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Full stack web developer leveraging a background as a lawyer to create unique solutions, applications, and documentation for clients and end-users. Obtained a certificate in Full Stack Web Development from Michigan State University. Creative, passionate problem-solver who is focused on developing responsive, mobile-first websites and applications.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: JavaScript ES6+, CSS3, HTML5, SQL, SASS, NoSQL
Applications: GitHub, MySQL, Heroku, Insomnia, Photoshop, Illustrator, XD
Tools: React, Express, Node, MongoDB, Mongoose, jQuery, Axios, Bootstrap, Bulma, GSAP, Moment.js, Express, Sequelize, Handlebars, Session, Material-UI, Chakra-UI, React-Bootstrap, Tailwind

PROJECTS

Wall-Pro | https://github.com/mbussert/shaw-ppc | https://wall-pro.herokuapp.com
- **Summary:** Created in partnership with Shaw-PPC, this application assists clients in calculating square footage measurements for wall installation material deliverables on behalf of Shaw-PPC. The user can use the calculator tool to place product orders, save their account information, view order history, and notify the administration team of new orders.
- **Role:** Front-end, product calculator, user account pages, administrator portal
- **Technologies:** React, MySQL, HTML & CSS, Node.js, Sequelize, Sass CSS, Material-UI, Express, Axios, Passport

GiftEZ | https://github.com/Fiskoal/giftez | https://giftez.herokuapp.com
- **Summary:** GiftEZ helps users create personalized wishlist and gives them the option to email them to their friends and family. The user can name their Wishlist fun names to make it more inviting, but still includes a direct link the to the specific item they want to share.
- **Role:** Front-end, template engine
- **Technologies:** HTML, CSS, Tailwind CSS, Handlebars.js, Express.js, Node.js, Sequelize, MySQL, Express-Session, Axios, and Nodemailer

CMS Tech Blog | https://github.com/mbussert/tech-blog | https://afternoon-spire-21362.herokuapp.com
- **Summary:** A content management system (CMS) style blog platform that allows users to create accounts, post, comment, edit, and delete their own posts.
- **Role:** Sole author
- **Technologies:** HTML, CSS, Bootstrap v5, jQuery, Handlebars.js, Express.js, Node.js, Sequelize, MySQL, and Express-Session

PWA Budget | https://github.com/mbussert/budget-tracker | https://enigmatic-scrubland-28964.herokuapp.com
- **Summary:** A progressive web application that provides users with a fast and easy way to track their money. Includes offline functionality so that the application is useable without data or an internet connection.
- **Role:** Sole author
- **Technologies:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, MongoDB, Mongoose, IndexedDB

Musical Forecast | https://github.com/mbussert/musical-forecast | https://mbussert.github.io/musical-forecast
- **Summary:** Music application that automatically generates a Spotify playlist based on the current weather conditions of a city searched by the end-user.
- **Role:** Intro and landing page front-end, Spotify and OpenWeatherMap API integration, OAuth 2.0
- **Technologies:** HTML, CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, API, Bulma, GSAP, Google Fonts, Font Awesome

EXPERIENCE

Thav, Ryke & Associates, PLLC   **Southfield, MI**
Associate Attorney   February 2020 – October 2020
- Represented fiduciaries, trustees, beneficiaries, and interested parties in the advisement, instruction, and administration of deceased estates, conservatorships, guardianships, and trusts
- Advocated on behalf of fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and interested parties in complex probate litigation matters
- Litigated numerous civil actions including quiet title actions, partition actions, matters of undue influence, unjust enrichment, fraud, conversion, lien priority actions, and boundary disputes
- Fully participated in settlement of cases through negotiation, mediation, facilitation, and case evaluation
- Researched, drafted, and argued numerous motions before Michigan Probate, Circuit, and District courts
- Represented landlords and Estates in actions to recover possession of real property in District court

Myers & Myers, PLLC   **Howell, MI**
Associate Attorney   February 2019 – February 2020
- Represented fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and interested parties in various probate matters, including deceased estates, trusts, conservatorships, and guardianships
- Handled a vast array of civil litigation cases from start to finish, including title disputes, breach of contract actions, landlord/tenant matters, trespass and nuisance claims
- Created full estate plans for families and individuals, and draft and review various other legal documents such as purchase agreements, leases, land contracts, notes, mortgage documents, easements, liens, closing and title documents
- Authored motions and respective briefs for all attorneys within the firm on numerous issues and cases with regard to civil litigation matters
- Prepared and respond to all written discovery matters for all attorneys within the firm
- Analyzed and summarized Michigan case law on a diverse assortment of legal issues for all attorneys within the firm

The Darren Findling Law Firm, PLC   **Royal Oak, MI**
Associate Attorney, also Law Clerk (Oct. 2014 – Oct. 2015)   October 2015 – February 2019
- Lead and managed the firm's quiet title and general real estate department
- Drafted and reviewed residential and commercial real estate documents, including purchase agreements, leases, land contracts, notes, mortgages, easements, liens, closing and title documents, and other loan documents
- Handled real estate litigation cases, including quiet title actions, partitions, lien priority disputes, boundary line challenges, easement issues, landlord/tenant matters, and contract enforcement
- Advocated on behalf of fiduciaries, beneficiaries, and interested parties in probate litigation matters
- Drafted briefs, complaints, answers, pretrial motions, memoranda and discovery requests and responses
- Advised families and individuals with regard to estate planning, including preparation of wills, revocable and irrevocable trusts, durable powers of attorney, deeds, and disclaimers

Detroit Land Bank Authority   **Detroit, MI**
Law Clerk   May 2014 – October 2014
- Utilized Lexis SmartLinx software to efficiently locate defendants for service of process
- Reviewed chain of title documents via Wayne County Register of Deeds to identify interest holders
- Supported the paralegal staff with sending certified mail and maintaining proof of service documentation
- Performed legal research and prepare memoranda to be presented to Mayor Mike Duggan on various issues
- Aided in the preparation of over fifty nuisance abatement lawsuits that were filed in the 3rd Circuit Court of Wayne County each week

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law – Legal Clinic   **Detroit, MI**
Law Clerk – Veterans Law Clinic & Mortgage Foreclosure Defense Clinic   September 2013 – May 2014

- Assisted with client intake for the Veteran's Clinic
- Investigated potential veteran claims for government benefits
- Examined and organized veteran client files to ensure proper documentation and necessary compliance
- Analyzed and summarized Michigan case law with regard to various local and state government policies
- Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda on property foreclosure and municipal ordinance issues

Wayne County Prosecutor's Office   **Detroit, MI**
Legal Intern – Special Prosecutions Unit & Public Integrity Unit   May 2013 – August 2013

- Summarized intricate police procedures and policies to be easily understood by a jury
- Drafted inter-departmental charging memorandum for an assistant prosecuting attorney
- Prepared numerous charts and PowerPoint presentations for use in direct witness examination
- Instrumental in preparing case evidence to be presented to a jury via LexisNexis Sanction software
- Analyzed hundreds of pages of evidentiary documents to identify fraudulent transactions

State of Michigan   **Lansing, MI**
Legislative Aide to Senator Mike Nofs   July 2011 – August 2012, and May 2013 – August 2013

- Provided legal research support for constituent inquiries regarding state statutes, bills, and court decisions
- Organized, assembled, and submitted Senate Resolutions to the Michigan Legislature
- Formulated and dispersed press releases to the Senate Majority Communications Office
- Drafted honorary tributes and congratulatory documents to businesses and constituents
- Designed and distributed a monthly newsletter to constituents of Jackson and Calhoun County
- Produced written responses to constituents on behalf of Senator Mike Nofs

EDUCATION

Michigan State University   **Lansing, MI**
    Certificate, Full Stack Web Development   July 2021

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law   **Detroit, MI**
    Juris Doctor   May 2015
    GPA: 3.15/4.0
    Honors & Activities: Law Review
                               Recipient of Ramser-Morgan Foundation Dean's Scholarship
                               Book Award (Highest Grade in Class) – Criminal Sentencing
                               Research Assistant to Professor Lee Goldman (October 2012 – May 2013)
                               Oakland County Bar Association Law Student Incubator Program (2013 – 2014)

Eastern Michigan University   **Ypsilanti, MI**
    Bachelor of Science, Public Law & Government, Cum Laude   December 2011
    Minor: Business Management
    GPA: 3.59/4.0
    Honors & Activities: Pi Sigma Alpha, Political Science Honor Society – President
                               National Society of Collegiate Scholars – Executive Vice President
                               Recipient of Undergraduate Symposium Silver Anniversary Scholarship
                               Dean's List Honors, 2008-2011