

DePaul University
Asylum & Immigration Clinic

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*Clinic Participation:
2009-2010*

*Graduated:
2011*

What do you remember most about your time in the Clinic?

Working with my clinic partner and our asylum client. I attribute the clinic to launching my passion for immigration law. It was a wonderful experience. I remember late nights in the clinic working on my brief with my partner. It was all worth it in the end when our affirmative asylum application was approved.

What lessons from the clinic do you still use today or have used in your professional career?

Having a lot of compassion and listening to your clients' stories and make them feel heard and acknowledged is something I still utilize in my professional career. It has helped me become a better legal advocate and I have mentored other young attorneys on my team to do the same.

What would you tell current or future DePaul law students about the clinic?

Clinic was the best and my favorite part of law school. I always tell all aspiring law students to consider a clinical program during their 2nd year.

Is there a message you would like to share with your fellow Clinic alums, faculty, or staff?

I'm so grateful for the opportunities I had and look back at my time at the Clinic so fondly. This is where I got my start in pursuing a career in immigration law. Professor Albiol and Chan were great teachers and really guided me during my experience. I'm so grateful to them. My fellow clinic alums, especially my partner, were wonderful friends and colleagues. I was so inspired to work alongside them, and I know most of us have continued to have vibrant careers in the immigration field after our clinical experience.