

Marlee McCadden

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EDUCATION & LICENSURE

Bar of Pennsylvania, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Licensed Attorney Member, October 18, 2022

Eastern District of Pennsylvania, U.S. District Court, admitted June 10, 2024

Western District of Pennsylvania, U.S. District Court, admitted November 25, 2025

Bar of New Jersey, Supreme Court of New Jersey

Licensed Attorney Member, August 12, 2025

Drexel University Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

Juris Doctor, May 2022

- Immigration Law Society, Co-President 2L; President 3L
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award/Best Student Performance in Beginning Spanish for Lawyers
- The Clinic Legal Education Association Outstanding Clinic Team Award
- 2022 Eve Biskind Kloth Law Student Pro Bono Distinction Award Recipient

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA

B.A., *cum laude*, Psychology Honors, December 2018

- Robert E. Cook Honors College; Psychology Honors Program; Sutton Summer Scholars Program
- Minors: Spanish, Deaf Studies

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Villanova University Charles Widger School of Law, Clinic for Asylum, Refugee, and Emigrant Services (CARES), Villanova, PA

Clinical Teaching Fellow, June 2025-Present—Representation of clinic clients in their immigration matters; co-instructor for CARES seminar course; supervision of law students in the CARES clinic.

PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

HIAS Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Removal Defense & Asylum Staff Attorney, August 2022-May, 2025—Defense of clients in removal proceedings; preparation and submission of affirmative and defensive asylum applications; mandamus; motions to reopen; SIJ; TPS; re-parole, and I-130s. Member of HIAS PA's DEI Committee.

Co-op Legal Intern, January 2021-April 2021—Conducted intakes; researched and prepared asylum applications for asylum-seekers, submitted work authorization applications, prepared DACA packets, and prepared a brief for the Board of Immigration Appeals.

Federal Litigation and Appeals Clinic, Philadelphia, PA

Clinic Student, August 2021-May 2022

Conducted research, prepared briefs to the BIA, and performed casework for immigration litigation at the appellate level.

Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, El Paso, TX (Remote)

Legal Intern, May 2021-July 2021

Worked in the detained deportation defense program, researched and wrote memos for legal issues surrounding aggravated felonies, and prepared documents for asylum applications, work authorization applications, and bond proceedings.

Ferreira Law, Philadelphia, PA

Legal Intern, September 2020-December 2020

Researched legal issues, prepared client documents, and wrote briefs and prepared supporting packets for 42(b) withholding of removal cases and asylum cases.

Esperanza Immigration Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA

Legal Intern, May 2020-July 2020; *Pro Bono* September 2020-November 2020

Conducted intakes, legal research, and wrote memorandums for complex immigration issues. Prepared documents for USCIS submission for naturalization, family petitions, and humanitarian visas. Published an article through Impacto, "Cambios en el sistema de inmigración de E.E.U.U." detailing changes in the U.S. immigration system.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Immigration Lawyers Association, *member*, July 2020-Present; *CLE Committee Co-Chair*, July 2025-Present, *National Day of Action/ Advocacy Sub-Committee Chair*; *Asylum Liaison Committee Co-Chair*, September 2023-July 2025; *Political Engagement Liaison Committee Co-Chair*, July 2024-July 2025

Co-chaired, organized, and prepared the Philadelphia AILA Chapter's NDA cohort for NDA 2023, 2024, and 2025 to meet with PA congressional representatives to discuss proposed legislation, appropriations, and local advocacy interests.

PRESENTATIONS

"Clinic for Asylum, Refugee, and Emigrant Services (CARES): A Clinical Model," Poster Presenter, Refugees and Migrants in Our Common Home: Roles and Responsibilities of Universities, Rome, Italy, Oct. 2025.

"Navigating Policy Shifts: Sustaining Services and Programs for Latino Communities," Panelist, Latino Health Collective 2025 Annual Retreat, Drexel University Creese Student Center, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 2025.

"Immigration Update on Special Populations," Panelist, Public Interest Law Day, Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 2025