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EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA

May 2020

J.D. Candidate

Select Activities: Research Assistant for Prof. Louis Kaplow & Prof. Martha Minow; Mock Trial Team; Undergraduate Advisor; Harvard Cyberlaw Clinic

Journals: *Harvard Law Review*, Managing Editor; *Journal of Law & Technology*, Notes & Comments Editor

Honors: Best Brief Award for 1L Half-Section; Quarterfinalist for Ames Moot Court Competition

Clerkship: Clerk for the Honorable Amalya Kearse of the Second Circuit for the 2020-21 Term

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

March 2016

M.S. Management Sciences and Engineering

Select Activities: *Stanford Law Review*, Production Intern; Black Engineering Grad Students, Secretary; Teaching Assistant

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

May 2014

B.A. *cum laude* with honors in Applied Mathematics. Computer Science Secondary. Spanish Citation

Select Activities: *Harvard Crimson Newspaper*, News Executive, Beat Writer, and Senior Editor; Model United Nations, UNHCR Committee Director and Marketing Director; Harvard Parliamentary Debate; Women in Business

Research: Published privacy paper on re-identification, modelled urban disorder, modelled spiral invisibility cloak

EXPERIENCE

United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

July – August 2019

Summer Associate – Office of Privacy and Civil Liberties

Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz, New York, NY

Summer Associate – Litigation

July 2019

- Wrote memo on admissibility of hearsay statement and devised investigation chronology for securities fraud litigation

Summer Associate – Antitrust, Corporate, and Litigation

May – August 2018

- Wrote memos on scienter burden and pleading standard in securities fraud suit, materiality of GAAP reconciliation as basis for disclosure liability for negotiation, and patent transferor's status as indispensable party in patent litigation.
- Analyzed precedent merger agreements for cross-border merger and spinoff; drafted limited liability and reimbursement provisions; revised corporate governance documents; analyzed antitrust impact of planned mergers and acquisitions
- Wrote sentencing memo for pro bono client's hearing; co-managed pro bono client's U-Visa application process

Williams & Connolly, Washington, D.C.

May – June 2019

Summer Associate – Litigation

- Drafted deposition outline and wrote memo evaluating expert's methodology and data under *Daubert* standard; conducted legal research to assist trial team at medical fraud civil trial; wrote memos on claim construction for patent trial and on judicial recusal for appellate brief

Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

January – May 2019

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Barbara Lenk & Frank Gaziano

- Assisted justices in various aspects of appellate practice, including preparing pre-argument memoranda, attending oral arguments, reviewing trial records, researching legal issues, and drafting and editing written opinions

Goldman Sachs & Co., New York, NY

Strat Analyst, Securities – Divisional Strats

July 2016 – August 2017

- Built and optimized software models to manage division risk, principal modeler for top-down crisis revenue model

Summer Analyst, Securities – Divisional Strats & FICC E-Product Strats

May – August 2014

- Integrated accuracy measures into capital allocation models of revenue; led usage analysis for FX trading apps

Summer Analyst, Investment Management – Investment Strategy Group

May – August 2012

- Built tool for efficient identification of trends in fund flows; drafted client presentations about tactical recommendations

Cisco Systems, Inc., San Jose, CA

June – August 2015

Product Management Intern, Data Analytics Business Group

- Led engineering team in design of interactive display features for Connected Analytics portfolio, launched demos

OTHER

Publication: Recent Case, 132 Harv. L. Rev. 1096 (2019)

Interests: Hiking, cultural fiction, stand-up comedy

Volunteer: National Urban League, Palm Beach County Youth Court, East Boston Ecumenical Council (ASPIRA), HerJustice