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Ms. Ear has had overseas field experiences that included serving as the Regional Deputy Refugee Coordinator at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, where she helped shaped U.S. policy on refugees, advocated for better refugee treatment with host countries, and oversaw humanitarian assistance to refugees in Asia. Ms. Ear was also a member of the State Department Joint Cambodian Adoption Task Force at the U.S. Embassy in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. She investigated and adjudicated international adoption cases, negotiated with Cambodian authorities for procedural reform, and documented incidents of child trafficking for department reports. Her other government work focused on consular services at the U.S. Consulate General in Sydney, Australia and the U.S. Consulate General in Chengdu, China.

In the private sector, Ms. Ear advised on alternative dispute and conflict resolution as the Assistant CEO and Business Development Manager of the Australian Commercial Disputes Centre in Sydney, Australia. She was also a legal consultant involved with the Sichuan American Chamber of Commerce to promote U.S. business interests in China. During that time she co-founded “Go West,” the first English language magazine for the Sichuan capital city, Chengdu. Other non-governmental experiences included a consultancy with the International Organization for Migration in Bangkok, Thailand to address multi-national human trafficking and repatriation concerns; as well as working with Global Rights, formerly known as The International Human Rights Law Group, in Washington, D.C. to assist their global rule of law initiatives.

Ms. Ear holds a Juris Doctorate with concentration in Pacific Asian legal studies from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii, Manoa. Ms. Ear was awarded the U.S. Department of State Superior Honor Award and two Meritorious Awards for her work. She is a member of the California State Bar, a certified mediator in Australia and has completed the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Civil Military Coordination course. As a former refugee from Cambodia she is proficient in Khmer and Thai.