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SUMMARY

Attorney with over 12 years of experience as advisor and chief of staff to principals across government, political campaigns, and private legal practice. Served on two boards of directors. Skilled at team leadership and project management; research and policy development; communications and messaging; relationship management and coalition building. Knows how to get things done—on time, on budget, and with stakeholder buy-in.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New York City Economic Development Corporation, New York, NY

Assistant Vice President, Government & Community Relations

Aug. 2021 – Present

Lead legislative advocacy and policy development at the city, state, and federal levels on matters ranging from real estate development and access to capital to cannabis and green economy industry development. Liasie with City Hall and executive agencies. Organize 9-member government and community relations department to execute on crucial projects, including yearly briefing to President's Office on the 150+ active EDC projects, internal companywide presentations, and external stakeholder management. Lead 4 real estate projects through public approvals process.

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY

Adjunct Associate Professor

Jan. 2022 – Present

Teach capstone course for SIPA graduate students on election law and policy, in partnership with an outside non-profit, the Democracy Policy Network, titled "Achieving Universal Voting: A Policy Kit for Policymakers," where 4-student team will research and draft a report on the why, how, and what around policies to maximize voter participation.

New York Census and Redistricting Institute at New York Law School, New York, NY

Fellow

Mar. 2021 – Dec. 2021

Assist elected officials and the public with the 2021 redistricting process and laws. With Senior Fellow Jeffrey Wice, researched and drafted summary of H.R. 1 and S. 1's redistricting provisions for state officials.

Biden for President, Manchester, NH

Deputy Director of Voter Protection, New Hampshire

Aug. 2020 – Nov. 2020

Directed teams responsible for two programs, our voter assistance hotline and our misinformation tracking. Managed relationships with senior staff of Biden for President voter program team. Trained and manages over 300 volunteer attorneys. Assisted in managing staff of three regional directors, an organizer, and three fellows. Identified data trends to improve program focus and drive campaign communications. Led hotline boiler room on Election Day.

Successes:

- With a team of 339 attorneys, helped 4,205 people who called our hotline seeking to exercise their right to vote, and expanded language access to nine languages.
- With a team of 2 fellows and 16 volunteers, identified incorrect voting information on dozens of websites.

Office of New York State Senator Brian Kavanagh, New York, NY

Chief of Staff & Counsel

Oct. 2019 – July 2020

Acting Communications Director

Oct. 2019 – Mar. 2020

Served as strategist and primary advisor to the Senator, who chairs the Senate Housing Committee and represents over 330,000 individuals in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. Managed day-to-day operations of ten staffers and eight interns across four departments: legislative affairs, community affairs, communications, and operations. Cultivated relationships with government officials, advocacy and community organizations, policy experts, constituents, and the press.

Successes:

- Built team by hiring eight staffers, developing internship program, and creating internal protocols and policies.
- Passed seven bills in the 2020 legislative session, including a bill to provide \$10 million in rental assistance vouchers to keep people in their homes during COVID-19.
- Overhauled communications shop by increasing earned and social media, email newsletters, and virtual events.

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- Solved dozens of complex problems for constituents, including assisting a public housing complex obtain necessary repairs and reimbursements from the New York City Housing Authority.

New York City 2019 Charter Revision Commission, New York, NY

Counsel

Nov. 2018 – Oct. 2019

Advised Commissioners and staff on legal, policy, and implications of changes to the City Charter in the areas of elections, redistricting, budgeting, and procurement. Developed policy proposals and bill text. Cultivated relationships with government officials, advocates, and experts. Drafted public reports and assisted with communications campaign.

Successes:

- Improved New York City's elections by developing and drafting the Commission's proposal to bring ranked choice voting to the City, which was adopted by the voters in November 2019.

New York State Office of the Attorney General, New York, NY

Assistant Attorney General

Sept. 2016 – Nov. 2018

Advised senior staff on immigration policy. Researched and drafted public policy reports, model legislation, and communications materials. Litigated constitutional and other challenges to State policies and actions. Researched and drafted legal pleadings. Argued in court. Interviewed and deposed witnesses. Analyzed documentary evidence.

Successes:

- Protected immigrant New Yorkers by designing model policies for localities to reduce cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, which were then adopted by seven localities across the State.
- Combated misinformation by the Trump Administration by researching and drafting report debunking the Administration's false legal and public safety claims concerning sanctuary cities.

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate

Apr. 2013 – Aug. 2016

Litigated bankruptcy, intellectual property, free speech, and immigration matters. Managed teams of associates and staff. Member of three federal trial teams.

Successes:

- Assisted a family facing political persecution in Colombia to obtain asylum and stay in the United States.
- Helped the Bronx Defenders resolve a First Amendment dispute with a Bronx court.
- Selected to serve as co-lead associate for partner on six-week bankruptcy trial concerning company's valuation.

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate

Mar. 2010 – Apr. 2013

Litigated bankruptcy, securities, criminal justice, and immigration matters. Assisted nonprofits obtain funding.

Successes:

- Helped hundreds of children obtain immigration status and stay in the United States. Served as co-lead counsel in civil suit against the U.S. government, and negotiated settlement with the Department of Justice.
- Aided six victims of domestic violence and their families obtain immigration status.
- Assisted the Legal Aid Society better serve its indigent clients through obtaining additional government funding.

ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

The Chatham Green Cooperative, New York, NY

Vice President & Secretary, Board of Directors

2017 – 2020

Chatham Green is a 420-unit cooperative with an \$11 million budget and 900 residents in Lower Manhattan. Served as Chief of Staff for Board of Directors. Organized and led Board meetings. Spearheaded annual budget process and capital projects. Drafted shareholder communications.

Ranked Choice NY, New York, NY

Founding Chair, Board of Directors

Jan. 2021 – Present

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Founded non-partisan, non-profit organization, with four colleagues, dedicated to educating the public and lawmakers across New York State about ranked-choice voting. Our team recruited 42 volunteers across seven teams; raised over \$5,000 in four months; and delivered education presentations to over 40 organizations.

Rank the Vote, Boston, MA

Advisory Board Member / Director of Policy & Research

Jan. 2021 – Dec. 2021

Rank the Vote is a non-partisan, non-profit organization formed to empower people across America to rapidly build grassroots movements for ranked-choice voting in their own states. Assisted state-based chapters in developing legislative and ballot initiative strategies to pass ranked-choice voting.

Election Protection (Lawyers' Cmte. for Civil Rights Under Law), New York, NY

Director, New York State Voter Protection Call Center

June 2016 – November 2016

Voter Protection Attorney

2012, 2014, 2018

Election Protection is a non-partisan organization protecting the right to vote. Directed the voter protection hotline for the 2016 cycle. Recruited, trained, and supervised 4 staffers and over 200 volunteers. Cultivated relationships with advocates and NYC Board of Elections officials. Helped 2,500 New York voters on Election Day 2016.

Various Political Campaigns

Policy and Organizing Consultant

2018 – 2021

Ranked Choice Voting Expert, Brad Lander (D) for New York City Comptroller, City Primary 2021.

Policy Expert, Ben Kallos (D) for Manhattan Borough President, City Primary 2021.

Campaign Strategist, Brian Kavanagh (D) for New York State Senate District 26, State Primary 2020.

Organizing Volunteer, Andrew Gounardes (D) New York State Senate District 22, State Primary 2018.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law, J.D., 2010

- *Northwestern University Law Review*, Associate Editor
- Research Assistant to Constitutional Law Professor Steven G. Calabresi

Emory University, B.A. in Political Science, 2006

- Volunteer with the Atlanta Urban Debate League. Mentored high school students in debate and public speaking.

PUBLICATIONS

Comment, An End Run Around a Representative Democracy: The Constitutionality of a Ballot Initiative Alter the Method of Distributing Electors and an Alternative Proposal, 103 Nw. U. L. Rev. 1495 (2009).

The Second Founding: On Section Five of the Fourteenth Amendment, 11 U. Penn. J. Const. L. 1431 (2009) (with Steven G. Calabresi).

Get Ready for Ranked-Choice Voting, Queens Daily Eagle, Jan. 29, 2021 (with Ester R. Fuchs).

Ranked-Choice Voting: Coming to a Ballot Box Near You, CityLand / CityLaw, Mar. 8, 2021 (with Ester R. Fuchs).