

JOSHUA KORS

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BAR ADMISSION New York, 2017. Admission to New Jersey and D.C. in process.

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt Law School, J.D., 2016. Delivered TED Talk at TEDxVanderbilt, 2015, spotlighting military families and their astonishing legal struggles. Video: www.joshuakors.com/tedx. Studied international law, Vanderbilt in Venice program, 2014

Columbia School of Journalism, M.S., 2003. Covered the murder of a young girl in Flatbush, Brooklyn and subsequent trial

Amherst College, B.A., English, 2001, magna cum laude. Received Rugg & Porter Fellowships for legal studies, 2013, 2015

EXPERIENCE

Roven Law Firm, New York, NY, Attorney, 2017 – Present

Provide in-court representation for clients on a range of cases, from family law conflicts (divorce, custody, visitation) to civil suits (assault and battery; conversion). Research, write and edit briefs as well. Co-author of ongoing column in Family Law Review exploring recent legislation, court decisions and trends in matrimonial law.

Keenan & Bhatia, New York, NY, Extern, 2017

Assisted the labor and employment law firm on two wrongful termination suits, reading and indexing more than 2,500 pages of discovery and conducting a detailed analysis of the responses of mock jurors during pretrial presentation.

Vanderbilt Family Law Clinic, Nashville, TN, Student Associate, 2016

Provided representation in Tennessee Family Court for domestic violence victim with restraining order against ex-boyfriend. Wrote, submitted legal motions, argued before judge, successfully improved custody arrangement with her violent ex. Represented single father just released from jail in complex child custody case. Successfully crafted motion to secure custody.

Vorzimer Masserman, Woodland Hills, CA, Summer Associate, 2015

Wrote demand letters and consulted with clients for this family law firm. Investigated and drafted reports on gross negligence case against an eminent physician. Co-wrote custody motion in high-profile case that succeeded in earning client primary custody of his daughter. Frequent contributor to EggDonor.com, the firm's family law blog.

Justice for Our Neighbors, Nashville, TN, Summer Associate, 2014

Prepared successful U Visa applications for immigrant families who were victims of violent crime in Tennessee. Wrote legal declarations for the nonprofit organization's clients and provided translation services for Spanish-only clients.

LANGUAGES Fluent in Spanish. Worked as translator for two legal organizations in Nashville.

AWARDS

American Bar Association's Silver Gavel (finalist), Harvard's Goldsmith Prize (finalist), Northwestern's Medill Medal for Courage (finalist), National Magazine Award (winner), Casey Medal (winner). Complete list: www.joshuakors.com/whoiam

COMMUNITY SERVICE Board of Directors, Disposable Warriors (nonprofit providing assistance to military families)

LECTURES, INTERVIEWS AND CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

Delivered lectures on legal issues at: American Bar Association, Harvard University, Wesleyan, U.C. Berkeley, Vanderbilt

TV and radio interviews regarding legal topics on: CNN, PBS, BBC, NPR, Washington Post Radio, Air America Radio

Testimony before Congress: Testified in 2007, exposing multibillion-dollar military scandal. Led to bill written by then-senator Barack Obama, signed into law by President Bush. Testified twice more in 2010. Video clip: www.bit.ly/torturehearings

JOURNALISM

The Nation, ABC News, PBS, Village Voice, Huffington Post and other outlets, Reporter/Contributor, 2001 – 2013

Researched and wrote dozens of stories largely focused on legal issues over the course of 20+ year career as an investigative reporter. Covered Supreme Court rulings, human rights abuses, unsolved NY murders. Interviewed hundreds of experts, witnesses, off- and on-the-record sources. Granted dozens of interviews to TV and radio to discuss legal issues. Collaborated with reporter Bob Woodruff on Peabody Award-winning series about laws affecting military families.

Joshua Kors is a family law attorney, an associate at the Roven Law Firm, and a passionate advocate for parents who are facing the daunting challenges of divorce.

Before joining the Roven Law Firm, Kors worked for Vorzimer Masserman, a prominent family law firm in Los Angeles, and the Vanderbilt Family Law Clinic in Nashville, Tennessee, where he represented parents in child custody disputes and served victims of domestic violence.

Kors is a graduate of Vanderbilt Law School. He has a master's from Columbia University and graduated magna cum laude from Amherst College, where he served as a Rugg & Porter Legal Fellow.

He is the co-author of an ongoing column in Family Law Review, exploring recent legislation, court decisions and trends in matrimonial law.



Before becoming a family law attorney, Kors worked as an investigative reporter covering legal issues. His writing about the law has been honored by the American Bar Association and Harvard University, and he is the winner of numerous awards, including the National Magazine Award, George Polk Award, Casey Medal, and the National Press Club's Hume Award. He was also a finalist for the Molly Ivins Prize and the Medill Medal.

He has been interviewed on CNN, PBS, BBC, NPR and Washington Post Radio, and his legal reporting was featured on ABC News' "Nightline," part of a series on the struggles of military families, which won the Peabody Award.

Kors has testified before Congress three times and lectured about the law at Harvard, U.C. Berkeley, Wesleyan, and Vanderbilt University. Recently he delivered a TED talk about the extraordinary legal challenges facing our military families.

He is licensed to practice in New York and is an active member of the New York City Bar Association's Family Court and Child Welfare organization.

Kors is fluent in Spanish and is proud to serve a diverse clientele.