

XUL PEREZ, ESQ.

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Assistant Professor of Clinical Education & Director, Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

EDUCATION

The University of Akron, Akron, OH

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, May 2023

Master of Taxation, May 2023

University of Northwestern, St. Paul, MN

Master of Arts in Theological Studies, April 2013

Pensacola Christian College, Pensacola, FL

Master of Church Music, July 2002

Master of Arts in Bible Exposition, May 2001

Instituto Práctico Ebenezer, Hermosillo, Mexico

Bachelor's Degree in Practical Theology, May 1998

BAR ADMISSIONS

- **Supreme Court of Ohio**, Attorney Registration No. 0103807
 - **U.S. Tax Court**, Tax Court Bar No. PX24442
 - **U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio**
 - **Arkansas Bar Admission**, Application Received; Under Review (UBE score transferable)
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CERTIFICATIONS

- **Educated Professional Spanish Language Proficiency**, LanguageLine Academy (Nov. 26, 2024)
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HONORS & AWARDS

- **CALI Award for Excellence**, Legal Writing
- **CALI Award for Excellence**, Civil Procedure
- **CALI Award for Excellence**, Individual Taxation

- **CALI Award for Excellence**, Fundamentals of Intellectual Property
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ACADEMIC & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UA Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, Little Rock, AR

Assistant Professor of Clinical Education & Director, Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

July 2026-Present

- Direct the Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic and provide representation to low-income taxpayers in federal and state tax controversies, including audits, collections, appeals, and Tax Court matters.
- Supervise and train law students in client representation, negotiation, tax procedure, and ethical practice.
- Teach the LITC seminar and develop clinical curriculum focused on IRS controversy practice.
- Manage all aspects of LITC grant compliance, including reporting, budgeting, program administration, and adherence to IRS guidelines.
- Conduct community outreach and bilingual taxpayer education, including ESL-focused programming.
- Oversee intake review and eligibility determinations for clinic applicants statewide.

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Adjunct Teaching Specialist

Sept 2016 – May 2018

- Taught bilingual and multicultural students in medical interpreting
- Developed curriculum emphasizing ethics, cultural competence, and communication
- Designed assessments and provided individualized feedback
- Facilitated small-group instruction and supervised student skill development

SEED (Small Business) Clinic, University of Akron School of Law, Akron, OH

Clinic Student

Jan 2022 – May 2022

- Interviewed clients and drafted contracts and service agreements
- Gained experience in experiential legal education and client-centered representation

Instituto Práctico Ebenezer, Hermosillo, Mexico

Instructor- Bible and Music

Aug 2002 – June 2007

- Taught undergraduate-level Bible and music courses
- Developed lesson plans and instructional materials
- Facilitated classroom instruction and assessed student learning
- Supported student formation in a cross-cultural educational environment

Pastoral & Ministry Teaching Roles

- Delivered weekly instruction, workshops, and leadership training
 - Mentored emerging leaders and facilitated community education
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LEGAL & TAX EXPERIENCE

Community Legal Aid – Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic, Akron, OH

Tax Attorney

Aug 2024 – June 2026

- Represent low-income taxpayers in IRS controversies, including audits, audit reconsideration, tax court settlements, collections, CDP hearings, and penalty issues
- Advocate for equitable tax administration and systemic fairness
- Conduct outreach to underserved communities, including Spanish-speaking taxpayers
- Draft legal memoranda, negotiate with IRS personnel, and prepare Tax Court-related filings
- Contribute to LITC grant reporting compliance, including data tracking and documentation
- Develop client-centered case strategies that prepare me for future student supervision in a clinical setting

Plante Moran, Cleveland, OH

International Tax Staff

Aug 2023 – Aug 2024

- Prepared federal and international tax returns for domestic and foreign entities
- Conducted tax research and provided technical guidance to clients
- Analyzed cross-border transactions and compliance requirements

BDO USA, LLP, Cleveland, OH

Tax Intern

June 2022 – Aug 2022

- Prepared individual and business tax returns
- Assisted with consulting projects involving tax planning and compliance

Community Legal Aid, Akron, OH

Summer Associate – Immigration Department

May 2021 – July 2021

- Researched controlling law for client matters involving immigration relief
- Drafted immigration forms, client letters, and supporting documentation
- Supported attorneys in client interviews and case preparation

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, OH

Judicial Extern to the Hon. Judge Nugent

Aug 2021 – Dec 2021

- Drafted memorandum opinions and orders
 - Conducted legal research and assisted chambers staff with administrative tasks
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PRESENTATIONS, TRAININGS & OUTREACH

Co-Presenter, *The Latest Changes in Tax Law*, CLE for Ohio attorneys, Akron-Summit County Library (Oct. 17, 2025)

Presenter, *Tax Basics for Gig Workers* (English and Spanish sessions), webinar series (Nov–Dec 2025)

- Delivered bilingual community tax education to underserved populations

Panelist, *Practitioner Perspectives: Early Lessons from New LITC Attorneys*, Annual LITC Grantee Conference (Dec. 2025)

- Shared research strategies and practical tips for new LITC attorneys
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MEDIA & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Guest Speaker, *Akron Mirror Podcast*, Akron Public Library — discussion on tax implications for gig workers (Jan. 2026)

LANGUAGE ACCESS, ADVOCACY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Children’s Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

Certified Medical Spanish Interpreter

Nov 2011 – June 2020

- Interpreted for Spanish-speaking families in high-stakes medical settings
- Served as a cultural broker to improve communication and patient outcomes

Independent Contractor Medical Interpreter

May 2009 – Nov 2011

- Provided Spanish-English interpretation in medical, legal, and community settings
- Supported LEP individuals navigating complex systems

Interpreting Stakeholder Group, Minneapolis, MN, Chair, Advocacy Committee (2012–2014); Active Member (2011–2020)

- Collaborated with hospitals, interpreters, and community organizations to develop a statewide interpreter registry bill
 - Engaged in policy advocacy to improve language access in healthcare
 - Facilitated communication between diverse stakeholders and government agencies
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MINISTRY & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Roseville Baptist Church, Roseville, MN

Hispanic Pastor

July 2014 – July 2019

- Founded and led a Spanish-speaking congregation serving immigrant and bilingual families
- Developed leadership structures and trained volunteer leaders
- Provided community education, counseling, and outreach
- Taught weekly classes and facilitated small-group instruction

Instituto Práctico Ebenezer, Hermosillo, Mexico

Financial Administrator

Aug 2002 – June 2007

- Developed and managed financial accounting systems
- Oversaw budgeting, reporting, and stewardship processes
- Ensured compliance with organizational and donor requirements

Early Leadership & Supervisory Experience

- Supervised student workers and coordinated operational workflows in academic settings
 - Managed scheduling, training, and daily logistics across multiple teams
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ADDITIONAL SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

- IRS controversy representation
 - Tax research and analysis
 - Experience supporting LITC grant reporting and compliance process
 - Community outreach and education
 - Curriculum development
 - Student supervision and mentoring
 - Spanish fluency (professional level)
 - Cross-cultural communication
 - Financial administration and budgeting
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Bar Association – Tax Section
- Arkansas Bar Association – Associate Member
- Pulaski County Bar Association – Member