

TODD GALLINGER

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Principal Attorney at Gallinger Law at Anaheim Hills, CA, December 2005 to December 2011, October 2015 to Present

Provided legal counsel to clients on a wide range of complex matters, focusing on serving nonprofit organizations and public interest work. Assisted individuals with immigration matters, specializing in family and business immigration but including pro-bono representation for asylees and victims of human trafficking. Litigated immigration and naturalization delays in every district court in CA, including class action lawsuits co-counseling with ACLU and Asian Law Caucus. Represented nonprofits in initial formation and charitable approval, employment issues, political involvement, board management and ongoing regulatory compliance. Managed law firm staff including two associate, two full-time support staff, and numerous contract associates and part-time administrative staff.

Director of Chapter Development at Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) Washington, DC, January 2012 to September 2015

Senior management position with largest American Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization, reporting to National Executive Director. Responsible for managing development and advising on operations for CAIR's 29 local affiliates. Primary trainer within organization of over 200 staff and board members. Established and administered online document and resource sharing system. Created, with expert input, first organization wide policies covering all substantive areas of operations and programming. Drafted operative legal documents governing relationships with affiliates and vendors. Developed toolkits and guides covering human resources, board governance, staff and board recruitment, financial controls, political advocacy and government relations, and volunteer management. Primary planner and host for annual multi-day national training and business meeting with over 75 attendees.

Of Counsel/Law Clerk at Martin McMahon & Associates Washington, DC, June 2002 to December 2007

Drafted briefs for federal national security litigation for both civil and criminal matters. Managed complex multi-district litigation for array of foreign clients in finance and charities. Consulted with clients on investor immigration and immigration penalties for criminal convictions.

EDUCATION

Claremont School of Theology/Bayan Claremont Claremont, CA, June 2017 Expected Graduation

Masters of Arts, Religion – Islamic Studies & Leadership

- Coursework including: Immigration as Human Rights Crisis, Race and Religion, Interreligious Dialogue and Leadership, Feminist Theologies in North America
- Thesis on Adoption and the Care of Orphans and Foundlings in Islamic Legal Tradition.

George Washington University Law School Washington, DC, June 2005

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude

- Coursework including: Islamic Law, Immigration Law I & II, International Business Transactions, Trust & Estates
- Honored for Contributions to the Muslim Law Student Association

University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA, *December 2000*

Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies, Cum Laude

- Study abroad at Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- Thesis on historical collection of Qur'an, review of Hadith literature and archeological/textual evidence.

MEMBERSHIPS/RECOGNITIONS/

State Bar of California

December 2005- Present

State Bar of New York

December 2007- Present

Member of Future50 – USC's Center for Religion and Civic Culture

2014-2015

Recognized as one of 50 young interfaith leaders bringing social change to Southern California.

Super Lawyer – Rising Star in Nonprofit Law

2013

Award based on peer recognition.

Community Service Award - Madinah Community Center

2007

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Muslim Youth Camp of California

July 2014 to Present

Instructor primarily for adult and college age campers for week long youth family camp. Teach courses and lead discussion groups on Islamic law and theology and its role in the lives of contemporary Muslims.

Board Member, Progressive Interfaith Alliance of Orange County

September 2016 to Present

Founding Board Member of Organization in 2006. Rejoined the Board after returning to private practice of law in California.

Board Member, Muslim Bar Association of Southern California

December 2015 to Present

Founding Board Member of Organization in 2006. Rejoined the Board after returning to private practice of law in California.

President of CAIR-CA PAC

June 2010 to January 2012

Volunteer President for the largest Political Action Committee representing the interests of American Muslims. Supervised board meetings and volunteer activities, organized candidate events, administered website. Oversaw publication of "American Muslim Voter Guides" in 11 California Counties for 2010 Elections.

Candidate for Irvine City Council

November 2008

Recruited and organized dozens of volunteers for field campaign. Raised over \$70,000 in less than four months. Designed print brochures and mailers. Earned over 22,000 votes.

Board Member at New Horizons Elementary School - Irvine

June 2008 to June 2011

Participated in management of one of the top performing private schools in Southern California. Chaired Community Outreach/Communications and Strategic Planning committees.

Radio Host of “Consensus” at One Legacy Radio

September 2010 to July 2011

Hosted online radio show and podcast on national and international politics aimed at educating and encouraging activism.

Advisor & Organizer with Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative

December 2014 to Present

Event organizer and speaker at day-long SoCal Muslim Anti-Racism Training (Get SMART) in May 2015. Consulted on online volunteer recruiting/management and fundraising.

Legal Columnist with InFocus Newspaper

December 2006 – 2010

Monthly column on legal matters for largest regular publication for American Muslims in California.

Presentations

UC Berkeley – Institutionalizing Islamophobia: Critiquing the Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)

Framework and Emerging Programs

February 2016

Presented paper, accepted for Publication (forthcoming) “Reflection Irrationality: CVE as Discursive Mirror.”

Western State College of Law - National Security Symposium

April 2014

Speaker on NSA Surveillance panel, comments published in Law Review.

Claremont Graduate University – Religions in Conversations Conference

February 2015

Presented paper “Imagining Islam – First Amendment, State Power, and Countering Violent Extremism.”

Parliament of World Religions– Religions in Conversations Conference

February 2015

Two trainings on Social Media Use by Religious Institutions

Islamic Institute of Orange County - When is Marriage a Crime?

2014

Public debate on civil marriage, polygamy and the practice of Islamic legal norms by American Muslims

Claremont School of Theology - Dietrich Bonhoeffer Festival

2014

Claremont School of Theology - Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative

2014

Unity Church of Pomona - Sermon: Morals of Islamic Doctrine of Faith

2014

Islamic Foundation of Orange County - Appropriate Community Interaction with Law Enforcement

2014

17th Annual World Trade Conference - Investment & Business Expansion/Relocation Visas

2010

UC Irvine – Muslim Advocates Conference on Nonprofit Governance

2009

Orange County Paralegals' Association - Naturalization & Immigration Delays -

2007