

## KAREN LEHMANN ALEXANDER

### EXPERIENCE

#### **LITIGATION ASSOCIATE AT DUANE MORRIS LLP**, Sept. 2015 – present

Advise and represent companies and individuals in a variety of legal matters, including franchise and contract disputes, enforcement of judgments, white collar crime, and other complex litigation.

#### **LAW CLERK TO THE HONORABLE KAREN S. CRAWFORD**, July 2014 – Sept. 2015

Researched and drafted legal memoranda for U.S. Magistrate Judge in the Southern District of California on civil discovery disputes, federal habeas corpus petitions, Social Security appeals and prisoner civil rights claims. Regularly attended early neutral evaluation and settlement conferences with the Judge.

#### **TRIAL ATTORNEY AT FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF SAN DIEGO, INC.**, Oct. 2009 – July 2014

Represented over five hundred criminal defendants in federal felony prosecutions in busy border district. Completed five federal jury trials and two bench trials. Authored two Ninth Circuit appeals and one writ of *certiorari* to the U.S. Supreme Court; argued before the Ninth Circuit in Pasadena, California.

#### **STUDENT ADVOCATE AT NYU SCHOOL OF LAW DEFENSE CLINIC**, Aug. 2008 – May 2009

Represented clients in criminal misdemeanor cases in federal court under faculty supervision. First-chaired misdemeanor petty theft bench trial that resulted in Rule 29 acquittal.

#### **SUMMER ASSOCIATE AT KIRKLAND & ELLIS, LLP (LOS ANGELES)**, June 2008 – Aug. 2008

Wrote memoranda on topics including contracts, patent law, and white collar crime. Participated in firm's three-day litigation and corporate practice training programs. Received offer August 2008.

#### **SUMMER LAW CLERK AT NORTHWEST JUSTICE PROJECT (SEATTLE)**, June 2007 – Aug. 2007

Researched legal and factual issues supporting a right to counsel for civil litigants in Washington state.

### EDUCATION

#### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, J.D. May 2009

Honors: Vanderbilt Medal for Outstanding Contributions to the Law School  
*Journal of International Law and Politics*, Production Editor  
Research Assistant for Criminal Law Professor Randy Hertz, April 2009 – July 2009

#### **YALE UNIVERSITY**, B.A. *cum laude* May 2006

Honors: Distinction in the Political Science Major  
Robert Tetleman Prize for the best senior essay in social sciences in JE College

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Admitted to the California Bar in December 2009. Active member of Lawyers Club of San Diego, American Welsh Inn of Court (presenter October 2014). Volunteer Criminal Mock Trial Judge with USD Law School, past college admissions interviewer with Association of Yale Alumni. Care Team Director at Harbor City Church.