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# LEGAL EXPERIENCE

**Assistant Public Defender** Aug. 2008 – June 2010

*Alaska Public Defender Agency, Nome, Alaska*

Trial attorney with large misdemeanor caseload; regular court appearances; substantial pretrial motion practice; strong legal research and writing skills; several successful misdemeanor jury trials; occasional appellate work; skilled negotiator; strong trial advocate; great reputation among former clients.

### **Judicial Law Clerk** Sept. 2007 – Aug. 2008

### *The Hon. Chief Judge Robert Coats, Alaska Court of Appeals, Anchorage, Alaska*

Law clerk duties included extensive legal research on complex issues; drafted memos for appellate judges; met regularly with Judge Coats and staff attorneys to discuss cases and develop analysis of legal issues; worked well with office staff; developed insight into the judicial decision making process.

**Judicial Law Clerk**  Sept. 2006 – July 2007 *The Hon. Dale O. Curda, Alaska Superior Court, Bethel, Alaska (Retired)*

*The Hon. Marvin Hamilton III (Succesor)*

Researched and analyzed legal issues involving family law, personal injury claims, and criminal prosecutions; ability to quickly master new areas of law, spot issues, conduct online research, and provide clear and concise memorandum resolving the issue.

## EDUCATION

#### **Columbia University**, New York, New York

LL.M. May 2011

Emphasis: International law, development, and human rights

Activities: *Columbia University’s Journal of Transnational Law*

Award: *The Shearman & Sterling Production Prize for Outstanding*

*Service to the Journal*

#### **Willamette University**, Salem, Oregon

J.D., *Cum Laude* May 2006

#### **University of California**, Santa Barbara, California

B.A., *High Honors*  Dec. 2002

##### ACHIEVEMENTS & INTERESTS

Licensed member of OR and AK bar associations; former White House Intern; study abroad Paris and Hong Kong; goat wrangler; motorcycle enthusiast; learning French