**Education**

**Earle Mack School of Law at Drexel University**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Juris Doctor* Expected May 2009, 2.88 GPA

• College of Law Dean’s Scholarship

• Member of Drexel Law Phi Alpha Delta and National Lawyers Guild

• College of Law Student Bar Association

**Temple University**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, May 2004, *Summa Cum Laude*

• Senior Research Project on inner city charter schools

• Student Council President, 2003-2004

• Peer Advisor, Sociology Department

**University of California Los Angeles**, Los Angeles, California

Master of Arts, Russian Literature, May 2006

#### • Research Assistant, Distinguished Professor Julie Christie, UCLA

Assisted Professor in research and writing of article, *Clover, Mountains, and Demons: Russian Gypsies and the Revolution*, published in Russian Literature, Vol. 60, 2006.

**Work Experience**

#### HIAS and Council Migration Service of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Intern*, Summer 2008

Assisted legal department of public interest organization that provides legal aid to immigrants. Interviewed clients; researched and determined legal basis for clients’ desired status; explained applicable law and procedures to clients; prepared petitions for clients’ change in status; assisted clients in collecting supporting evidence and documentation.

#### The Honorable Sam Neil, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County

*Co-Op Intern*, November 2007 – May 2008

Conducted legal research and wrote memoranda on legal issues involving torts, employment discrimination, and evidence. Drafted opinion for Judge on motion for new trial based on jury tampering.

#### Pasternak, Zhivago and Sharif, LLC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

*Law Clerk*, Summer 2007

Conducted legal research and writing for mid-sized law firm specializing in commercial litigation and arbitration. Drafted motion to dismiss on jurisdictional grounds based on amount in controversy. Responsibilities included document review, contract drafting, and preparation of arbitration binders.

**volunteer & Pro Bono experience**

• Chinatown Clinic, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2008 – present

Work under attorney supervision to help obtain access to emergency medical care for recent Mandarin, Cantonese, and Indonesian immigrants.

• Fundraiser, “Donate Law Books to Albania and Liberia,” Lawyers Without Borders, Hartford, Connecticut, September – December 2006

• Organizer, UCLA 5-K Run for Refugees, June 2006

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