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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder & Principal Attorney | **Robinson Law Office, LLC** | *Tampa, FL*

Oct. 2017 – Present

- Leads pro bono and donor-funded practice protecting vulnerable migrants, trafficking survivors, and displaced populations across the U.S., Africa, and the Middle East, including support for families of individuals missing or disappeared in conflict and displacement contexts
- Conducts ongoing research into irregular migration routes, armed group activity, and population movement in East Africa, noting the drivers of migrant disappearance and death along African migration corridors
- Established a Sustainability Office within an Iraqi consulting firm to manage governance research, national qualitative surveys, and stakeholder engagement to promote democracy and government transparency
- Co-led a 35-expert coalition to produce the [Strategic Framework for Sustainable Peace in Sudan](#) and oversees ongoing pro bono practice supporting women and girls in Sudan

Migration Governance Expert | **UN International Organization for Migration** | *Erbil, Iraq*

(4 in-country missions) | Nov. 2021 – Dec. 2022

- Designed and delivered a comprehensive government capacity-building program for high-level ministry officials on migration governance, migrant rights, data protection, return, and reintegration
- Developed all training materials from scratch and produced a Migration Governance Legislative Roadmap validated by a Technical Working Group of nine ministries
- Drafted data protection legislation and ministerial SOPs addressing vulnerable migrant populations, including IDPs, trafficked persons, stateless persons, and voluntary returnees
- Recruited civil society co-facilitators to co-lead training segments, integrating survivor and community perspectives into government-facing curriculum

Board Member & Legal Advisor | **Darfur Women Action Group** | *Washington, D.C.*

(Remote) | Oct. 2012 – Present

- Works directly with conflict-affected families and communities from Sudan, including populations whose family members have gone missing or been killed in displacement and conflict contexts
- Led a three-day participatory convening in Uganda with genocide survivors, designing structured facilitation sessions that produced actionable protection and conflict-prevention initiatives
- Regularly synthesizes diverse, and often conflicting, government and community perspectives to inform policy engagement, and currently being considered for Chair of the Board

Co-Chair, Adult, Labor & International Working Group | Georgia Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force | Atlanta, GA | Mar. 2015 – Jan. 2020

- Designed training programs on victim identification, trauma-informed service delivery, and survivor rights for law enforcement, first responders, and service providers
- Managed national qualitative surveys and report writing, and co-led Georgia's first statewide roundtable on labor trafficking
- Served on the 10-member management team of a 300+ member organization, building cross-sector partnerships across government, law enforcement, healthcare, and NGO stakeholders on missing and exploited person response

Institutional Affairs Consultant | World Bank – International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) | Washington, D.C. Jun. 2012 – Jul. 2015

- Managed production and budgeting for three cycles of the ICSID Annual Report
- Maintained 10 statistics databases for inclusion the bi-annual ICSID Caseload Statistics publication
- Served as Associate Editor of the *ICSID Review – Foreign Investment Law Journal*

Consultant, Social Policy & Practice | Conservation International | Washington, D.C. Feb. 2012 – Jun. 2012

- Conducted legislative desk review of UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) in indigenous territories
- Assessed FPIC implementation practices in indigenous territories to develop organizational policy guidelines grounded in international standards

Law Fellow | Shared Hope International | Washington, D.C. | Oct. 2011 – Jun. 2012

- Developed training materials and child welfare guidelines on missing and exploited children and trafficking survivors adopted as formal organizational training resources
- Synthesized legal gap analysis across 15 states for the [Protected Innocence Challenge](#) — assessing legal frameworks for victim identification and child protection

Intern | U.S. Department of State — Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights & Labor | Washington, D.C. | Jun. 2010 – Aug. 2010

- Prepared Secretary of State briefing materials for the 2010 U.S.-Ukraine Strategic Partnership Meeting
- Monitored highly confidential international cables for human rights intelligence

Judicial Clerk | Supreme Court of the Republic of Ghana | Accra, Ghana | May 2009 – Aug. 2009

- Drafted legal opinions and rulings on behalf of Supreme Court Justice Rose C. Owusu
- Conducted legal research using Ghanaian case management systems

EDUCATION

Master of Laws (LL.M) in Human Rights — American University Washington College of Law

Juris Doctor, *cum laude* — Florida A&M University College of Law

B.A., Cultural Anthropology — University of Central Florida

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2024 Georgia State Bar “One to Watch” Awardee • 2023 Atlanta Business Chronicle Women of Influence Awardee • 2021 UNICEF Capacity-Building Initiative GenderPro Credential

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Keeping Black History Alive (Darfur Women Action Group, 2026)
- Iraqi Voter Engagement Initiative Report (Dijlah Consulting Engineers, 2021)
- Providing Legal Assistance to Survivors of Trafficking (American Bar Association, 2021)
- Strategic Framework for Sustainable Peace in Sudan (Darfur Women Action Group, 2019)
- Human Trafficking /S Slavery (DC Stop Modern Slavery, 2014)

LANGUAGES

English (Native) • Spanish (Intermediate) • Arabic — Iraqi & Sudanese Dialects (Conversational)