

Brittany R. Aldredge

EDUCATION

The George Washington University Law School Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor, graduated with high honors May 2017

Activities: GWU Writing Fellow (2014–2015); Submissions Editor, Federal Circuit Bar Journal (2015–2016); GWU Immigration Law Clinic (August–December 2015); member, Immigration Law Society and International Law Society (2013–2017)

The George Washington University, Elliot School of International Affairs Washington, D.C.

Master of Arts, International Affairs, concentration in International Law and Organizations May 2017

University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude December 2012

Major in International Relations and minor in Peace and Conflict Studies

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Attorney Advisor August 2022 – present

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of Chief Counsel Washington, D.C.

Resilience Legal Division, Office of Resilience Integration and Coordination

- Embedded legal counsel with FEMA’s Office of Resilience Integration and Coordination, providing legal support and guidance to approximately 50 full-time FEMA employees.
- General practice areas include climate resilience, equity, fiscal law, ethics, and personnel-related issues.
- Providing legal guidance and support on FEMA’s implementation of programs within Community Disaster Resilience Zones, newly designated through the [CDRZ Act of 2022](#), Pub. L. No. 117-255.
- Helping to develop FEMA-wide policy in support of [2022–2026 FEMA Strategic Plan](#) within Resilience.
- Certified ethics counselor authorized to provide ethics guidance across FEMA.

Adjunct Professor January 2024 – April 2024

The George Washington University Law School Washington, D.C.

Scholarly Writing Program

- Part-time adjunct faculty member with the GWU Law School in the Scholarly Writing Program.
- Teaching legal writing to second-year law students on the George Washington Journal of Energy and Environmental Law.

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Attorney Advisor November 2021 – August 2022

Federal Emergency Management Agency, Office of Chief Counsel Washington, D.C.

Resilience Legal Division, Federal Insurance and Fund Management

- Assisted with regulatory drafting and providing legal guidance on federal regulations, in particular FEMA’s regulations at Title 44—Emergency Management and Assistance.
- Provided technical drafting assistance and responded to Congressional inquiries on proposed legislation.
- Developed subject matter expertise on federal appropriations laws.
- Draft internal legal memoranda and guidance on FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), the primary insurer of flood insurance in the United States.
- Lead Attorney Advisor for the NFIP’s Write-Your-Own Program, an annual arrangement between FEMA and private insurance companies to sell flood insurance in the United States.

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Assistant Chief Counsel August 2019 – November 2021
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, Immigration and Customs Enforcement Los Angeles, CA
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

- Represented DHS in hundreds of civil immigration removal and bond proceedings.
- Provided substantive legal guidance to deportation officers in the broader Los Angeles area.
- Drafted and filed trial and appellate briefs and motions on complex areas of immigration law.
- Member of OPLA Los Angeles’s federal litigation and human rights violator law teams, exclusively dedicated to developing subject matter expertise within these areas of immigration law.
- 2020 recipient of the “One OPLA Award,” in recognition of exemplary litigation work.

Assistant Chief Counsel (detailed appointment) January 2021 – April 2021
Office of the Principal Legal Advisor, U.S. District Court Litigation Division Washington, D.C.
U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Adjudicated administrative tort claims filed against ICE, pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), by legally analyzing claims, drafting internal memoranda, and writing response and denial letters.
- Assisted ICE employees in requesting representation by U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) attorneys in civil proceedings, by collecting documentation and drafting agency recommendations to the DOJ.
- Prepared and facilitated settlement concurrence from client agencies in cooperation with the DOJ.
- Assisted DOJ attorneys with document review in pending federal litigation matters.

Attorney Advisor (DOJ Honors Program) September 2017 – August 2019
Office of the Chief Immigration Judge, Executive Office for Immigration Review Los Angeles, CA
U.S. Department of Justice, Los Angeles Immigration Court

- Assisted five immigration judges by reviewing case records and drafting written judicial opinions.
- Researched complex legal issues and drafted internal memoranda to immigration judges.
- Maintained and updated court resources on various state and federal laws and conducted presentations for court staff and immigration judges on recent caselaw developments.
- Interviewed, trained, and supervised a first-year law clerk and summer interns with the Los Angeles immigration court.

PUBLICATIONS

Aldredge, Brittany, *Worst Kept Secrets of the Federal Government: Failure to Reform the State Secrets Privilege*, 25 Fed. Cir. B.J. 343 (2016)—awarded Federal Circuit Bar Journal’s best student article in 2015, available at <https://heinonline.org>.

Martinez, L., **Aldredge, B.**, Hammad, M., *Refugee Integration in Berlin—Lessons for the U.S.*, American Diplomacy (Sept. 2018), available at <https://americandiplomacy.web.unc.edu>.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient of the Squire Patton Boggs Public Policy Fellowship in recognition of demonstrated dedication to public service and policy, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

State Bar of California, member, December 2017