinquency and School Law (JD Clinic), Juvenile Justice and Death Penalty Trials and Appeals (JD Clinic), Introduction to Trial Advocacy (JDs), Interviews and Investigations (JDs)

Northwestern University, Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences, Evanston, IL
Adjunct Professor, Chicago Field Studies Program (June 2013 – August 2019)

- Created and implemented new curricula, identified new internships, and advised students on careers
- Taught *Legal Culture and Process* and *Contemporary Issues in Law* to undergraduate students working four days a week at a law firm or in government or public interest law
- Topics included: Overview of 1L courses (e.g., Contracts, Criminal Law, Property), Negotiations

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL
Visiting Part-Time Faculty Member (January to June 2013)

AWARDS AND HONORS

National Awards

- Affiliate of the Year, Hispanic National Bar Association (2026)
- Chicago Bar Association Vanguard Award (2024)
- Chicago Daily Law Bulletin's Women in Law Award (Nomination, 2022)
- Aspen Leading Edge (2022)
- ABA Section of Litigation Outstanding Service Award (2007-2008)

University Awards

- Outstanding Professor of a Small Class Award, Northwestern (2021-2022)
- Faculty Recognition from President and Provost, Northwestern (2025)
- Other Honorable Mention Teaching Awards from the Dean, Northwestern (2003-2019)
- Student Bar Association Faculty Appreciation Award, Northwestern (2021, 2024)
- Canvas Hall of Fame, Northwestern (Nomination, 2022)
- Canvas Mission: Accessible Wall of Fame, Northwestern (2024)
- Alumni Volunteer Service Award, Northwestern (2021)
- Alumni Awards Nomination Committee, Northwestern (2024)

EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois
Juris Doctor, International Law Concentration, May 2000

- Dean's List, Brunswick-Vanneman Scholarship Recipient, SFPIF Fellowship Recipient
- Best Brief Award Inter-American Human Rights Commission Moot Court Competition
- Chairperson of the Judicial Council, Diversity Coalition Committee Founding Member, Latine Law Student Association Board Member, ABA Representative, Judicial Extern

Howard University School of Law, Cape Town, South Africa
South Africa Program, Courses in International Law, June 1998 – July 1998

- Legal Assistant to South Africa Member of Parliament Priscila Jana, drafted domestic violence bill

Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
A.B. in Comparative Area Studies and Political Science, May 1996

- Dean's List, Volunteer Tutor, Water Polo Junior Nationals' Finals Team Member
- Vice-President for Duke International Association & International Ambassador, Creator & Director of live news program, ABC-TV Community Affairs Intern

Humbold Universität and Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany
Political Science Program, August 1994 – July 1995

- Deutsche Sprache und Landeskunde Thüringen German Achievement Award

SELECTED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- **Essay.** Monica Llorente, *A Tribute to Len and the Len Way*, 21 NW. J. L. & SOC. POL'Y 345 (2026). Link.
- **Book Author.** TINA L. STARK & MONICA L. LLORENTE, DRAFTING CONTRACTS: HOW AND WHY LAWYERS DO WHAT THEY DO (3rd ed. 2024). Link.
- **Article Author.** Monica L. Llorente, *Artificial Intelligence and Technology in Contract Drafting*, ASPEN PUBLISHING (2024). Public Link Not Available – Available Upon Request.
- **White Paper Contributor and Commentator.** MEGHAN DAWE & ROBERT L. NELSON, LATINX IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION: A STATISTICAL PORTRAIT WHITE PAPER PREPARED FOR THE STATE OF LATINOS IN LAW CONFERENCE (2018). Link.

SELECTED OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- **Report Reviewer and Commentator.** HAROLD JORDAN & GHADAH MAKOSHI, STUDENT ARRESTS IN ALLEGHENY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS: THE NEED FOR TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY (2022). Link.
- **Sample Agreement with Comments Drafter and Reviewer.** Theatrical Sound Designers and Composers Association, *TSDCA Sample Sound Design Contract – The Annotated Version*, https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mV6sBO_YvZTnmlB6A7R_p3H5kYCv2rMoCBNtuUjxzbU/edit?tab=t.0 (last visited Sep. 4, 2025).
- **Guide Drafter and Reviewer.** Theatrical Sound Designers and Composers Association, *Contract Terminology for Designers*, https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jRBxwB9_EaAdqeQeP0p-fXLQEEtqjzwzB3VpNG9LgtM/edit?tab=t.0#heading=h.a3pen4x79s9l (last visited Sep. 4, 2025).
- **Federal Law Comments Lead Drafter.** *Comment of the Transforming School Discipline Collaborative to the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education's Request for Information on Nondiscrimination Administration of School Discipline*, Docket ID ED–2021–OCR–0068–0001, Comment Tracking Number krg-s9si-jrgl (July 23, 2021).
- **Law School Policies, Reports, and Surveys Researcher and Drafter.** *Covid-19 Policies, Reports, and Surveys*, NORTHWESTERN PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW (2020). [Various relating to the video recording of classes, student camera protocols, student conduct expectations, and guiding information for faculty and staff. Public Link Not Available, Available Upon Request.]
- **Toolkit Creator and Drafter.** *Transforming School Discipline in Remote and Blended Learning During Covid-19*, TRANSFORMING SCHOOL DISCIPLINE COLLABORATIVE, https://www.transformschooldiscipline.org/tsdc-toolkit (last visited Sep. 4, 2025).
- **Model Legislation Lead Researcher and Drafter.** *TSDC's Model Student Code of Conduct: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Transforming School Discipline*, TRANSFORMING SCHOOL DISCIPLINE COLLABORATIVE, https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8d8PTyuz_W_Q2doWHlJYmNBYUU/view?resourcekey=0-KuUpU6GrlIJa2sE2jHJwIg (last visited Sep. 4, 2025). [Republished by the Illinois State Board of Education and other entities across the U.S.]
- **Report Lead Researcher and Drafter.** HIGH HOPES CAMPAIGN, FROM POLICY TO STANDARD PRACTICE: RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS (2012). Public Link Not Available, Available Upon Request.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- **Law Review Article**. Monica L. Llorente, *Public Benefit, Private Power: Delaware PBCs, GenAI, and the Limits of Corporate Accountability*.
- **Law Review Article**. Monica L. Llorente, *Contracts and Private Ordering in Collective Action and Social Movements*.
- **Book**. MONICA L. LLORENTE. DRAFTING CONTRACTS: HOW AND WHY LAWYERS DO WHAT THEY DO (4th ed. forthcoming 2027-2028).

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- **Presenter.** *Public Benefit, Private Power*, AALS Private Law and Multicultural Identities, Arona, Italy (July 13, 2026).
- **Presenter.** *Public Benefit, Private Power: Delaware PBCs, GenAI, and the Limits of Corporate Accountability*, National Business Law Scholars Conference, UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law (May 27, 2026).
- **Presenter.** *Contracts and Private Ordering in Social Movements*, 18th Annual International Conference on Contracts, University of Florida Levin College of Law (February 21, 2026).
- **Moderator.** *Autonomy & Choice*, 18th Annual International Conference on Contracts, University of Florida Levin College of Law (February 21, 2026).
- **Moderator.** *Leaning into GenAI to Elevate Teaching Legal Skills*, Association of American Law Schools (January 9, 2026).
- **Presenter.** *The Evolution and Devolution of Private Securities Litigation*, The Timeless Scholarship of Bud Murdock Conference, Institute for Investor Protection Annual Conference, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (November 7, 2025).
- **Presenter.** *What Standards and Processes Should the Delaware Courts Apply When Reviewing the Decisions of the Board of a Public Benefit Corporation (PBC), Specifically Pertaining to the PBC's Purpose?*, 2025 Graciela Olivárez Latinas in the Legal Academy Workshop, Boston University School of Law (July 22, 2025).
- **Presenter.** *Topics Bridging Delaware Public Benefit Corporations, Gen AI, and Contracts,* 4th Olivas Writing Institute Summer Program 2025, Indiana University Maurer School of Law (June 13, 2025).
- **Invited Speaker.** *112: AI, Technology, and Contract Drafting with Monica Llorente,* Aspen Leading Edge Podcast with Patty Roberts, Dean of St. Mary's University School of Law (May 13, 2025). Link.
- **Presenter.** *Book Launch Event of Drafting Contracts: How and Why Lawyers Do What They Do*, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (February 25, 2025).

SELECTED OUTSIDE UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- **Planner.** *Attorneys as Public Citizens,* Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois and Other Organizations, University of Illinois Chicago, School of Law (February 20, 2026).
- **Invited Speaker.** *Contract Drafting Workshop*, Winston Taylor (November 17, 2025 & January 29, 2026)
- **Invited Speaker.** *Big Law Pathways: Acing Your Big Law Interview,* Benesch Law (January 20, 2026).

- **Invited Speaker.** *Drafting Contracts*, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (October 1, 2025).
- **Invited Speaker**. *Contracts and Negotiations for Emerging Artists and Designers, Biz of the Biz*, University of Cincinnati, College – Conservatory of Music (April 23, 2025), (April 10, 2024), (March 26, 2023).
- **Invited Speaker.** *First Generation Voices,* Podcast hosted by Alexis White (March 18, 2025).
- **Planner.** *7th Circuit Rising Professionals Symposium*, Federal Bar Association (Summers 2022 & 2023).
- **Planner and Facilitator.** *The Fourteenth Amendment, Birthright Citizenship, and Equal Protection of the Laws,* Federal Bar Association (May 12, 2022).
- **Invited Panelist and Planner.** *Empowering and Advocating for Yourself and Others: Part I. Contract Language and Negotiation,* Theatrical Sound Designers and Composers Association (May 20, 2021). Link.
- **Invited Panelist.** *Virtual Learning and its Impact on your Legal Education,* Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois JD Mentors Program (October 21, 2020).
- **Co-Creator, Planner, and Presenter.** *Reimagining Community in the Return to School Convening,* Transforming School Discipline Collaborative (August 4, 2020).
- **Panelist.** *Latinos, Law, and Learning,* Robert Morris University (October 19, 2018).
- **Presenter.** *Sparking Innovation in the Classroom: How to Introduce Faculty to Instructional Technology*, CALIcon18 (June 7, 2018).
- **Presenter.** *Innovating in the Classroom: The Role of Technology in Law Schools*, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning: Exploring the Use of Technology in the Law School Classroom (June 19, 2018).
- **Presenter.** *Peer Review Made Easy with Google Docs*, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning: Exploring the Use of Technology in the Law School Classroom (June 20, 2018).
- **Planner, Moderator, and Panelist**. *Plenary Session: The State of Latinos in the Law* and *Law School Education: Getting Through the Pipeline*, The State of Latinos in the Law Symposium (October 12, 2018).

SELECTED UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

- **Invited Moderator.** *Women's Day – Lawyers Around the World: Fireside Chat*, Women's Leadership Coalition, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (March 18, 2026).
- **Invited Panel Member and Facilitator.** *FirstGen Conference: Diverse Legal Topics*, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (November 3-4, 2023), (November 9, 2024).
- **Invited Panelist.** *What's Working (and What is Not) in Remote Teaching Workshop*, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law (November 19, 2020).
- **Presenter.** *Course Tour Workshop: How I Plan A Synchronous Class Session,* Online (July 16, 2020).
- **Co-Presenter.** *Alleviating Fears & Inspiring Innovation: How to Engage Faculty*, Northwestern University TEACHx (May 23, 2018).
- **Presenter.** *Simple: Use Google Apps for Peer Review*, Northwestern University TEACHx (May 23, 2018).

PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Judicial, U.S. Marshal, and U.S. Attorney Screening Committees, Northern District of Illinois
Member, January 2018 to present
- Appointed by U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth to review and evaluate candidates for federal district court judge, U.S. Marshal, and U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois
- Advise senators regarding the candidates' qualifications and fitness for the position

Llorente Law & Training, Nationwide and Internationally
Consultant, Trainer, and Founder, Spring 2014 to present
- Represent clients in different types of U.S. transactional matters
- Train attorneys and corporate employees on business law, contracts, and negotiations in different countries

School Discipline Working Group, Chicago, Illinois
Founding Member and Coordinator, Spring 2012 to present
- Create and manage a coalition of public interest groups dedicated to improving the lives of their clients and the education and juvenile justice systems through legislation and legal strategies
- Liaise with the courts, schools, and other parties to make changes and provide training

Dignity in Schools Campaign, Nationwide
Founding Member, Spring 2005 to Summer 2023
- Co-Founded organization uniting advocates, policymakers, and other stakeholders to improve juvenile justice and school expulsion policies and implement alternatives through legislation and practice
- Supervised administration of over $1 million in grants, including the hiring of staff, negotiation and execution of key agreements, and the development of membership and financial policies

Transforming School Discipline Collaborative, Illinois
Founding Steering Committee Member & Trainer, Spring 2014 to Summer 2023
- Developed and implemented new federal, state, and local school and juvenile justice policies and legislation
- Created state resources and trained school districts, policy makers, and others on school discipline issues

City of Chicago, **Board of Elections**, Chicago, Illinois
Hearing Officer, Winter 2018 to Spring 2021
- Held hearings, examined evidence, and wrote reports & recommendations (all adopted) for the Board of Elections

Baker & McKenzie, Chicago, Illinois
Associate, Corporate & Securities Group, January 2000 to March 2003
- Represented public & privately held companies in different types of acquisitions, strategic alliances, & financings
- Negotiated & drafted documents for these U.S. and international clients relating to all aspects of their acquisitions, their securities, & different investments & private equity matters
- Firm Recruiter and Interviewer, Summer Program Committee Member, Diversity Committee Member

OTHER EXAMPLES OF SERVICE

Loyola University Chicago

- Committee to Support Students' Understanding of Ongoing and Emerging Legal Issues (2026-present)
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2026-present)
- Latine Law Students Association Advisor (2026-present)

Northwestern University

- Latine Law Students Association Advisor (2012-present), Transactional Law Curriculum Design (2025)
- Convocation Planner and Name Reader (2020, 2022-25), MSL Faculty Hiring Committee (2022)
- Gender Initiatives Fellowship Hiring Committee (2021), Diversity & Inclusion Committee (2020-21)
- Jobs Task Force (2020-21), Remote Teaching Committee (2020-21)
- Tech Advisory Committee (2017-20), Experimental Teaching & Learning Analytics Fellow (2015-16)
- Acting Associate Director for Career Strategy Center (2012)
- Clerkship Committee (2005-2008), Acting Director of Diversity, Education & Outreach (2008)

Other

- Association of American Law Schools, Section on Nonprofit & Philanthropy Law, Executive Committee Member (2026-present)
- Legal Faculty Roundtable, Founding and Steering Committee Member (2026-present)
- American Bar Association (2007-present):
  Children's Rights Litigation Committee, Education Co-Chair & Editorial Board
- Hispanic Lawyers Association+ of Illinois (1997-present):
  Board Member, Judicial Evaluations Committee and Investigator, JD Mentors, Executive Committee
- Federal Bar Association, Chicago Chapter (2021-2024):
  Board Member, Co-Chair Law Schools & Students, Legal Prep Charter Academy Guest Teacher

BAR ADMISSION AND LANGUAGES

Illinois (2000)
Spanish (native), French (fluent), and German (proficient)