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**SUMMARY**

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- Principal, Eisenstein Law Office. Dedicated to the practice of animal law.
  - Adjunct professor in Animal Law at SMU Dedman School of Law.
  - Former legal director of Human Rights Initiative, a non-profit organization that provides pro bono legal services to victims of international human rights abuses.
  - Former corporate communications executive with more than 10 years of experience in marketing, advertising, media relations, strategic planning, and investor relations.

**EDUCATION**

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J.D., SMU Dedman School of Law, cum laude (licensed in New Mexico and Texas)

B.A., Arts and Humanities, magna cum laude, University of Texas at Dallas

**BIO**

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**Eisenstein Law Office**

**2007 – Present**

Solo practice dedicated exclusively to the practice of animal law. Experience in litigation and transactional work.

**Legal Director/Human Rights Initiative (HRI)**

**2004 – 2007**

Responsible for the management of the legal department, client representation, human rights advocacy, and community outreach.

- Represented clients in the areas of asylum, domestic violence, human trafficking, and child abuse. Managed the legal department and mentoring of pro bono attorneys. Developed the HRI children's project.
- Presented at a number of educational forums on the topics of international human rights, child advocacy, asylum, and domestic violence.
- Formed a team of professors from the University of Texas at Dallas to collaborate on the utilization of HRI's client data to publish studies on asylum and the judicial process.
- Initiated a national outreach project to develop an asylum email list serve with the University of California Hastings Center for Gender and Refugee Studies.

**Director/Corporate Communications, Belo Corp.**

**1996 – 2001**

Management responsibilities for the corporate communications activities of one of the nation's largest diversified media companies.

- Managed the media relations activities with national, local, and trade press. Coordinated and conducted press conferences, media conference calls, annual meetings, board of directors meetings, and other corporate events.
- Wrote and produced corporate news releases, annual reports, earnings releases, employee newsletters, and other communications materials.
- Supported investor relations activities including analyst relations, financial presentations, research, and financial reports.

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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- Co-Chair, International Subcommittee of the Animal Law Committee, American Bar Association Tort Trial and Insurance Section
- Legal Counsel and Board Member, Texas Humane Legislation Network
- Chair, State Bar of Texas Animal Law Section

**ARTICLES/TALKS**

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- *The International Black Market in Puppies*, Winter 2009 ABA TIPS Animal Law Committee Newsletter.
- *Your Furry Friends and the Law*, Texas Bar Journal, July 2008.
- "Starting an Animal Law Practice," State Bar of Texas Animal Law Section 2008 Animal Law Institute.
- "The Link between Animal Abuse and Family Violence," Continuing Legal Education to Dallas lawyers.
- "Human Violence and Animal Abuse," presentation to Dallas Law Enforcement
- "Texas Legislative Update," Texas Animal Control Association, 2007

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

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- Edited two chapters of *Wildlife Law: A Global Perspective*, published by the American Bar Association.
- Authored legal briefs to the Texas Attorney General on the issues of whether holders of animal rehabilitation permits from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are exempt from the Health and Safety Code; the meaning of "previously captured" under the Texas Penal Code Section 42.092; and whether federal law preempts state law in the transport of horsemeat for human consumption in-bond through Texas for export to foreign destinations.
- Co-chair of an international outreach project to expand animal law programs to other countries as part of the ABA International Animal Law Subcommittee.
- Drafted and edited animal-related legislation for the 2009 Texas Legislative Session.
- Co-counsel on *SDF v. Cameroon*, an international voting rights case.