

**MARY J. HANNA**

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**EDUCATION**

**USC, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work, Los Angeles, CA**

*Master of Arts, Social Work, May 2016*

Relevant Coursework: 40-hour Certification, Domestic Violence Peer Counseling and Advocacy

**University of La Verne College of Law, Ontario, CA**

*Juris Doctor, May 2011*

*Recipient, CALI “Excellence for the Future” Award: Civil Rights Law, Fall 2010*

**University of California, Los Angeles, CA**

*Bachelor of Arts, History, Art History emphasis, June 2008*

**EXPERIENCE**

**Los Angeles Center for Community Law and Action, Los Angeles, CA**

*Pro Bono Attorney, May 2016 – Present*

- Represent homeless clients in California Superior Court regarding quality of life violations.
- Interview clients and negotiate with police officers.

**Children’s Law Center of California, Monterey Park, CA**

*Attorney, May– September 2016*

- Represented approximately 200 children in the Dependency system in daily, in-court advocacy.
- Interviewed clients to issue spot and understand clients’ needs.
- Advised and referred clients and caregivers to available resources such as governmental benefits, advocating for special education services, and accessing temporary housing.

**Alliance for Children’s Rights, Los Angeles, CA**

*Social Work Health and Policy Intern, September 2015 – May 2016*

- Specialized in health and welfare of Transition Aged Youth in the dependency system
- Collaborated with Department of Children and Family Services to facilitate meetings for expectant and parenting youth, providing links to education, child care, and health services
- Worked with attorneys and advocates to elucidate and implement AB 2668.

**Public Counsel, Los Angeles, CA**

*Pro Bono Attorney, December 2015 – May 2016*

- Conducted intake interviews and assisted indigent clients with petitions for Guardianship of the Person, Termination of Guardianship, and Objections to Guardianship.

**Mental Health Advocacy Services – Juvenile Advocacy Project, Los Angeles, CA**

*Legal Extern, January 2010 – May 2011*

- Interviewed incarcerated youth at Central Juvenile Hall in Los Angeles to assess need for legal advocacy, services for mental health and developmental disabilities, and educational support.
- Wrote memoranda regarding the efficacy of both the LA Public Guardian and use of panel attorneys
- Advised attorneys and community leaders about available mental health resources for youth

**Los Angeles County Bar Association – Domestic Violence Advocacy Project, Los Angeles, CA**

*Volunteer, January– May 2011*

- Assisted Pro Per litigants seeking Temporary Restraining orders, stay-away orders, move-out orders, and child custody orders.
- Advised clients of required legal procedures and further resources.

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Proficient Spanish