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Education

MS in Agricultural and Applied Economics Aug 2024 - Current
University of Missouri, Applied Social Sciences, Columbia, MO

LL.M. Master of Laws Aug 2022 - May 2023
Eligible to sit for the New York Bar (UBE transferable)
The Pennsylvania State University, Penn State Dickinson Law, University Park, PA

LL.B. Bachelor of Laws Jan 2017 - Dec 2021
Attorney at Law/ Licensed in Colombia
Universidad del Norte, Law School, Colombia

Professional Experience

Graduate Research Assistant
Financial Research Institute- The University of Missouri Jul 2024 – Present, Missouri, USA
Supervisor: Professor Adrienne Ohler

- Conduct empirical research on energy poverty in Missouri using the Department of Energy LEAD dataset comparing regression models to evaluate how household characteristics can predict energy burden when income data is limited.
- Analyze survey data in R on NERC CIP-013-1, a cybersecurity standard requiring utilities to manage supply chain risks, to assess compliance costs, data needs, and outcomes.
- Monitor and assess emerging issues in energy markets, including renewable energy integration, grid modernization, and utility rate reforms supporting the Institute’s mission of advancing regulatory and financial insights in the utility sector.

Policy Clerk May 2025- Aug 2025, Missouri, USA
Renew Missouri

- Conducted energy policy and economic research on renewable energy and utility regulation, analyzing financial and distributional impacts to support evidence-based policy recommendations.
- Assisted in drafting expert testimony, regulatory comments, policy briefs, and stakeholder memos for ongoing cases before the Missouri Public Service Commission.
- Modeled energy costs and rate impacts, with a focus on how clean energy policies affect rural, agricultural, and low-income communities.

Research Assistant
Center for Energy Law & Policy- The Pennsylvania State University Jul 2023 – Jul 2024, Pennsylvania, USA
Supervisor: Professor Hannah Wiseman

- Conducted state-by-state basis research to identify the incentives, policies and financing structures that are driving solar at wastewater treatment plants.
- Updated and maintained a policy database focusing on the social and economic impacts of Energy Transition in North America, Europe, and Latin American countries.
- Investigated incentives, policies and programs related to energy transition at the federal and state level in the USA, according to the Center for Energy Law & Policy research framework.

Compliance and Corporate Consultant Mar 2022- Jul 2022, Colombia
OMP Abogados Law Firm

- Drafted and reviewed powers of attorney, Non-disclosure Agreements, Know your clients and other legal documents for insurance and reinsurance clients.
- Collaborated with the General Counsel in the mandatory general reports and monitoring requests to the regulating and supervising insurance and reinsurance authorities.
- Reviewed regulatory requirements and assisted a team representing and advising insurance and reinsurance companies seeking to enter the Latin American market.

Litigation Manager Dec 2021- July 2022, Colombia
OMP Abogados Law Firm

- Supervised a team of paralegals responsible for tracking and managing over 400 litigation matters involving personal injury, medical malpractice, and automobile liability claims on behalf of insurance and reinsurance clients.
- Drafted and prepared pleadings, contracts, legal memoranda, settlement agreements, and damages calculations, and provided litigation support throughout the pre-trial and discovery phases.
- Coordinated regulatory filings and renewal applications for insurance clients, ensuring compliance with applicable statutory requirements and industry standards.

Skills

- **Programming & Data Analysis:** R, Stata and Python.
- **Software & Tools:** Microsoft Office Excel.
- **Languages:** Spanish (native), English (fluent), French (fluent).

Certifications

- **Human Behavioral- Human Subject Research**, CITI Program 2025.
- **Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Legal Research Tools and Strategies**, The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (FNREL) 2022.
- **Certificate in Professional Training of Conciliators**, Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, Colombia 2021.

Honors & Awards

- Graduate Research Assistantship, Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Missouri, United States2024
- University Merit Scholar Medal, Universidad del Norte, Colombia2024
- Silver Medal to Academic Excellence, Universidad del Norte, Colombia2024
- Full Tuition Scholarship for Master of Laws, Penn State Law, United States2022 – 2023
- Distinguished Student, Top 3 Class GPA’s, Universidad del Norte, Colombia2021
- French Scholarship, Language seedbed Universidad del Norte, Colombia2020-2021
- Dean’s List, Highest semester’s GPA, Universidad del Norte, Colombia2018, 2019
- Full Ride Educational Scholarship, “Ser Pilo Paga III” Governmental Fellowship, Colombia2017- 2021

Professional Affiliations

OLADE- Latin American Energy OrganizationOct 2025 - Current
Student Member

Hispanics in EnergyOct 2025 - Current
Student Member

American Bar AssociationMay 2023 - Current
Member- Section of Environment, Energy and Resources

The Foundation for Natural Resources and Energy Law (Formerly Rocky Mountain Mineral Law)Aug 2022 - Current
Member FNREL

References

- **Hannah Wiseman**, Professor at Penn State Law and Wilson Faculty Fellow in the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences; Co-funded Faculty – Institutes of Energy and the Environment; Co-Director, Penn State Center for Energy Law and Policy.
- **Sergio Latorre Restrepo**, Professor at Universidad del Norte; School of Law, Political Science and International Relations; Master of Laws (LLM) and Doctor of Science of Law (JSD) Cornell University.
- **Yajie Wang**, Assistant Professor at University of Missouri; Department of Economics, Ph.D. in Economics, University of Rochester; B.A. in Economics and B.S. in Mathematics, Renmin University of China.