LIANI BALASURIYA

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EXPERIENCE

The Honorable Manish S. Shah, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, September 2019 – Present

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

Chicago, IL

Associate, September 2017 – August 2019 Summer Associate, May 2016 – July 2016

1L Scholar, May 2015 – July 2015

- Researched and drafted memoranda of law and fact, prepared deposition outlines and exhibits, helped prepare witnesses, participated in client strategy meetings, and reviewed and summarized documents.
- Represented pro bono clients challenging evictions in Cook County Circuit Court.

Office of Governor Maggie Hassan

Concord, NH

Director of Scheduling, June 2013 – July 2014 Special Assistant, January 2013 – May 2013

- Managed Governor's schedule, facilitated scheduling requests, coordinated with senior staff, and interfaced with external parties.
- Served as the constituent liaison to the Health and Human Services Department.
- Developed the First Gentleman's statewide volunteerism agenda.

No Labels Washington, DC

National Field Director, June 2011 – January 2013

- Managed event recruitment, up to 1,000 people, for a non-profit working to reduce political gridlock.
- Started Field Department by recruiting and training volunteers from each state.
- Represented organization in a television appearance.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law

Chicago, IL

Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2017

- NORTHWESTERN LAW REVIEW, Associate Editor
- Awards: Wigmore Key (graduating student who did the most to uphold the traditions of the law school); Arlyn Miner Book Award (best brief in 1L writing section); Ms. JD Honors Award; Illinois Women's Bar Foundation Scholarship Recipient
- Activities: Teaching Assistant, Contracts, Professor Emily Kadens; President, Women's Leadership Coalition

Georgetown University

Washington, DC

Bachelor of the Arts in English, magna cum laude, May 2011

• Resident Assistant; Resident Director, The Black House (a multicultural space for students)

PUBLICATION

Note, *Pregnancy Discrimination Under Title IX: Compliance Concerns at Law Schools*, 23 CARDOZO J. L. & GENDER 389 (2017)

BAR

Admitted to Illinois Bar

ACTIVITIES

Northwestern Law Accountability and Transparency Alumni Committee, Phillips Exeter Academy Volunteer (2007–2019), and Bootcamp Fitness Classes