

Curriculum Vitae

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General Information

University address: College of Law
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Professional Preparation

- 2006 J.D., University Of Miami. Major: Law. *Cum Laude*.
- 2003 M.Phil, University of Cambridge. Major: International Relations.

Unspecified Name. (2003). *Distinguishing Between Economic Migration and Political Asylum Seeking in the UK*. Unpublished master's thesis, University of Cambridge.
- 2001 B.A., Brandeis University. Major: Peace and Conflict Studies. Magna Cum Laude.

Postdegree Education and Training

- 2002–present Basic Luganda.
- 2001–present Basic Portuguese.
- 1997–present Proficient in Spanish (reading, writing, and speaking).

Professional Experience

- 2010–present Directing Clinical Professor, College of Law, Florida State University. Courses: Medical Legal Partnership Clinic, Immigration Law, Asylum and Refugee Law, Human Trafficking, Immigrant Children's Legal Project. Legal representation of indigent individuals on immigration, disability rights, and related health matters.

- 1993–present Founder and president, Starting Blocks, Dade and Broward Counties, FL. Established, at age thirteen, a service organization that has provided over \$18,000 in educational materials to over 2,500 children attending under-funded day care centers.
- 2007–2011 Program Director, Center for the Advancement of Human Rights. Legal Representation of asylum seekers, refugees, victims of human trafficking, battered and abused immigrants and unaccompanied children eligible for special immigrant juvenile visas. House Bill 605 Exploited Children (passed): assisted in lobbying efforts to change the language of the Florida anti-trafficking legislation as it relates to children to mirror the more relaxed burden of proof in the federal standard. Supervision of law students fulfilling their pro bono legal requirement with the Center.
- 2006–2007 Staff Attorney/ Clinical Fellow, University of Miami Center for Ethics and Public Service, Miami, FL. Representation of abused, abandoned and neglected children in special immigrant juvenile visa proceedings. Lecturer in immigration and clinical education and a staff attorney in the Center's Children and Youth Law Clinic and the Community Health Rights Education Clinics. Admitted to the Florida Bar, September, 2006.
- 2005 Intern, Supreme Court of Florida, The Honorable Harry L. Anstead. Intern. Prepared Determinations of Jurisdiction, legal research, and drafted and edited opinions and orders.
- 2005 Summer Associate, Holland + Knight LLP.
- 2005 Academic Law Clerk, Steel Hector & Davis LLP.
- 2004–2005 Intern, University of Miami Center for Ethics and Public Service. Secured asylum for Iraqi refugee in immigration court; assisted immigrants with HIV on permanency planning.
- 2004 Intern, The Honorable Patricia A. Seitz, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Florida. Drafted and edited orders and opinions on range of issues used by Judge Seitz in judicial proceedings.
- 2001–2002 Junior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Served as one of ten students selected nationwide for a one-year fellowship on immigration issues.
- 1999–2001 Outreach Coordinator, Justice, Public Life, Brandeis International Center for Ethics. Organized events bringing peace builders, journalists, artists and activists to campus. Transcribed discussions between coexistence practitioners

and human rights workers. Interviewed and coordinated participants for "Faces of Work at Brandeis" exhibit.

- 1998–2001 Coordinator, Big Siblings Program. Expanded the program to provide over 50 at-risk youth with siblings (previously provided to 12). Maintained matches. Recruited new big and little siblings. Worked with social workers, local schools and families. Organized group events.
- 2000 Intern, Children's Defense Fund. Helped draft manual for National Collegiate Outreach for the Children's Health Insurance Program.
- 2000 Teacher in Conflict Resolution, Oak Hill Juvenile Detention Center Women's Division. Conducted dialogue groups with 13 adolescent female offenders.
- 1999 Interviewer, Translator and Teacher, Dialogo 2000, The Mothers of the Plaza de Mayo-Founding Line. Translated documents for Nobel Peace Prize winner on debt relief. □ Interviewed family members of the disappeared. □ Volunteered at Peace and Justice Service camp for abused and neglected children.

Honors, Awards, and Prizes

Burning Spear, FSU College Of Law (2012).
Guest Leader, Florida State University LeaderShape (2011).
Invited to participate in the Council for the United States and Italy 27th Young Leaders Conference (2011).
Marshall Memorial Fellow (2009).
Reid Scholarship, University of Miami School of Law (2003).
Harry S. Truman Scholar, University of Miami School of Law (2000).

Current Membership in Professional Organizations

Florida Bar Association

Teaching

Courses Taught

Immigration Law (LAW7264)
College of Law Special Topics (LAW7930)

Research and Original Creative Work

Publications

Invited Journal Articles

Adelson, W. J. (2009). Child Prostitute or Victim of Trafficking? *U. ST. THOMAS L.J.*, 6, 96.

Adelson, W. J. (2009). The Case of the Eroding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. *Fla. St. J. Transnat'l L. & Pol'y*, 18, 65.

Adelson, W. J. (2007). Coming Full Circle: Law as a Tool for Social, and Personal, Change. *UMKC L. REV.*, 75, 1137.

Adelson, W. J. (2007). Human Slavery Persists: combating human trafficking in Florida. *The Gates Scholar*, 4, 7.

Adelson, W. J. (2004). Economic Migrants and Political Asylum Seekers in the United Kingdom: Crafting the Difference. *MICH. J. PUBLIC AFFAIRS*, 1, n/a.

Invited Books

Adelson, W. J. (2011). *This is Our Story*. Carolina Academic Press.

Invited Newsletter Articles

Adelson, W. J. (2007). Foundation grant will help combat human trafficking. *The Florida Bar News*, 11.

Nonrefereed Journal Articles

Adelson, W. J. (2009). The Case of the Eroding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. *Journal of Transnational Law & Policy*, 18(1), 65-88. Retrieved from http://www.law.fsu.edu/journals/transnational/vol18_1/Adelson.pdf

Presentations

Invited Keynote and Plenary Presentations at Conferences

Adelson, W. J. (presented 2012, June). *"Representing Immigrant Victims and the Need for More Advocates"*. Keynote presentation at 2nd Annual Bridge to Justice Breakfast, Fundraiser for Broward Legal Aid, Fort Lauderdale, FL. (Local)

Adelson, W. J. (presented 2008, November). *"Human Trafficking and the Involvement of Women and Girls"*. Keynote presentation at the meeting of Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers, Tampa, FL. (Local)

Invited Presentations at Conferences

Adelson, W. J. (presented 2015, May). *"The Promise and Challenges of Effective Outcome Measurement and Millennial Student Evaluation in the Medical Legal Partnership Clinical Context"*. Presentation at AALS Clinical Conference, AALS, Los Angeles, CA. (National)

Adelson, W. J. (presented 2012, March). *"Educating Medical and Law Students to Meet Evolving Healthcare Needs: An MLP Lens"*. Presentation at National Medical Legal Partnership conference, Medical Legal Partnership: Innovative Solutions for a Healthier Community, San Antonio, TX. (National)

Adelson, W. J. (presented 2012, March). *"Forging Medical and Legal Partnerships: Interdisciplinary Efforts to Improve Health Outcomes for Indigent, Disabled, and Immigrant Individuals"*. Presentation at Futures without Violence conference, NCHDV, San Francisco, CA. (National)

Adelson, W. J. (presented 2008, October). *"Human Trafficking in Florida"*. Presentation at Ninth Annual Florida Trial Court State Attorneys Association Conference, Florida Trial Court State Attorneys Association. (State)

Invited Workshops

Adelson, W. J. (2008, May). *Clinical Legal Education*. Workshop delivered at 2008 AALS Workshop, Tucson, AZ. (National)

Adelson, W. J. (2007, May). *2007 AALS Workshop on Clinical Legal Education*. Workshop delivered at AALS. (National)

Invited Lectures and Readings of Original Work

- Adelson, W. J. (2012, May). *"Ethical Considerations in Human Trafficking"*. Delivered at Brevard County Car Association CJE/CLE. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2012, May). *"Human Trafficking Close to Home"*. Delivered at Tallahassee Rotary Club. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2012, May). *"Human Trafficking: A Dark Side of Globalization"*. Delivered at Tallahassee Committee on Foreign Relations (TCFR). (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2012, April). *"Human Trafficking and the Arts"*. Delivered at Tallahassee Community College. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2012, February). *"Human Trafficking in America"*. Delivered at Cambridge in America Foundation Food for Thought Luncheon, New York, NY. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2012, January). *"Creative Responses to Human Trafficking"*. Delivered at Art & Design for Social Justice, FSU. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2012, January). *"Human Trafficking and the Written Word"*. Delivered at Media Matters Radio. (National)
- Adelson, W. J. (2012, January). *"Prostitution and Trafficking"*. Delivered at Trafficked at FSU. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2011, December). *"Human Trafficking in Florida"*. Delivered at Sweat Records. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2011, December). *"Human Trafficking, Our Story"*. Delivered at Coral Springs Rotary Club, FL. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2008, March). *"Finding Success and Learning after School,"*. Delivered at FSU Office of National Fellowships Recognition Dinner. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2007, December). *"Human Trafficking in Florida"*. Delivered at Rotary Club of Coral Springs. (Local)
- Adelson, W. J. (2007, November). *"Human Trafficking: a Response to Sex+Money"*. Delivered at Tallahassee Community College. (Local)

Amici Curiae Brief

- Adelson, W. J. (2008). *Amici Curiae Brief of Special Immigrant Juvenile Case.*

Amicus Brief

Adelson, W. J. (2012). *Amicus Brief for Undocumented Law Graduate Entitlement to Florida Bar License case.*

Blog

Adelson, W. J. (2011). *Founder and Contributor to Human Trafficking Law Blog.*

Manual

Adelson, W. J. (2007). *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in Florida: A Guide for Judges, Lawyers and Child Advocates.*

Opinion Editorial

Adelson, W. J., & Skelaney, S. (2008). *Children in the Sex Trade are Victims, Not Criminals, Tallahassee Democrat.*

Adelson, W. J. (2005). *Court's Decision Too Late For David Joseph and Others.* Miami Herald.

Service

Florida State University

FSU College Service

Moderator, Access to Health Justice Panel (2012).

The Profession

Editor for Refereed Journals

Staff Editor, *University of Miami Inter-American Law Review* (2006–present).

Additional Service Not Reported Elsewhere

Adelson, W. J. (2008). *Testimony*. Committee on State Affairs, Florida House of Representatives.