



# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2018 **Loyola Law School** (Los Angeles, CA)  
*Juris Doctor*
- 2009 **University of Iowa** (Iowa City, IA)  
*M.F.A. (Creative Writing (Poetry))*
- 2007 **University of California, Los Angeles** (Los Angeles, CA)  
*Bachelor of Arts (English Literature)*

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## Area of Practice

Workers' Compensation Insurance Defense

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## Workers' Compensation Background

- 2026-present **Bradford & Barthel, LLP** (Woodland Hills)  
*Associate Attorney*
- 2025-2026 **Karlin, Hiura & Lasota** (Arcadia, CA)  
*Senior Associate*
- 2023-2025 **Lewis, Brisbois, Bisgaard & Smith** (Los Angeles, CA)  
*Associate Attorney*
- 2023 **Testan Law** (Westlake Village, CA)  
*Associate Attorney*
- 2019-2021 **Testan Law** (Westlake Village, CA)  
*Associate Attorney*
- 2019 **Mullen & Filippi, LLP** (Los Angeles, CA)  
*Associate Attorney*

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## Other Legal Background

- 2021-2023 **Cowdrey Jenkins, LLP** (Camarillo, CA)  
*Associate Attorney*
- 2019 **Law Offices of Shahrokh Mokhtarzadeh** (Encino, CA)  
*Associate Attorney*
- 2017 **University of Memphis School of Law – Alternative Spring Break** (Memphis, TN)  
*Elder Law Track – Volunteer Experience*

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## Memberships

- 2018 State Bar of California