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Credentials

Licensed to practice law in New York (2007) and Mexico (2000)
Member of the American Bar Association (2007) and American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA, 2008)

Court Admissions

United States District and Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Supreme Court of New York, and all jurisdictions in Mexico

Education

University of Houston Law Center,
Houston, TX
*Master of Laws, Foreign Scholar
Program*, May 2006

Universidad Panamericana
Guadalajara, Mexico
*Specialist in Constitutional Law and
Amparo*, December 2002

Universidad Panamericana Mexico
City, Mexico
*Bachelor of Laws (Licenciado en
Derecho)*, July 1999

Professional Experience

Pinto-Leon Law Firm, PC, Houston, TX
Director, February 2009 – present

- **Pinto-Leon Law Firm, PC**, focuses on U.S. immigration law and expert testimony in Mexican law.
- Offered expert testimony and opinions on diverse topics of Mexican law to U.S. litigators in state and federal courts.
- Advised non-U.S. citizens on immigration options to enter and remain in the country for business purposes.
- Represented individuals before the United States Citizen and Immigration Services (USCIS) to obtain non-immigrant status or adjust to lawful permanent residents and naturalize as U.S. citizens.
- Requested information from USCIS through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.
- Represented aliens in removal proceedings before immigration judges, preparing motions and briefs.

JurisMex Corp., Houston, TX
Director, March 2007 – December 2019

- Issued legal opinions on Mexican law in various subject matters, both for corporations and individuals.
- Offered expert testimony and opinions in diverse topics of Mexican law to U.S. litigators in several state and federal cases, ranging from criminal actions to divorce, to tort and product liability cases, by explaining the rules of applicable Mexican law.

Academia

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX
Adjunct Professor, January 2012 – present

- Course: Introduction to the Law of Mexico.

Founding Assistant Director, Center for U.S. and Mexican Law, January 2012 – March 2017

- The University of Houston Law Center's (UHLC) *Center for U.S. and Mexican Law* is the first research center in any U.S. law school devoted to the independent, critical study of Mexican law and legal aspects of U.S. – Mexico relations.

Blogs

Migratorio. Derecho. Estados Unidos, available at <https://migratorio.wordpress.com>

The JurisMex Blog – Law et al. in MX, available at <https://jurismex.wordpress.com>

Languages

English and Spanish.