

LAUREL SAITO

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington, District of Columbia

Associate, January 2021 – present

Focuses on cross-border disputes, including commercial and investment arbitration and Anti-Terrorism Act litigation. Advises clients on U.S. export controls, U.S. economic sanctions, and import regulatory compliance.

International Refugee Assistance Project, Washington, District of Columbia

Pro Bono Case Team Member, February 2019 – May 2020

Worked with a client to file a petition for family reunification.

Conducted intake interviews with refugee clients in Amman, Jordan.

Independence Blue Cross, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Legal Intern, May 2018 – July 2018

Researched and drafted summaries on legal issues, including ERISA, HIPAA, power of attorney, and sweepstakes. Delivered legal presentations to corporate departments and attended regulatory meetings with sales and IT leaders.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, District of Columbia

J.D., cum laude, May 2020

Certifications: Mediation certification issued by NVMS for the Virginia court system

Activities: Food and Drug Law Journal Staff Editor, International Refugee Assistance Project, OutLaw, Women of Color Collective, Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

The George Washington University Law School, Washington, District of Columbia

First-year J.D. coursework completed, 2017 – 2018

Honors: Kirkland & Ellis Diversity Scholar, PracticePro Diversity Scholar

Activities: The George Washington International Law Review (invitation extended), Arbitration Competition (finalist), Writing Fellow (invitation extended), Asian Pacific American Law Student Association

Seattle University, Seattle, Washington

B.A., cum laude, in *Journalism & International Studies*, with *Minors in Asian Studies & Japanese*, December 2009

EXPERIENCE

City of Seattle Immigrant and Refugee Commission, Seattle, Washington

Commissioner, September 2015 – August 2016

Advised city officials on policies impacting immigrants and refugees, including outreach and city funding for programs.

Vietnamese Friendship Association, Seattle, Washington

Academic Services Manager, October 2013 – June 2016

Drafted monthly and annual reports to comply with grant and funding requirements.

Collaborated with school and partner organizations to address program challenges for immigrant and refugee youth.

Peace Corps, Sorsogon City, Philippines

Teacher of English Language Fluency, August 2010 – October 2012

Taught English classes at a public high school and organized activities at a facility for neglected children.

United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Public Affairs Intern, January 2010 – April 2010

Drafted articles about the trials for public distribution and produced the monthly court report.

SKILLS, LANGUAGES, & AFFILIATIONS

Skills: Basic competency in Python programming

Languages: Tagalog (proficient), Japanese (elementary)

Affiliations: Asian Pacific American Bar Association of DC, LGBT Bar Association, Women's Bar Association of DC