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BAR ADMISSIONS Admitted to the Illinois Bar, November 2006
United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2007
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 2009
United States District Court, Northern District of Indiana, 2014

EDUCATION **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**, Chicago, IL - Juris Doctor, May 2006
Loyola Consumer Law Review - Senior Editor
Loyola Business Law Center - Student Clinician
Law Related Education for Juvenile Detainees - Volunteer Teacher
Dean's List - Spring 2005, Fall 2005, Spring 2006

Saint Joseph's College, Rensselaer, IN - Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, May 2003
NCAA Division II Athletic Scholarship - Saint Joseph's College Baseball Program
Saint Joseph's College Minority Leadership Scholarship
Jasper County Youth Center – Community Volunteer

EXPERIENCE **Leahy Hoste Alkaraki**, Chicago, IL
Partner, 2017-Present; *Associate* (Leahy & Hoste), 2006-17; *Law Clerk* (Leahy & Hoste), 2006
Represent plaintiffs in cases of personal injury, medical negligence, product liability and wrongful death; Responsible for all phases of litigation, including case screening and investigation, pleadings, written and oral discovery, motion practice, expert/retained witnesses, mediation, arbitration and trial. Appellate advocacy, including briefing before the Illinois Appellate and Supreme Court and briefing and oral argument before the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. Over \$50,000,000 in verdicts, arbitration awards and settlements for clients.

Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL
Adjunct Professor of Advocacy, 2015-Present
Teach "Advocacy," a course for second year law students focused on development of persuasive written and oral communication skills necessary for client representation, and serve periodically as Instructor for "Trial Practice" and "Professionally Identity Formation," a course that seeks to assist students to recognize and eliminate personal bias, develop as attorneys prepared to successfully engage and manage diverse environments and think critically about how various legal issues, problems and solutions have disparate impacts across demographics.

Chicago Bar Association Mediation Service, Chicago, IL
Certified Mediator, 2020-Present
Mediator in CBA alternative dispute resolution service designed to provide mediations that are efficient, effective, economical and fair.

Board of Education of the City of Chicago, Law Department, Chicago, IL
Law Clerk, 2004-2006; *Legal Intern*, Summer 2002
Represented the Chicago Public Schools in labor relations hearings; Advised school administrators on issues of labor and employment, with a focus on employee discipline and due process.

Office of the Illinois Attorney General, Antitrust Bureau, Chicago, IL
Legal Extern, Fall 2005

Assisted in monitoring, investigating and prosecuting various forms of anticompetitive commercial activity.

Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Felony Trial Division, Chicago, IL

R. 711 Law Clerk, Summer 2005

Prosecuted criminal matters and provided support to Assistant State's Attorneys

Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, Chicago, IL

Law Clerk, Summer 2004

Provided case intake and initial counseling services for indigent litigants.

BAR/COMMUNITY *Illinois State Bar Association:* Member (2006-Present), Assembly (2013-Present), Tort Law Section Council (2016-Present); *Illinois Bar Foundation:* Member (2018-Present), Board of Directors (2022-Present); *Chicago Bar Association:* Member (2006-Present), Board of Managers (2021-Present), Strategic Planning Committee (2021-Present), Judicial Evaluation Committee (2013-2021), Chair of Media Production Committee (2019-22), Vice Chair of MPC (2017-2019), Trial Practice Committee (2016-Present), Juvenile Justice Mentoring Initiative (2012-2014); *Illinois Trial Lawyers Association:* Member (2006-Present), *Amicus Curiae* Committee (2014-Present); *American Association for Justice* (Periodic Member, 2006-Present); *Wills for Heroes Foundation* (*Pro Bono*/Volunteer Attorney 2013-Present); *City Club of Chicago* (Periodic Member, 2013-Present); **Opportunity Knocks (501c.3 Nonprofit):** Board of Directors (2019-Present), Auxiliary Board of Directors (2012-2019) *Loyola University Chicago School of Law:* Adjunct Professor of Advocacy (2015-Present), Professional Identity Formation Instructor (2018-Present), Trial Practice (Intensive) Instructor (2020-Present), Law Alumni Board of Governors (2019-Present), Dean's Diversity Council (2011-Present); *Business Networking International – CGP River North Chapter:* Member (2018-Present), President (2022-Present); *Chicago Innerview* (Contributing Writer, 2004-2007); *Barack Obama for United States Senate Campaign* (Volunteer, 2004).

HONORS/AWARDS Selected to Illinois Super Lawyers list in the area of Personal Injury, Super Lawyers (2023).

Saint Robert Bellarmine Award for distinguished service to the profession and School of Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law (2021)

Civic Education Award recognizing the dedication and hard work of those who have volunteered time to educate the public to further understand the judicial process and role of attorneys in society, Illinois State Bar Association (July 2019).

Forty Under 40 (Forty Illinois Attorneys Under 40 to Watch), Chicago Daily Law Bulletin/Chicago Lawyer (October 2017).

*Over 30 honors and awards. See full bio(s).

**PUBLICATIONS/
PRESENTATIONS** *Over 50 publications and presentations. See full bio(s).

INTERESTS Volunteering and community service, health and fitness, music (guitarist for Mary Lane and the No Static Blues Band, shared the stage with Chicago Blues legends Buddy Guy, Billy Branch, Bobby Rush and many others) and travel.

*Full bio(s):

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