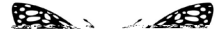


# Alex Vernon

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*For we are sojourners before Thee, and strangers...1 Chronicles 29:15*

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*A competent and compassionate advocate aiming to provide meaningful learning experiences for law students. Committed to social justice and service learning. Striving to integrate scholarship with pedagogy, practice and service in the field of human migration law.*

## **Employment History**

### **Director/Asst. Professor of Law**

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Immigration Law Clinic, *Detroit, Michigan*,  
June 2015 to present

Teaching clinical immigration class

Supervising clinical students on immigration cases.

Representing migrants seeking asylum and other humanitarian protection for crime victims, unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable migrants and their families.

Representing migrants seeking release from detention

Providing information and representation regarding Canada /US cross border family reunification

Coordinating outreach to vulnerable immigrant communities

Coordinating with organizations providing social services to immigrants

Representing school at recruiting events

Relief, SIJS, VAWA, Private Bills and Prosecutorial Discretion requests  
Handled H1, J, TN, F-1, B-1, B-2, P-3 and other non-immigrant matters  
Argued before Federal District Court, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals  
Member, American Immigration Lawyers Association  
Board Member, Strategic Partnership. (pro-se court orientation sessions.)  
Volunteer at Most Holy Trinity Legal Clinic, Freedom House  
Member, Windsor-Essex Anti-Trafficking Committee

## **Education**

**Ave Maria School of Law**, *Ann Arbor, Michigan*

Elected President, Alumni Association, November 2006

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Presenter, “U.S./Canada Border and Irregular Crossers”, International Sanctuary Declaration Network delegation to Poland/Belarus border organizations, Podlasie, Poland, September, 2023

Presenter, “Safe Third Country and Irregular Crossers” Midwest People Of Color Conference, Detroit Mercy School of Law, April 22, 2023

Presenter, “Safe Third Country Agreement and Canada border crossings” Presented at Immigrant Advocates Response Collaborative, New York, NY, June 7, 2023

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Panelist “Bridges not Fences V”, University of Detroit Mercy, March 1, 2022

Discussion Group Moderator on "The US-Canada border in the age of COVID ", Canadian

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“Demandeuse d’asile libérée après 10 semaines de détention aux États-Unis” (Asylum seeker freed after 10 weeks detention in the United States) <http://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1059857/sheila-prevost-detention-plattsburgh-etats-unis-traversee-canada>

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“Undocumented immigrants allowed to stay in Collier as crime victims, witnesses” Victoria Maachi, November 25, 2012, Naples Daily News <http://archive.naplesnews.com/community/undocumented-immigrants-allowed-to-stay-in-collier-as-crime-victims-witnesses-ep-385768381-331579421.html/>

### **Research Interests:**

Irregular Crossings into Canada and the Safe Third Country Agreement  
Coercive Population Control and Asylum Claims

### **Professional Organizations**

American Immigration Lawyers Association  
Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers  
Canadian Council of Refugees  
State Bar Michigan Immigration Law section

### **Admissions**

State Bar of Michigan  
Federal Court, E.D. of Michigan  
Federal Court, W.D. of Michigan  
United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

## **Community Service**

Michigan Immigrant Rights Center- volunteer attorney  
Freedom House-volunteer attorney  
Justicia for Migrant Workers-volunteer  
Detroit Mercy Ad Hoc Sanctuary Committee  
S.E. Michigan Catholics for Immigration Justice (Strangers No Longer)  
Canada US Cross Border Network founding member  
Canada Sanctuary Network Member  
International Sanctuary Declaration Network member  
Canadian Council for Refugees member  
Board member of the Southwest Detroit Immigrant and Refugee Center  
Board member Organización Internacional de Latinos en el Exterior (OILE SW Florida)  
Board member of the Deported Asylum Seekers Advocacy Project  
Board member, Rehumanize International  
Ignatian Solidarity Network/Jesuit Migration Network Advocacy Dimension Member  
McAuliffe Park Soccer Club- Coach  
Detroit Clark Park Coalition-Hockey/Learn to Skate program  
Coach, Riverside Minor Hockey Association

## **Languages**

French, fluent  
Spanish, reading and listening  
Jamaican Creole, speaking and listening