

Paul J. Solis

EXPERIENCE

Office of Congressional Ethics, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

Deputy Chief Counsel, September 2014-Present; Investigative Counsel, August 2009-September 2014

- Manage and perform complex, large-scale internal investigations of potential violations of federal campaign finance, gift, conflict of interest, and government ethics laws in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- Interview Members of Congress and other witnesses and negotiate with counsel representing multinational corporations and public officials.
- Write high-profile public reports supported by investigative findings, legal research, and analysis that are referred to House Committees and cited in national publications.
- Make policy and legal recommendations to the Chief Counsel and OCE Board based on House rules and resolutions and review internal policies and rules for updates and best practices.
- Consult with foreign government delegations on anti-corruption and ethics enforcement best practices.
- Assisted in building the first ever independent ethics entity in the United States Congress; ensuring compliance with rules and regulations by Members, staff and officers of the House by audit, review, and evaluation.
- As Deputy Chief Counsel, assist the Chief Counsel in budget, personnel, and media management.

San Francisco Ethics Commission, San Francisco, CA

Ethics Investigator, February 2007-August 2009

- Planned, organized and conducted confidential investigations of alleged violations of state and local campaign finance, lobbyist, campaign consultant, and government ethics laws.
- Engaged in legal research, analysis and writing relating to enforcement of laws under Commission jurisdiction.
- Made policy and legal recommendations to the Executive Director and Commissioners in public administrative proceedings.

City of Philadelphia Law Department, Philadelphia, PA

Clinical Intern, September 2005-December 2005

- Assisted department attorneys with answering complaints, interrogatories, drafting motions, interviewing witnesses, and conducting arbitrations.
- Performed legal analyses of state tort and governmental immunity laws in arbitration briefs.

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Washington, D.C.

Legal Intern, May 2005-August 2005

- Investigated alleged violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act by interviewing witnesses and assessing claims.
- Engaged in legal research, analysis and writing relating to the ADA and Freedom of Information Act; made case recommendations to attorneys in the division.

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia, PA

Legal Intern, May 2004-August 2004

- Assisted unit attorneys with arrest warrant charging and criminal complaint drafting; made presentations and oral arguments to bail Commissioners regarding status of charged defendants.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA
J.D. May 2006

- Honors: Distinguished Class Performance in Trial Advocacy, *Fall Semester 2004*
- Activities: Temple International & Comparative Law Journal, Research Paper: “*Federal Common Law in ATCA Litigation*”; Student Public Interest Network; Temple University Intramural Sports Program

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
B.A. Philosophy, May 2003
B.A. Political Science, May 2003

- Honors: Scholar Recognition Award, 4-year full-tuition scholarship; Michigan Competitive Scholar, 4-year ACT score scholarship; Alvin Bentley Washington Intern Scholarship, May 2002-August 2002; Highest Honors, Fall Semester 1999
- Activities: U-M ‘Detroit Project’ Community Service Program; U-M Intramural Sports Program

Member, Practising Law Institute

Member, State Bar of California

Department of Defense Top-Secret Security Clearance

AWARDS, SKILLS & EXPERTISE

Fulbright Specialist Program: international exchange program to provide professional expertise to host institutions (2018, awaiting placement).

In-Country Consultations with Parliaments of Ukraine and Georgia on ethics, corruption and enforcement (2016).

Council on Governmental Ethics Laws Conference: Investigations session panelist (2015-2017).

The World Bank Group, Roundtable Presentation: “*Investigating misconduct in the U.S. House of Representatives*” (2015).

Bryce Harlow Workshop on Ethics & Lobbying at American University Panelist (2015-2017).

Office of Government Ethics, National Government Ethics Summit Presentation: “*Ethics Related Investigations and Investigative Techniques*” (2014).

The George Washington University School of Political Management Presentation: “*Ethics & Congress*” (2014).

Council on Governmental Ethics Laws Conference: Enforcement and Travel session panelist (2014).

Frequent presentations to foreign visitors hosted by the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (e.g., Ukraine, Afghanistan, Georgia, Macedonia, United Kingdom, Nepal, Kosovo, Madagascar, Kenya, Italy).