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Top Skills

Strategic Planning

International Relations

Nonprofits

Phyllis Coven

Biden Administration

New York, New York, United States

Experience

U.S. Department of Homeland Security

CIS Ombudsman

March 2021 - Present (2 years 6 months)

Washington

IOM - UN Migration

Senior Coordinator, Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

October 2019 - August 2021 (1 year 11 months)

Gaziantep, Turkey

Lead an Interagency Network made up of more than 200 UN agencies, INGOs and Syrian humanitarian organizations in implementing a 2.5 million dollar multi donor program to combat and prevent the exploitation and abuse of beneficiaries by humanitarian workers operating in the Syrian humanitarian crisis. Designed and implemented a five pillar strategy to provide state of the art training and capacity building for humanitarian workers; ensure effective response and referral mechanisms for beneficiaries and members of the affected community; identify, prevent and mitigate risks of sexual exploitation and abuse by all actors and in all sectors; ensure accountability with UN directives and the sustainability of local leadership. Oversee a staff of 7 international and local staff; report to the IOM Director and the Deputy Regional Humanitarian Coordinator.

IOM - UN Migration

Policy and Liaison Advisor, Global Compacts

June 2017 - August 2019 (2 years 3 months)

Geneva, Switzerland

Served as IOM's liaison to the United High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) on the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR); intervened on behalf of IOM at all thematic discussions and formal intergovernmental consultations; provided IOM's written inputs to various GCR drafts; served as a part time member of the UNHCR's Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework Team; prepared, in consultations with UNHCR, a comprehensive analysis of complementarity and coherence between the GCR and the GCM; co-lead internal working group charged with assessing impact to IOM of the GCM;

served as a member of the UNHCR Reference Group on the 3 Year Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways, and developed a four year strategy for IOM's Resettlement and Movement Operations reflective of the Director General's Strategic Vision.

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

5 years 4 months

District Director

April 2014 - June 2017 (3 years 3 months)

District Director

March 2012 - March 2014 (2 years 1 month)

Department of Homeland Security

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

2009 - 2012 (3 years)

IOM

Technical Cooperation Specialist Migration

2005 - 2009 (4 years)

UNHCR

Senior Resettlement Consultant

2002 - 2005 (3 years)

US Consulate South Africa

Officer in Charge

1998 - 2001 (3 years)

Immigration and Naturalization Service

Director of International Affairs

1995 - 1998 (3 years)

U.S. Department of Justice

Deputy Associate Attorney General

1993 - 1995 (2 years)

Washington DC

City Attorney of Los Angeles

Deputy City Attorney

1992 - 1993 (1 year)

Education

Suffolk University Law School

Doctor of Law (JD) · (1979 - 1982)

Boston University

Bachelor's degree, Philosophy and Political Science · (1973 - 1977)