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## BAR ADMISSIONS

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- Admitted to the State Bar of California and the Central District of California, June 2011

## EDUCATION

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### **Chapman University School of Law, Orange, California**

Juris Doctor, May 2010

- Iranian Law Student Association: President (2008-2010)
- Student Bar Association: Representative (2008-2010); ABA Representative (2009-2010)

### **University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California**

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, June 2006 (with College Honors)

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Misa, Stefan, Koller & Ward, LLP, Westminster, CA**

*Senior Attorney*, May 2017 – present

- Aggressively and strategically involved in all aspects of Workers Compensation defense from the initial case analysis of the file to final disposition by way of settlement or trial
- Appear at WCAB locations in person and remotely in Southern California for Status Conferences, Mandatory Settlement Conferences, Expedited Hearings, Lien Conferences, and Lien Trials
- Appear at applicant and employer depositions and cross examination of doctors
- Prepare petitions, motions, pleadings, objections, answers, and Petitions for Reconsiderations
- Interview witnesses, analyze factual issues and legal defenses, and conduct relevant discovery and legal research in preparation for litigation and trials
- Work and communicate attentively with insurance companies, third party administrators, and employers to ensure prompt and efficient resolution of cases, incorporating a cost/benefit analysis
- Active on a case inventory of approximately 75-85 files (5% lien files)

### **Colantoni, Collins, Marren, Philips & Tulk, LLP, Los Angeles, CA**

*Associate Attorney*, June 2014 – April 2017

- Efficiently and thoroughly planned, prepared, and attended applicant depositions, doctor cross examinations, information settlement conferences and WCAB appearances
- Prepared petitions, motions, and pleadings
- Conducted litigation strategy on case inventory of 75 case-in-chief files
- Prepared and attended lien conferences and lien trials on a case inventory of 15 lien files

### **Graves & Bourassa, Camarillo, CA**

*Associate Attorney*, August 2011 – May 2014

- Efficiently and thoroughly planned, prepared, and attended applicant depositions, doctor cross examinations, information settlement conferences and WCAB appearances
- Conducted litigation strategy on case inventory of 50 case-in-chief files
- Prepared and attended lien conferences and lien trials on a case inventory of 50 lien files

### **Children's Law Center of Los Angeles, Monterey Park, CA**

*Certified Post-Graduate Intern*, September 2010 – December 2010

- Researched and drafted memoranda related to Dependency Court proceedings
- Consulted with and advised staff attorneys to determine whether the dependent client should be reunited with their biological families or placed with a relative, foster home, or adoption

- Interviewed and counseled abused and neglected children in the foster care system

**Anaheim City Attorney's Office, Anaheim, CA**

*Certified Legal Extern, Domestic Violence Unit, January 2010 – May 2010*

- Authored motions, memoranda, and briefs in connection with domestic violence offenses, discovery, criminal procedure, and constitutional issues
- Appeared at probation modification hearings and preliminary hearings
- Analyzed and reviewed evidence in preparation for jury trials, including photographs, exhibits, and statements of victims, witnesses and defendants

**Chapman Law Family Violence Clinic, Anaheim, CA**

*Certified Legal Advocate, August 2009 – December 2009*

- Successfully represented low-income domestic violence victims in obtaining permanent protection orders and child custody in OC Superior Court, Central Justice Center
- Conducted client intake assessments, counseling, and interviewing
- Investigated facts and corroborated witness' statements with police officers and detectives in preparation for trial

**Human Rights Project, Los Angeles, California**

*Law Clerk, May 2008 – July 2008*

- Authored and filed a legal brief with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on immigration, asylum, and Convention Against Torture issues
- Researched and drafted motions to continue, reopen, and reconsider in asylum cases
- Filed applications for asylum and work authorization forms

**INTERESTS AND SKILLS**

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- Fluent in Farsi
- Certified Yoga Instructor
- Exercising, hikes, and traveling
- Spending quality time with family and close friends