

MEGAN HAWKINS | SOFTWARE ENGINEER

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Growth-driven software engineer with a background in legal advocacy, leveraging strong analytical, logic reasoning and interpersonal skills to solve complex challenges. Strengths in client relations enables me to approach each project with a well-rounded perspective to creatively problem solve.

SKILLS

JavaScript, React, Node, Express, MongoDB, CSS, SASS, HTML, RESTful APIs, Typescript, PostgreSQL, Python, Git

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

- PinIt, Developer** [GitHub](#) July 2022
- Worked on a team of four, using pair-programming to design a responsive MERN application
 - Utilized Google Maps API and JSON Web Tokens for authentication and authorization
 - My role consisted of developing frontend components and creating overall theme and styling with CSS and Styled Components
 - Enables users to utilize Google Maps to keep a log of their favorite places. Users can place pins and see where other users have pinned locations. Users can also personalize by adding descriptions and images
- Board Game Strategist, Developer** [GitHub](#) June 2022
- Designed and implemented a full-stack CRUD application using Node.js, Mongoose, Express and EJS
 - Utilized Passport and Google OAuth for user authentication and authorization
 - Enables users to store all board games in their collection so that they can keep track and make comments or ratings on each game

EXPERIENCE

- General Assembly, New York, New York** November 2022 – Present
Instructional Associate
- Worked closely with lead instructors to guide students through a rigorous 3-month course in learning JavaScript, React, Node, Express, Mongo, Python, Django, and other relevant materials
 - Facilitated a dynamic and collaborative classroom community that welcomed various needs and learning styles, while encouraging student participation and student collaboration
 - Improved leadership and mentorship skills, learning from veteran instructors and instructional coaches
- General Assembly, Remote** March 2022 – September 2022
Software Engineer Fellow
- Built fluency in full-stack development through an intensive program consisting of 420+ hours of instruction and hands-on practice, focusing on common best practices in object-oriented programming, MVC frameworks, and data modeling
- Bronx Legal Services, Housing Unit, New York, New York** October 2020 – February 2022
Law Graduate-Legal Advocate
- Worked in a fast-paced environment, overseeing legal representation of 30-40 clients in housing court or administrative proceedings
 - Utilized creative strategies to successfully prevent evictions or find alternative solutions for clients
 - Provided legal advice and counseling to tenants, as needed, and identified trends and recurrent issues for potential impact litigation
- Veterans Advocacy Project, New York, New York** August 2019– December 2019
Clerk/Student Attorney
- Provided legal assistance and advice to low-income veterans in New York City
 - Conducted research, drafted motions, and interviewed clients related to client housing court proceedings
- Texas Civil Rights Project, Alamo, Texas** May 2019 - August 2019
Law Clerk- Racial and Economic Justice Department
- Member of an impact-litigation team that provided legal representation in federal court, related to racial and economic justice at the border of Texas and Mexico
 - Worked with 5+ different state organizations to plan and organize events and seminars for different communities in Texas and Mexico
 - Researched law, drafted legal memos, drafted pleadings for federal litigation, and conducted on-site visits with clients and/or interested parties of ongoing litigation

EDUCATION

- General Assembly, Remote -- Certificate in Full Stack Development** March 2022 – September 2022
- New York Law School, New York, New York -- Juris Doctor** August 2017 – May 2020
- Dallas Baptist University, Dallas, Texas -- Bachelor of Business Studies** August 2014 – August 2016