

JESSICA WAKEFIELD

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EDUCATION

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law | Tucson, AZ

Candidate for Juris Doctor, May 2022, GPA: 3.795/4.0, Class Rank: 21

- Journal: Arizona Journal of Environmental Law & Policy, Note Editor
 - *Attaining Criminal Law Ends Through Environmental Means*, Citation forthcoming
- Honors & Awards: George C. Dix Scholarship; Dean's List (Fall 2019 & 2020, Spring 2021); Arizona State Bar Criminal Justice Section Future Practitioner Award; CALI Award for Civil Procedure
- Activities: Writing Fellow; Ares Fellow for Civil Procedure; Law Women's Association, Philanthropy Committee Chair

Aurora University | Aurora, IL

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, May 2018, Magna Cum Laude, GPA 3.6/4.0

- Honors & Awards: Dean's List with High Honors; Dean's List

William Rainey Harper College | Palatine, IL

Associate in Applied Science, Paralegal Studies, May 2016, Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.77/4.00

- Honors & Awards: President's List; Dean's List

EXPERIENCE

University of Arizona Innocence Project | Tucson, Arizona

Clinic Student | August 2021 – Present

Review case records, court filings, and transcripts. Conduct investigative and legal research. Attend and contribute to strategy meetings. Consult with subject matter experts.

Pima County Legal Defender's Office | Tucson, Arizona

Law Clerk | May 2021 – Present

Perform legal research and prepare memorandums and substantive motions on various issues. Review disclosure. Attend strategy meetings, witness interviews, client meetings, hearings, sentencings, and other court appearances.

Emily Danies, Attorney at Law, LLC | Tucson, Arizona

Law Clerk | October 2020 – Present

Review case records, court filings, and transcripts. Perform legal research. Prepare opening and reply briefs and petitions for review in criminal matters for submission to the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two and Arizona Supreme Court. Attend oral argument strategy meetings.

Roach Law Firm | Tucson, Arizona

Law Clerk | December 2019 – January 2020

Reviewed police officer and SWAT bodycam footage. Prepared comprehensive summary for file.

Davi Law Group, LLC | Wheaton, Illinois

Senior Paralegal | April 2017 – June 2019

Prepared pleadings, settlement agreements, judgments, and discovery requests and responses for family, criminal, bankruptcy and civil law matters. Assisted with trial preparation. Managed deadlines and client communications. Responsible for all e-filing and management of attorney calendars. Supervised and trained interns and new employees.

Richard D. Klein & Associates, P.C. | Naperville, Illinois

Paralegal | November 2015 – April 2017

Prepared pleadings and discovery packages for family law matters. Managed real estate transactions through contract review and modification, document preparation, and title examinations. Supported estate planning and business law services with client communications and document preparation.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Administer Justice | Paralegal & Administrative Assistant, 2014 – 16

Human Trafficking Freedom Coalition of Northern IL | Prevention Task Force, 2014 - 16