JANELLE ORSI

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Sustainable Economies Law Center. Oakland, *Co-Founder and Executive Director*. November 2009 – present. Manage a nonprofit law center focused on promoting local and sustainable economic development, representing organizations, and training law students in related legal skills.

Law Office of Janelle Orsi. Berkeley, *Attorney at Law*. January 2008 - present. Law practice specializing in non-profit, cooperatives, and the sharing economy.

UC Berkeley School of Law. *Research Associate.* July 2009-January 2010 and Sept. 2010 to Dec. 2010. Provided legal advice and research, and assist students with projects and papers for two law school courses focused on small business counseling and small business document drafting.

Women Defenders. Berkeley, *Executive Director*. (6-8 hrs/wk) Oct 2005 – November 2008. Bay Area non-profit professional organization for women criminal defense attorneys.

House of Ruth Domestic Violence Services. Pomona, CA. *Assistant Director of Development*. (30 hrs/wk) Oct 2003 - Aug 2004. Grant writing, fundraising, websites, and public relations.

American Economic Association, Committee on the Status of Minorities in the Economics Profession, Pipeline Project. *Project Assistant.* (20 hrs/wk) Dec 2002 - Dec 2003; (3 hrs/wk) Jan 2004 - Aug 2004. Grant writing, conference planning, library research, and web design.

Center for Family Studies, Parent and Youth Study, University of California, Riverside. *Lead Interviewer*. (19 hrs/wk) Jan - Oct 2003. Recruited and conducted structured interviews (in Spanish and English) with teenagers and adults for a large-scale psychological/sociological research project.

Canyon View School, McKinley Children's Center. San Dimas, CA. *Teaching Assistant/Residential Counselor*. (40 hrs/wk) July - Dec 2002. Worked with emotionally disturbed teens at residential center; taught grades 4-6.

New Housing Opportunities. Lebanon, OH. *Residential Facilitator*. (20-40 hrs/wk) Jan - March 2000, Jan - Aug 2001.Worked with mentally ill adults in assisted housing facilities. Assisted clients in housing needs, such as shopping and cooking, social skills and daily outings.

Instituto de la Lengua Inglesa (English Language Institute). San Martin de Los Andes, Argentina. *English Teacher*. (40 hrs/wk) May - Aug 1999. Planned and taught English to 17 youth and adult classes per week.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Loconomics Cooperative. San Francisco, CA. *Board Member*, March 2015 – present. Helping to grow a pioneering freelancer-owned cooperative.

SEEDS Community Resolution Center. Berkeley, CA. *Mediator,* Sept 2007 – June 2013. Acted as mediator in disputes of all types, including family, neighbors, landlord/tenant, and commercial. *Case Manager*. (5 hrs/wk), Sept 2007 – August 2008. Conducted intakes and interviews with individuals seeking to resolve disputes through mediation.

Music Sanctuary Project. Contra Costa County, CA. *Director*. (4 hrs/wk), Aug 2006 – Dec 2012. Founded and coordinated weekly music program at a facility for youth detained by the Department of Homeland Security.

Legal Services for Children. San Francisco, *Legal Intern*. (40 hrs/wk, May-Aug 2006, and 8 hrs/wk, Aug 2006 – May 2007). Drafted a handbook on working with immigrant youth in the juvenile justice system (to by published by the Annie E. Casey Foundation in 2008); representation of youth in immigration, school discipline, and guardianship proceedings.

National Center for Lesbian Rights. San Francisco, *Law Clerk*. (16 hrs/wk) Spring Semester, 2006. Legal research and writing; researching and responding to questions from callers seeking legal information.

Youth Law Center. San Francisco, *Legal Intern*. (16 hrs/wk) August 2005 – Dec 2005. Legal research and writing to support juvenile justice litigation.

San Francisco Public Defender, Juvenile Division. *Legal Intern*. (40 hrs/wk) May – Aug 2005. Aided in the representation of juveniles in delinquency court; writing motions, legal research, and client interviews.

Social Justice Studies Programs, International Polytechnic High School and Soledad Enrichment Action High School . Pomona, CA. *Coordinator/Teacher*. (8 hrs/wk) Aug 2003 - June 2004. Initiated, designed and taught a weekly high school class about social justice; topics included race, gender, criminal justice, militarism, globalization, and the environment.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY SCHOOL OF LAW (BOALT HALL), J.D., May 2007.

Legal Clinics and Activities at Boalt:
Boalt Police Review Advocates (*Co-chair*; represented four complainants in Oakland Citizen Police Review Board hearings); **Youth and Education Law Society** (*Co-chair*; organized, taught, and wrote curriculum for weekly "Street Law" classes at the Alameda Juvenile Justice Facility, Spring and Fall of 2005; represented youth in Alameda County school expulsion hearings); **Community Legal Outreach** (*Shelter mentor;* provided weekly legal information at Oakland homeless shelter, Jan 2005 – June 2006); **East Bay Community Law Center Tenant's Rights Workshops** (legal assistance for low-income tenants, Spring 2006); **California Asylum Representation Clinic** (represented Guatemalan refugee in asylum proceedings).
Honors:
Recipient of the Bergstrom Fellowship for Child Welfare Law, Summer, 2005.
Recipient of a Boalt Hall Jurisprudence Award for achievement in "Sexual Orientation and the Law" class.

POMONA COLLEGE Claremont, CA. B.A. Anthropology, May 2002.
Honors:
Phi Beta Kappa (2002); Graduated Cum Laude; Pomona College Scholar, (1998-2002).

BOOKS:

- *Practicing Law in the Sharing Economy: Helping People Build Cooperatives, Social Enterprise, and Local Sustainable Economies*, by Janelle Orsi (ABA Books 2012).
- *The Sharing Solution: How to Save Money, Simplify Your Life & Build Community*, by Janelle Orsi and Emily Doskow (Nolo Press, 2009).

LANGUAGES:

Proficient in Spanish (written and conversational)