

COLIN CROSSMAN

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EXPERIENCE

SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE, STATE OF WYOMING

Cheyenne, WY

Director of Business Division

April 2023 – Present

- Manage Business Filing Division, covering LLCs, Corporations, Partnerships, Trusts, &c.
- Address complex filing issues arising during the operation of the Office.
- Provide advice and background on statutory and rule changes affecting the Business Division.
- Supervise Business Division staff.
- Provide testimony to the Wyoming Legislature on the operation of the Business Division, and coordinate the interaction of the Division with Legislators, other Executive agencies, and the public.
- Prepare and file amicus brief on behalf of the Wyoming Secretary of State in the [*Custodia v. Federal Reserve*](#) appeal.
- Wrote a small tool in Python to automate name checks, which saved one person-day of work per day.

DISTRIBUTED HASH, LLC

Cheyenne, WY

Member

January 2022 – Present

- Design and build out of Bitcoin ASIC hosting facility.
- Construct custom measurement and reporting software.
- Build out telegram chat bot interface in Python to automate remote facility control.
- Generate and publish public reports & insights.
- Regulatory outreach with municipal and county governments in Wyoming and Colorado.

RHEA HOSPITALITY

Durham, NC & Las Vegas, NV

Principal and Manager

November 2007 – April 2023

- Owner and operator of The King's Daughters Inn in Durham, NC, The Mayton Inn in Cary, NC, and The Retreat on Charleston Peak in Las Vegas, NV.
- Oversee all aspects of bookkeeping, IT, reservations, and guest relations.
- Develop and maintain several internal tools which are used daily to operate the business. These tools require a mix of many technologies, including Python, SQL, VMWare, AWS, Linux, Javascript, and others.
- Develop and maintain internal phone system for all properties, using Asterix PBX.
- Developed and submitted the site plan, minor special use permit, development review board, and variance applications for the Inn.
- Oversaw outside counsel in the successful syndication of federal and state historic tax credits during the market crash of 2008.
- Successfully financed, built, and opened The King's Daughters Inn, Durham's first new downtown lodging facility in 15+ years during the market downturn of 2008-2009.
- Successfully financed, built, and opened The Mayton Inn, which kickstarted the revitalization of Downtown Cary.
- Guided purchase of The Retreat on Charleston Peak, a mountain lodge hotel near Las Vegas, NV.
- Responsible for all regulatory and financial matters.

PHD POSTERS, LLC

Durham, NC

Member and General Counsel

November 2005 – April 2023

- Address complex laws, rules and regulations related to an online business with physical locations in multiple jurisdictions.
- Conducted initial formation, acquired trademarks, drafted licensing agreements and devised the route for franchising the business model.
- Developed a legal structure to allow the company to transition from a single location to an internet company with locations around the United States.
- Managed the establishment of a Canadian subsidiary.
- Provide ongoing legal advice for and assistance as needed.

FOUNDATION FOR INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS IN EDUCATION (FIRE)

Philadelphia, PA

Senior Program Officer

May 2015 – January 2016

IT Consultant

July 2020 – April 2023

- Researched university speech codes, classifying them with respect to constitutionality.
- Provided ad-hoc assistance with technical matters (IT support, website support, etc.).
- Using Python, developed and deployed a tool to more efficiently track which universities needed to be updated, and which staffer had most recently made updates.
- Design, build, and deploy new internal phone system based on 3CX.
- Manage the transition from Lastpass to Okta for internal security controls.

TRIANGLE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION

Raleigh, NC

Government Affairs Director

January 2008 – March 2009

- Developed and directed governmental and regulatory policies and objectives; coordinate the operations of the organization as related to government relations.
- Analyzed facts, laws, cases, rules and regulations, and applied findings to determine the potential impact on the association's constituency. Provided education to the membership regarding ongoing developments.
- Analyzed proposed legislative actions and determined the potential impact on the association's membership.
- Interfaced with elected officials at all levels (municipal, state and Federal), of all political parties, to advocate for positive changes in the legal and regulatory environment.
- Coordinated with friendly groups to increase our overall impact.
- Educated association members on the legislative and regulatory environment, and coordinated member responses.

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Durham, NC

Faculty Fellow

January 2005 – August 2006

- Faculty fellow under the Center for the study of Public Genomics.
- Researched the effects of software patents owned by universities, with specific foci on the creation and dissemination of genomic data.
- Developed and taught upper-level law course on Intellectual Property Licensing.
- Studied the development of the BioPerl language, and its involvement with synthetic biology.
- Work both independently and collaboratively to produce and publish academic research, and engage in periodic academic conferences and meetings to present findings.

EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL
M.S., Biomedical Engineering, December 2004

Durham, NC

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
J.D., Cum Laude, May 2003

Durham, NC

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY
B.S., Biology, May 2000: Concentration in Computational Biology; Minor in Chemistry; Minor in Policy and Management

Pittsburgh, PA

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

WYOMING LICENSED ATTORNEY, #8-7039

NORTH CAROLINA LICENSED ATTORNEY, #31468

LICENSED BEFORE THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE, #52782

NORTH CAROLINA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION, #250323 (INACTIVE)

ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

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Robert Warren and **Colin Crossman**; Beyond the kWh: Factors That Bitcoin Miners Need To Consider. BitcoinMagazine.com (2022-07-14).

Colin Crossman; West Virginia Vs. EPA: Good News For Bitcoin, Beyond The Obvious. BitcoinMagazine.com (2022-07-01).

Colin Crossman; What Bitcoiners Need to Know About Jury Nullification in a Hostile Legal System. BitcoinMagazine.com (2022-04-03).

Colin Crossman; Economically Incentivized Innovation Sets Bitcoin Apart: Unitary Money. BitcoinMagazine.com (2022-03-31).

Colin Crossman, Mark Maraia, and Heidi Porter; Bitcoin For Small Businesses: Front Line Options. BitcoinMagazine.com (2022-03-16).

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