

CELESTE H.G. BOYD

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EDUCATION

- Yale Law School • Juris Doctor, 2007
- University of Maryland • B.A. in Government & Politics • Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*.
- University of New Mexico • Attended for two years • GPA: 4.0

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- Admitted to practice in New Mexico & North Carolina.

EXPERIENCE

Freelance Attorney

Feb. 2008 – Present

Provide high-quality legal research and writing on a wide variety of issues to assist attorneys in their litigation and transactional practices. Cases have ranged from national class actions, to small business disputes, to individual family law cases. Also conducted a 7-month comprehensive review/analysis of licensing contracts for a large corporation. Less traditional projects have included writing for a monthly publication geared toward HR professionals; ghost- or co-writing op-ed and law review articles; and policy research to assist nonprofits in strategic planning.

Representative Clients: *Hallmark Cards, Inc.* • *Southwest Women's Law Center* • *Law Offices of Clifton Davidson (Albuquerque)* • *Freedman Boyd Hollander Goldberg & Ives (Albuquerque)* • *Ragsdale Liggett (Raleigh)* • *Ellis & Winters (Raleigh)* • *Paynter Law Firm (Washington, DC)*

NM Center on Law & Poverty (Albuquerque, NM) • Staff Attorney

Oct. 2007 – Nov. 2008

Worked on a variety of systemic advocacy projects on behalf of low-income New Mexicans. Wrote legal and non-legal memoranda; worked with clients and advocates to define the major issues facing their communities; educated low-income communities on public benefits & immigration issues; and performed administrative advocacy within the New Mexico Human Services Department.

Morrison | Foerster, LLP (San Francisco, CA) • Summer Associate

Summer 2006

Performed legal research, analysis, and writing for the litigation department. Projects included drafting a chapter for a treatise on employee privacy law; writing an Office Action Response to the U.S. Trademark Office; and drafting a brief section for a pro bono § 1983 suit alleging the excessive use of force by police officers. Received offer of permanent employment.

Legal Aid Society—Employment Law Ctr. (San Francisco, CA) • Summer Law Clerk

Summer 2005

Researched and wrote legal memoranda and brief sections for the National Origin, Immigration, and Language Rights Program; counseled clients over the phone on employment-related legal issues through the Workers' Rights Clinic; represented clients in unemployment insurance appeals before Administrative Law Judges of the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

SKILLS: Strong Spanish language skills (both verbal and written) • Computer skills include advanced Microsoft Office, graphic design and layout using Adobe design software, and web design.

INTERESTS: Physical fitness/weightlifting • Semi-professional singer/songwriter • Graphic design

REFERENCES

Available upon request.