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EDUCATION / QUALIFICATION

- 08/2025 – present **Columbia University – Law School**, New York City, USA
Master of Laws (LL.M.)
- 08/2021 **Austrian Bar Exam**
Bar Examination Commission at the Higher Regional Court of Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- 03/2018 – present **University of Vienna – Faculty of Law**, Vienna, Austria
Doctoral Studies (equivalent to Ph.D.)
Thesis working title: “Punitive, Sanctioning and Preventive Purposes of the Equal Treatment Act”
Supervising professor: a.o. Univ.-Prof. Dr. Martin Gruber-Risak
Expected Graduation: Spring 2026
- 10/2012 – 12/2017 **University of Vienna – Faculty of Law**, Vienna, Austria
Magister iuris (equivalent to J.D.)
Theses: “Gender Discrimination Based on Indirect Salary Discrimination”
 “The Utilization of Illegally Obtained Evidence under Civil Procedural Law”
Concentrations: Constitutional law, public international law, equal treatment law
- 07/2017 **London School of Economics and Political Science – Summer School**, London, United Kingdom
Diploma in International Law: Contemporary Issues
 Courses in the fields of Public International Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 03/2025 – 07/2025 *Policy Advisor to Federal Minister Korinna Schumann*
- 02/2023 – 02/2025 *Policy Advisor to Federal Minister Johannes Rauch*
Federal Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection, Vienna, AT
- Advised the Minister on national and international social policy issues.
 - Led negotiations on social policy issues with coalition parties, parliament, and representatives of civil society (e.g. negotiations to introduce a law to combat child poverty with a volume of around 0.5 billion Euros; negotiations to provide minimal wages instead of ‘pocket money’ for people with disabilities).
 - Managed the design and legislative approval of ministry’s key policy initiatives (i.e. conceived social policy programs, prepared legislative initiatives, implemented parliamentary processes).
 - Supervised the social policy related employees and budget of the Federal Ministry.
- 06/2022 – 02/2023 *Senior Associate*
Dr. Helene Klaar Dr. Norbert Marschall Rechtsanwälte OG, Vienna, Austria
- Team lead for gender discrimination and sexual harassment cases.
 - Counseled clients on employment, family, and matrimonial law, with a focus on victims of domestic violence.
 - Represented clients (including underaged children) at trial and during court settlement negotiations.

- 11/2021 – 06/2022 *Legal Officer, department of social security law*
Chamber of Labor Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- Advocacy work for low-income workers' interests regarding their social security claims.
 - Representation of clients on behalf of the Chamber of Labor at trial and during court settlement negotiations against public social security agencies (e.g. pension insurance).
 - Collaborated in the preparation of appeals to the Supreme Court with nationwide impact (e.g. clarify the term 'legal residence' to receive social security benefits).
- 06/2018 – 06/2021 *Associate*
HAIDER / OBEREDER / PILZ Rechtsanwält_Innen GmbH, Vienna, Austria
- Advised clients in labor and employment law and represented them in court and during settlement negotiations, with a special focus on enforcing workers' rights.
 - Drafted a wide range of appeals and Complaints to several Higher Regional Courts, the Supreme Court, the Constitutional Court, and the European Court of Justice.
 - Entrusted to take on public defender cases to aid remand prisoners and defend them in court.
- 02/2018 – 09/2018 *Law Clerk within the Higher Regional Court's circuit*
Higher Regional Court Vienna, Vienna, Austria
Honors: graded with the highest distinction "excellent" by two supervising judges
- Drafted a wide range of judicial decisions, judgments, and preliminary injunctions in both civil and criminal proceedings.
 - Received parties independently on court consultation days and recorded various motions.
 - Prepared research and court rulings for supervising judges with special regard to human rights concerns relating to Syria and Iran (i.e. spouses' free will in matrimonial law).
- 02/2015 – 01/2018 *Junior Legal Advisor, department of social security law*
Chamber of Labor Vienna, Vienna, Austria
- Counseled workers on questions concerning social security law.
 - Collaborated in department meetings on current legal developments.
 - Held presentations on the latest legislation in the field of Austria's social security law.
- 08/2012 – 01/2015 *Locksmith Assistant*
AEROCAL – Construction Company, Vienna, Austria
- Prepared materials in the workshop and worked at various construction sites.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 06/2021 – 06/2023 *Elected Chairman – Student Council Doctorate in Law*
University of Vienna – Faculty of Law, Vienna, Austria
- Negotiated improved working conditions for doctoral students with the dean and other university leaders.
 - Supervised the Student Council's members and their engagement for the doctoral students.
 - Managed the Student Council's budget.
- 06/2019 – 06/2021 *Elected Student Representative – Student Council Doctorate in Law*
University of Vienna – Faculty of Law, Vienna, Austria
- Advised doctoral students on successfully writing their dissertation and the study process.
 - Organized writing workshops for doctoral students and other activities.
- 08/2012 – present *Member of the Alumni Society*
Austrian Service Abroad (www.auslandsdienst.at)
- Mentoring teenagers who are interested in voluntary service abroad.
 - Holding presentations at the annual Austrian Service Abroad meetings about my experience of my one-year voluntary service abroad in Costa Rica.

- 08/2011 – 07/2012 *Voluntary Service Abroad*
“Finca Soñador – Asoc. De Cooperativas Europeas Longo Mai”
Costa Rica, San Isidro de el General
Refugee Project, www.sonador.info / Austrian Service Abroad, www.auslandsdienst.at
- Conducted mathematics lessons at the Pérez Zeledón Penitentiary.
 - Helped with construction of infrastructure (e.g. homes, community centers, water supply).
 - Contributed to projects of the German and Salvadorian Embassies.
 - Guided responsible tourism groups from abroad (e.g. from USA and Canada).
 - Organized cultural activities with women’s, children’s and senior groups.
 - Conducted lessons in mathematics, English, and German for local children.
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AWARDS

- 2025/26 **Fulbright Austria Scholar**
To pursue an LL.M. at Columbia University
- 2025/26 **University of Vienna “outgoing”-Scholarship**
Scholarship for completing an LL.M. program abroad from the funds of the University Scholarship Foundation for Law Students at the University of Vienna
- 01/2022 **Dissertation funding awarded – Heinrich Graf Hardegg Foundation**
Awarded research assignment to fund my studies and research on the Equal Treatment Act.
- 01/2015 **University’s Employment Law Mock Trial Winner of 2014**
Function: Attorney of the plaintiff and head of the winning team
Honor: University’s highest grade “*sehr gut*”
- 10/2012 – 12/2014 **Annual Scholarship – Rewarding Academic Success**
under the Student Support Act 1992 (support for students from low-income families to follow an academic career)
- 05/2011 **Social Award of 2011 – Awarded by the Student Council of the State of Vienna**
Function: Head of the winning team
- For publishing the book “Lessons from My Teachers” written by the refugee and author Olalekan Afolabi
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LANGUAGES

- German **Native proficiency**
- English **Full professional proficiency**
- Spanish **Limited working proficiency**
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- MEMBERSHIPS** Fellow of the ARS IURIS – Advanced Research School in Law and Jurisprudence
Member of the European Law Students' Association
Member of the employee union for the private sector
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- INTERESTS** International politics, photography, cooking, bouldering and running