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EXPERIENCE:

Scott D. Pollock & Associates, P.C.

Immigration Attorney, September 2007 to present

- Represent clients in a wide range of immigration matters, including nonimmigrant E, H-1B, L, P, and R visa petitions and applications, employment and family based petitions for immigrant visas, applications for adjustment of status, applications for naturalization, applications for waivers of inadmissibility, removal defense before the Chicago Immigration Court, appeals before the Board of Immigration Appeals, actions in federal court under the Mandamus Act, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the Freedom of Information Act, and petitions for review before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.
- Assisted in drafting amicus brief to the Illinois Supreme Court on the importance of providing foreign nationals pleading guilty to crimes with advice on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit:

Staff Attorney, August 2005 to August 2007

- Drafted orders, opinions, and bench memos in a wide variety of appeals including immigration and asylum, criminal, prisoner civil rights and habeas corpus cases, employment law, and social security law
- Made recommendations to federal court judges on the disposition of cases and attended conferences to answer judges' questions about those recommendations

Covington & Burling: Paralegal, July 2000 to July 2002

- Assisted in environmental insurance litigation
- Helped prepare Petition for Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court in a death penalty case
- Performed factual research on the Internet, Lexis/Westlaw, and at Library of Congress

EDUCATION:

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI: *J.D. cum laude, Class of 2005*

- Michigan Journal of International Law; Articles Editor, 2004-2005; Associate Editor, 2003-2004
- William W. Bishop, Jr. Award for Achievement in International Law

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL: *B.A. with Honors in English, Class of 2000*

- Dean's List
- University College London, Junior Year Abroad

BAR ADMISSIONS:

Illinois Supreme Court, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Immigration Lawyers' Association, Chair, Chicago Chapter CLE Committee, July 2012-June 2013; Co-Chair, Chicago Chapter Litigation Committee, July 2013-June 2017; Member, National Amicus Committee, 2013-present.
Society of Human Resource Management ("SHRM"), Chicago, Member, Legislative Committee.

COURT CASES:

Bathula v. Holder, 723 F.3d 889 (7th Cir. 2013) (affirming denial of asylum).
Congregation of the Passion and Rev. Ocampo v. Johnson, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 14197, 2015 WL 518284 (N.D.IL February 6, 2015) (successful APA challenge to I-360 petition denial for a Catholic priest, striking USCIS religious worker regulations as *ultra vires*).
Hafeez v. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, No. 06-6612 (N.D. IL 2009) (successfully settled case regarding eligibility of foreign national for approval of marriage-based I-130 immigrant visa petition).
Jan v. Holder, 576 F.3d 455 (7th Cir. 2009) (affirming denial of asylum).
Kamal v. Gonzales, 547 F. Supp. 2d 869 (N.D. IL 2008) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss plaintiff's mandamus action to adjudicate an adjustment of status application).
Lazo-Vargas v. Holder, 466 Fed. Appx. 539 (7th Cir. 2012) (affirming denial of motion to reopen removal proceedings for consideration of application for adjustment of status).
Rubman v. USCIS, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 17617 (N.D. IL Feb. 12, 2014) (denying USCIS's motion to dismiss on a Freedom of Information Act request).
Singh v. USCIS, 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 42019 (N.D. IL April 19, 2011) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss and finding that complaint adequately alleged that government's termination of asylum status was unlawful).
Shalom Pentecostal Church v. Acting Sec'y, United States Dep't of Homeland Security, 783 F.3d 156 (3rd Cir. 2015) (litigated as counsel for amicus curiae).
Society of the Divine Word v. Napolitano, No. 11-7103 (N.D. IL 2012) (successfully settled case regarding eligibility of Catholic priest for approval of I-360 immigrant visa petition for a religious worker).

PUBLICATIONS:

Murdoch, A Potential Trap for Non-Citizens: The Danger of Motor-Voter Laws, Young Lawyers Journal of the CBA Record (November 2011).

Pollock and Murdoch, Ruiz-Diaz v. United States: A disappointment for immigrant religious workers, Lexis Nexus Emerging Issues Analysis (June 2011).

Pollock, Buckley and Murdoch, "Ethical Issues in Employment-Based Immigration Law," Lorman Education Services (2008).

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND TRAININGS:

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Six-Day Workshop, Led Workshop Session on Immigration Waivers (Aug. 2018, Aug. 2016, Nov. 2015, June 2014, Aug. 2013).

Society of Human Resources Professionals Legal Forum, Panelist for Presentation on Changes to Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program (Apr. 2018).

Society of Human Resources Professionals Legal Forum, Panelist for Presentation on Substance Abuse Issues in Immigration Law (Sept. 2017).

Society of Human Resources Professionals Legal Forum, Panelist for Presentation on Changes in Immigration Law in New Presidential Administration (Apr. 2017).

Society of Human Resources Professionals Legal Forum, Panelist for Presentation on STEM Optional Practical Training Extensions (Sept. 2016).

Society of Human Resources Professionals Legal Forum, Panelist for Presentation on I-9 Compliance and E-Verify (Feb. 2015).

Society of Human Resources Professionals Legal Forum, Presentation on Treatment of Independent Contractors vs. Employees in Immigration Law (Sept. 2014).

American Immigration Lawyers Association Chicago Chapter Litigation Roundtable, Presentation on Noteworthy Seventh Circuit Immigration Case Law (February 2014).

American Immigration Lawyers Association Chicago Chapter Litigation Roundtable, Presentation on Noteworthy Board of Immigration Appeals Case Law (January 2014).

Society of Human Resources Professionals Legal Forum, Panelist for Presentation on H-1B Site Visits and Audits and Impacts of Proposed Comprehensive Immigration Reform Legislation (Sept. 2013).

American Immigration Lawyers Association Chicago Chapter Litigation Roundtable, Presentation on Legal Writing and Taking a Case to the Seventh Circuit (Apr. 2013).

American Immigration Lawyers Association Chicago Chapter, Educational Presentation to Monthly Membership Meeting on Seventh Circuit Immigration Case Law (Oct. 2012).