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BAR LICENSURE

Licensed to practice in State of Pennsylvania, 2004 and District of Columbia, 2005.

EDUCATION

The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

Washington, DC

Juris Doctor

May 2004

GPA: 3.274

Activities: Moot Court, Associate

Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy, Production Editor, 2003–2004; Staff Member, 2002–2003

The Pennsylvania State University

Erie, PA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, with honors

May 2001

Minors: International Studies and English

GPA: 3.60

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Court of Common Pleas Venango County

Franklin, PA

Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Judge H. William White

Aug. 2005–Sept. 2007

- Researching legal issues in civil law, criminal law, domestic relations, and orphans court case law, including suppression motions, summary judgments, and spousal support issues.
- Writing legal opinions, orders, memoranda, and letters, including omnibus pretrial motions and all opinions for aforementioned areas of law.
- Advising District Judges on Superior Court of Pennsylvania opinions involving warrants, landlord/tenant law, and judicial ethics, conducting additional research if necessary.
- Counseling, summarizing, and arguing civil and criminal cases brought before judge.
- Composed opinion with judge regarding constitutionality of DUI statute.

Private Practice

Franklin, PA and Washington, DC

Solo Practitioner

Nov. 2004–July 2005

- Advised clients on corporate forms, wills, and criminal law.
- Made appearances as defense counsel in criminal hearings, representing client in preliminary hearings, negotiating plea with prosecutor, and representing client in probation revocation hearing.
- Composed appellate brief concerning criminal law to Superior Court of Pennsylvania for Public Defender's Office.
- Performed privilege analysis as contract attorney for Hudson Legal in Washington DC.

United States Attorney's Office

Washington, DC

Legal Intern

June–Aug. 2003

- Researched and drafted memoranda on issues concerning felony rapes and domestic violence.
- Wrote motions on oppositions to suppression of evidence, sentencing motions, and victim intake statements.
- Assisted with trial preparation by talking through cases with attorney, organizing exhibits, questioning witnesses, and writing out attorney's notes.

Columbus Legal Services

Washington, DC

Student Advocate

Aug.–Dec. 2002

- Interviewed clients who were alleged victims of domestic violence.
- Prepared motions on temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunction to prevent division of property.
- Researched issues involving division of property, marital status, Intrafamily Offenses Act, and past domestic violence cases.
- Instructed clients in preparation for direct examination.
- Doubled amount of money awarded to client after discovering client's spouse had hidden almost \$50,000.

Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Washington, DC

Judicial Intern, Honorable Herbert Dixon JR.

Feb.–July 2002

- Worked closely with Judge Dixon in processing old cases through to completion.
- Researched tax lien cases and issues involving criminal law, specifically abuse of children and spouses.