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## Top Skills

Legal Research  
Legal Writing  
Public Policy

## Languages

English  
Spanish

## Honors-Awards

Ridenhour Prize for Truth-Telling

## Publications

Careless cruelty: Civil servants said separating families was illegal. The administration ignored us.

A Conversation with Former DHS Official Who Resigned over Family Separation

Careless Cruelty: Civil servants said separating families was illegal; The administration ignored us

# Scott Shuchart

Immigration and administrative lawyer and advocate  
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

## Summary

Experienced litigator and immigration, civil rights, and civil liberties policy professional.

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## Experience

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)  
Counselor  
May 2022 - Present (1 year 5 months)  
Washington DC-Baltimore Area

Kids in Need of Defense (KIND)  
3 years 6 months

Senior Director for Legal Strategy  
April 2019 - May 2022 (3 years 2 months)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Legal Services Consultant  
December 2018 - April 2019 (5 months)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Center for American Progress  
Senior Fellow (non-resident)  
October 2018 - April 2019 (7 months)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Self-employed  
Consultant  
July 2018 - April 2019 (10 months)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

US Department of Homeland Security  
Senior Advisor, Office for Civil Rights & Civil Liberties  
August 2010 - July 2018 (8 years)  
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Senior Advisor to the Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (2010-present)  
(Occ. 301)

Acting Team Lead, Immigration Policy Section (October 2013-August 2015)  
(Occ. 343)

Supervise and conduct special projects in departmental Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL), directly reporting to and supporting presidentially appointed head of office who provides critical advice to Secretary and other department leadership. Provide legal and statistical analysis, speechwriting and other drafting, and general policy advice regarding immigration enforcement, detention, border security, electronic privacy, and other cutting-edge issues.

From 2013-15, held a second role leading a team of immigration policy experts, providing day-to-day first-line management and project oversight; from 2016-17, acted as second-level supervisor to team of over 25.

Recipient of multiple CRCL Officer's Awards, including one for discharging each of these responsibilities concurrently with distinction, and a U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE) Director's award.

#### Yale Law School

Clinical Lecturer, Supreme Court Clinical Fellow, Associate Research Scholar

August 2008 - June 2010 (1 year 11 months)

Taught and supervised clinical students in the Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic and Complex Federal Litigation/Prisoner's Rights clinic. Conducted independent representation of clients in federal appellate litigation. Supervised student research and drafting in Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic, providing strategic guidance and writing instruction for certiorari, merits, and amicus briefs before the U.S. Supreme Court: Prevailed in key cases including Carr v. United States, 560 U.S. 438 (2010); Negusie v. Holder, 555 U.S. 511 (2009), and Fitzgerald v. Barnstable School Committee, 555 U.S. 246 (2009).

Organized curriculum and taught classes, in addition to drafting and filing briefs and leading multiple, concurrent three-student litigation teams. Also conducted student supervision and active litigation in Prison Legal Services and Complex Federal Litigation clinics, including leading students and presenting evidence at a federal civil rights trial (720 F. Supp. 2d 170).

Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP

## Associate

September 2006 - July 2008 (1 year 11 months)

## Natural Resources Defense Council

### Altshuler Berzon Fellow

2004 - 2006 (2 years)

Joint position with national environmental group and law firm specializing in public interest and labor litigation. Formulated litigation strategy; drafted complaints, motions, briefs, and memoranda in state and federal court; took and assisted at depositions in 18-year-old lawsuit to restore San Joaquin River. Litigated unfair business practices, sex discrimination, ERISA and diverse other issues.

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## Education

### Yale Law School

Doctor of Law (J.D.), Law · (2000 - 2003)

### University of Oxford

B. Phil, Philosophy · (1998 - 2000)

### Harvard University

AB, Philosophy · (1993 - 1997)