

*California Licensed Attorney  
10+ years public interest experience,  
7+ years non-profit leadership experience,  
3+ years civil litigation attorney*

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**Pratt & Associates May 2023-Present  
Estavillo Law Group, December 2021-May 2023  
Mellen Law Firm, June 2020-November 2021**

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Advised clients on various aspects of real estate law, including purchase and sale transactions, commercial leasing, land use issues, unlawful detainers, and various real estate litigation issues including breach of contract, construction defect, HOA litigation and disputes, boundary, and zoning disputes. Plaintiff side litigation in state and federal court, preventing wrongful or unjust foreclosures and confronting predatory lending practices in violation of HBOR, TILA, RESPA, and Reg. Z.

- Case Initiation: Investigating potential claims, case analysis, drafting complaints, and creating case strategy.
  - Law & Motion Practice: Temporary Restraining Orders and Preliminary Injunctions, extensive experience drafting both standard and creative Motions and Oppositions, oral arguments at hearings.
  - HOA Experience: Represented homeowners associations in a variety of legal matters, including drafting and revising governing documents, enforcing CC&Rs, handling disputes between homeowners and advising on state and federal law and regulations. Negotiated and drafted contracts with vendors and service providers. Represented clients in mediation and ADR proceedings.
  - Discovery: Developing and executing discovery strategies, inspections, producing discovery responses, conducting depositions (both as counsel for deponent and as deposing party), dispute conference.
  - ADR and Mediation: Settlement negotiations and execution, mediation conferences.
  - Appellate Practice: Setting up appeals of interlocutory orders, drafting Writs of Supersedes, and Appellate briefs.
  - Hired and managed workload of two attorneys and two legal assistants.
  - \*Provisionally Licensed from June 2020-November 2021 due to COVID-19
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**Legal Access Alameda- Pro Bono Attorney- January 2023-Present**

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Pro Bono Attorney for the Low-Income Landlord Assistance Program (LLAP)

- Represent low-income landlords/master tenants who are navigating the unlawful detainer process in Alameda County.
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**San Joaquin Collaborative Courts, October 2017-June 2020**

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Certified law student in Drug Court, DUI Court, and Monitoring Court.

- Advocate for clients currently underserved in the legal system. Represent clients who allegedly violated court orders, including allegations of noncompliance with parole probation conditions, positive drug tests. Perform client intake, handle client interviews. Represent incarcerated clients in post-incarceration planning and sentence modification.
  - Meet with law enforcement officers, case managers, and prosecutors. First-chair live and Zoom hearings before judge. Negotiate post-incarceration terms with judge.
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**San Joaquin County Public Defender's Office, August 2018-May 2019**

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Intern, 8 hours a week (unpaid) during 2L school year. Worked with four misdemeanor public defenders.

- Research and drafted five motions to suppress, six motions for pretrial discovery to determine excessive use of force; trial motions.
- Conducted discovery, depositions, client interviews. Reviewed medical documents, police reports, incident files, body camera footage. Interviewed investigators.

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## **The Urban Edge Farm, President, June 2018 - March 2020**

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Director and Co-Owner of 34-acre organic farm C Corporation that implements sustainable environmental growing techniques. 10 hours a week (unpaid)

- Own and operate production farm. Maintain articles of incorporation, bylaws, meeting minutes, agendas. Worked with attorneys to draft farm succession plans, including transferring ownership, tax consequences, estate planning. Mediation of intra-organization disputes.
  - Implement USDA National Conservation Practices. Research and implement federal food safety laws including FDA regulations for safe food production (Food Safety Modernization Act); compliance with COVID regulations, including creating COVID SOPs for clients, employers and customers; maintain regulatory standard operating procedures for farm; health and food safety compliance.
  - Researched and drafted *Urban Edge Farm Conservation Practices*, legal how-to guide for implementing farm-based federal aid. Includes legal forms and application processes.
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## **First Generation Farmers, Co-Founder and Executive Director, November 2013 - March 2020**

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Co-founder of 501(c)(3) nonprofit community farm public service organization with a mission to facilitate food access from and for the local community while conserving natural resources, providing public education, and grow beginning farmers from historically oppressed demographics. 15 hours a week (paid)

- Work with new farmers to educate them about the business and legal side of farm operation, including regulatory compliance and financial reporting. Assist regarding land lease agreements with landowners. Draft membership agreements to limit liability, buy-sell agreement for crops. Awarded Certificate of Recognition from California State Legislature Assembly for “Dedicated efforts to promote Eastern Contra Costa agriculture, foster the expansion of the farming profession for women and educate the public about the significant contribution of farmers and agriculturalists to our region” (2014).
  - Extensive grant-writing experience, including USDA-awarded \$300,000 grant to continue development of a beginning farmer training program that equips new farmers with the skills and confidence they need to build and operate their own farm. Regulatory compliance Financial reporting, including project outcomes. Monitored and organized participants, creating curriculum. Worked with UC Berkeley, UC Davis professors to implement lectures; monitored outcomes.
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## **Education**

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### **UC San Diego, CEQA Practice Certificate, September 2022-present**

Ability to effectively navigate CEQA law and process. Research, analyze, and draft EIRs and other key documents, manage CEQA projects and teams.

### **Humphreys University Drivon School of Law, J.D., June 2020**

Night student while working full time as Executive Director of a nonprofit and as a first-time new mother, October 2016 to June 2020.

### **University of Florida, Special Education and Behavior Management, 2011**

Pro-Teach program allowing abbreviated time period to achieve dual certification and Master’s degree after 5 years.

- Activities: Taught kindergarten at local Title I school

### **University of Florida, B.A. in Education, 2010**

4-year full Division I athletic scholarship for volleyball. Overall GPA: 3.2

- Volunteered at Ronald McDonald House cooking meals for patients’ parents.

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### **Points of Interest**

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- 2013- Attended California STEP Agricultural Trade Mission to China and Vietnam with Karen Ross, Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.
- 2012-2015- Vice Chair, Agricultural and Natural Resources Trust (organization dedicated to conserving working family farms, open spaces, natural habitats, and the communities they support creating conservation easements and permanently protecting farmland).
- 2022- Escape From Alcatraz Triathlon Finisher.
- 2023- Board of Directors for Driveway Follies: Oakland Marionette Magic.