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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oregon Farm Bureau

August 2009 – June 2011

Regulatory Affairs Specialist

Salem, OR

- Represent interests and policy positions of Oregon's agricultural community in both state and federal agency rule-making processes.
- Provide research, analysis and recommendations to staff and board leadership.
- Prepare and deliver testimony before various regulatory commissions and workgroups.
- Participate in stakeholder work groups, study committees and other venues related to Oregon agriculture.
- Consult with and advise state and federal lobbyists during and after legislative sessions on language and substance of proposed legislation and agency rules.
- Travel throughout Oregon to consult with farmer and rancher members on regulatory issues. Travel beyond Oregon to engage with state and federal leaders to further OFB policies affecting agriculture.
- Manage OFB PAC political fundraising activities including the annual golf tournament and solicitation mail.

Dave Barrows & Associates

November 2008 – June 2009

Lobbyist

Portland, OR

- Represented a wide variety of clients in business, health care and environmental fields while conducting activities aimed at influencing public officials, particularly members of the Oregon legislature.
- Drafted and developed legislative agenda to advance clients' interests. Prepare and deliver testimony before various legislative committees.
- Researched and prepared statutory documents and provided in-depth formal advice and consultation on pending legislation.
- Worked with legislators on various issues pertaining to both client and constituent concerns.
- Tracked over 500 bills for clients.
- Communicated with clients on daily basis, providing detailed analysis and advice on all relevant legislative actions.

Greg Macpherson for Attorney General

August 2007 – May 2008

Finance Director

Portland, OR

- Managed all fundraising operations including fundraising staff, candidate call time, event coordination, scheduling and hiring.
- Developed and implemented structured finance plans that streamlined all solicitation processes.
- Exceeded campaign fundraising goals and expectations.

Clackamas County District Attorney's Office

June 2006 – May 2007

Law Clerk

Oregon City, OR

- Made daily court appearances including trial work, arraignments, civil commitment hearings, pleas, sentencing, violation of restraining orders, compliance hearings, and motion practice.
- Carried a misdemeanor caseload, following cases from charging to disposition by trial or plea.
- Involved in a wide variety of legal work for district attorney's office, including charging decisions through trial procedures.
- Assisted with various special projects in the felony units including expungements and legal research.

Darlene Hooley for Congress

July 2003 – August 2004

Finance Director

Lake Oswego, OR

- Managed entire finance team, including deputy finance director, staff assistants and interns.
- Worked collaboratively with candidate, consultants and campaign staff to devise messaging, fundraising, and overall campaign plans.
- Developed and implemented all finance plans and solicitation processes.
- Negotiated with national and local organizations to garner monetary support in hotly contested swing district.

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ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of State Senator Richard Devlin, Salem, OR
Senate Democratic Leadership Fund, Portland, OR
Tom Jardim for Assembly, Westfield, NJ
Maryanne Connelly for Congress, Green Brook, NJ
Rick Phelps for Congress, Madison, WI
Jan Schakowsky for Congress, Chicago, IL
Office of U.S. Senator Richard Durbin, Chicago, IL

Legislative Assistant (01/03 – 06/03)
Finance Director (11/01 – 07/03)
Campaign Manager (01/01 – 11/01)
Finance Director (02/99 – 07/00)
Finance Director (04/98 – 09/98)
Volunteer Coordinator (10/97 – 03/98)
Press Intern (01/97 – 08/97)

EDUCATION

J.D., Willamette University College of Law, Salem, Oregon

Graduated May 2007, Licensed to practice (Oregon State Bar #075262)
Honors in Legal Research and Writing
Honors in Intensive Trial Practice
Champion, 2005 Willamette University ABA Negotiation Competition, Salem, Oregon
Second Place Finalist, 2005 Regional ABA Negotiation Competition, Missoula, Montana
(Advanced to National ABA Competition in Chicago)
Treasurer, Moot Court Executive Board
Order of Barristers, Member
Best Oralist, Trial Advocate 2006-07
Finalist, First Year Appellate Competition
Study abroad in Shanghai, China, Summer 2005

B.A., Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Graduated May 1997
Political Science major, Philosophy minor
Loyola University Rome Center, Rome, Italy 1994-95

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Big Brothers Big Sisters Columbia Northwest

July 2010 – Present

Volunteer as a “Big Sis” who builds relationships with children between 6 and 16 years old in the Portland area.

Willamette Law Moot Court Board

September 2007 – Present

Volunteer judge for mock trial competitions.

Portland Fit

March 2010 – October 2010

Trained for and completed 2010 Portland Marathon.

Willamette University Public Interest Law Project (WUPILP)

August 2004 – May 2007

Worked as president of the organization to create public interest legal employment and training opportunities for first and second year law students by raising funds through annual auction held at the Salem Conference Center.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & SEMINARS

19th Annual Oregon Water Law CLE hosted by The Seminar Group	November 2010
Water Rights Bootcamp hosted by Water for Life	October 2010
American Farm Bureau Legal Information and Networking Committee (LINC) Meeting	September 2010
American Farm Bureau Environmental Issues Conference	June 2010
17th Annual Endangered Species Act CLE hosted by The Seminar Group	January 2010
Water Quality Standards EPA Training	October 2009
Professionalism for New Attorneys	August 2009
Legislative Tips Workshop hosted by Oregon State Bar	January 2009

References and writing samples available upon request