MEGAN HAWKINS | SOFTWARE ENGINEER

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Growth-driven software engineer with a background in legal advocacy, leveraging strong analytical and logical 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, CSS, SCSS, HTML, Node, Express, MongoDB, REST APIs, Typescript, PostgreSQL, Python, Git

TECHNICAL PROJECTS

PinIt, *Developer* GitHub | Deployed App   July 2022
- Worked on a team of four, using pair-programming to design a responsive, full-stack MERN application
- Utilized Google Maps API for map utility and JSON Web Tokens for authentication and authorization
- My role consisted of developing frontend components and pages and creating overall theme and styling with CSS and Styled Components
- The app enables users to utilize Google Maps to keep a log of their favorite places. Users can place pins for these locations and see where other users have pinned locations. Users can add descriptions and images to their pins to personalize them

Board Game Strategist, *Developer* GitHub | Deployed App   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 boardgames in their collection so that they can keep track and make comments or ratings on each game

EXPERIENCE

General Assembly, Remote   March 2022 – September 2022
Software Engineer Fellow // Certificate Expected September 2022
- Built fluency in full-stack web development through completing an intensive program consisting of 420+ hours of instruction, focusing on common best practices in object-oriented programming, MVC frameworks, and data modeling
- Utilized a hands-on approach to practice different skills by building apps in-class and 4 additional personal or team projects

Bronx Legal Services, Housing Unit, New York, New York   October 2020 – February 2022
Law Graduate-Legal Advocate
- Worked in a fast-paced environment, where I oversaw the legal representation of 30-40 clients in housing court or administrative proceedings
- Utilized creative strategies to successfully prevent evictions or find alternative solutions for the majority of 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 at least 5 different community or state organizations to plan and organize events and "know your rights" 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