

PATRICK B. BUSTAMANTE

Entry Level Staff Attorney

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Experience

Center for Disability and Elder Law (CDEL)

Chicago, IL

Legal Intern

01/2025 - 05/2025

- Conducted client intake and assessments to identify legal needs
- Participated in client consultations under attorney supervision
- Drafted legal memos, briefs, and client correspondence
- Assisted with lease reviews, debt mediation and estate planning matters

Hesed House Legal Clinic

Aurora, IL

Legal Intern

08/2024 - 12/2024

- Conducted client intake interviews to assess legal concerns
- Performed legal research using Westlaw and LexisNexis
- Managed and maintained case documentation
- Reviewed and analyzed housing and eviction-related legal matters
- Drafted legal memos and brief documents to support attorney casework
- Interpersonal Skills supporting Team Collaboration. Supported clients facing eviction and homelessness

NIU Student Legal Assistance

DeKalb, IL

Legal Intern

01/2024 - 08/2024

- Assisted with cases involving traffic violations, consumer affairs, and housing discrimination
- Reviewed leases and advised on eviction matters
- Participated in client consultations and legal research

Aspiring Ashes

Remote

Scientific Consultant

05/2022 - 12/2023

- Conducted USPTO Patent Searches to identify conflicts with commercially available products that share a common purpose.
- Developed strict testing protocols for product integrity.
- Played a key role in product development, ensuring market differentiation and quality standards.
- Collaborate with R&D for product enhancement, aligning with market standards.

State of Indiana

Indianapolis, IN

Department of Child Services Family Case Manager

2021 - 2022

- Conducted risk assessments, offering informed recommendations to authorities.
- Managed a diverse caseload of neglect and abuse accusations with **empathy and professionalism**.
- Negotiated emotionally charged conflicts prioritizing child safety.
- Presented testimony in juvenile and criminal court proceedings, advocating for vulnerable minors.

Education

Northern Illinois University College of Law

DeKalb, IL

Juris Doctor Candidate

05/2025

- Dean's List honoree
- Focused coursework: Contracts, Sales, Real Estate, Trusts & Estates, Housing, Insurance, Land Use & Zoning

Purdue University - Main Campus

West Lafayette, IN

Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary Agriculture: Life Sciences

05/2020

Purdue University - Main Campus

Location

Bachelor of Arts, Law & Society: Social Sciences

05/2021

- Relevant coursework: Statistics, Legal Ethics, Legal Philosophy, Legal Research, Juvenile Delinquency, Criminal Justice, Forensic Science