

Jesse Loper

EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, New York, New York

Juris Doctor, May 2009

Honors: Stein Scholar for Public Interest; Stein Scholar stipend awards 2007 & 2008; Fordham Law Merit Scholarship

Activities: *International Law Journal* member; Urban Policy Clinic; International Sustainability Clinic; Stein Council elected representative; Lincoln Square Neighborhood Community Law Project board member; Community Tax Aid volunteer

Fordham University, Bronx, New York

M.A., Joint Degree Program, International Political Economy and Development, May 2009

Honors: Matteo Ricci Fellowship- Award to engage in experiences to enhance post-graduate studies.

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

B.A., Political Science and Spanish, *cum laude*, December 2003

Honors: Amigo Scholar; University Honors Program; Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society

WORK EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Denver, CO September 2017-present

Trial Attorney

- Since 2009, provided legal counsel for the Federal Housing Administration, Single Family Mortgage Insurance programs in a seventeen state region through advising on the full cycle of lending from underwriting to foreclosure and property disposition.
- Coordinated and managed defensive and affirmative litigation regarding property rights, title disputes, lien priorities, and foreclosure actions in seventeen states.
- Advised management on employee output, discipline, personnel and task reassignment, and maximizing human resources across program areas.
- Drafted and issued charges of discrimination for violations of the Fair Housing Act and edited and analyzed the legal sufficiency of Fair Housing Complaint No-Cause findings.
- Coordinated and led trainings of 20-25 individuals on multiple issues ranging from property financing and ownership to administrative law requirements.
- Provided bilingual fair housing outreach and education to community groups.

- Earned the highest performance rating (Outstanding) in each of the last five years.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Denver, CO August 2009-August 2017

Attorney-Advisor

- Examined legal documents, intergovernmental agreements, and provided administrative legal advice to the Office of Community Planning and Development and Office of Public Housing.
- Represented HUD in multimillion Rental Assistance Demonstration, FHA multifamily, and supportive housing closings and refinance transactions.
- In 2016, awarded a rotational assignment to identify and develop department-wide curriculum and materials for newly hired attorneys. Created a training database for over one hundred trainings for twenty different programmatic work areas.
- Since 2016, mentored and coached two new attorneys on best practices, legal reviews, navigating departmental systems, and interpersonal working relationships.

The Legal Aid Society, Housing Division, New York, NY May 2008-August 2008 Legal Intern

- Represented and advocated for clients in welfare fair hearings.
- Researched and drafted motions for housing court.
- Wrote affidavits for New York Court of Appeals.
- Counseled and interviewed clients.
- Researched welfare benefits law and drafted legal memos.

Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York, New York May 2007-August 2007

Legal Intern

- Researched case law and drafted memoranda on immigration, the Fourth Amendment, and federal civil procedure.
- Interviewed clients, potential clients, and community members in English and Spanish.

Rauschenbusch Metro Ministries, New York, NY August 2004-August 2006

Director of Youth & ESOL Programs

- Increased training capacity and reduced operating cost through fundraising, volunteer engagement and strategic partnerships with churches and non-profits in multiple states.
- Increased neighborhood youth safety by creating, and staffing a daily after-school drop-in teen center for at-risk youth.
- Led program development for youth team building activities, summer service programming, and outreach programs to homeless and neighborhood youth.
- Screened, trained, and supervised 3 full-time interns and 20-30 volunteers.
- Developed and administered programming budgets.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Urban Servant Corps, Denver, Colorado, *Board Member* September 2018-present
Provided strategic leadership in programming, operations and property management. Led fundraising efforts and identified strategies to improve capacity and streamline the use of limited staff resources.

Whiz Kids, Inc., Denver, Colorado
September 2015-present

Provided one-on-one tutoring and mentorship to at-risk elementary school student on a weekly basis. Chaperoned and mentored at extra-curricular activities facilitated by the program. Developed weekly enrichment programming involving object lessons, character development, and team building.

Big City Mountaineers, Denver, Colorado June 2012 and July 2014
Assisted in leading and mentoring at-risk minority youth on weeklong backpacking trips.

LANGUAGES: Native English speaker; Spanish-highly proficient.