

# SUZANNE JUCAITIS

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## SUMMARY

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I am a successful entrepreneur, business owner, and litigation attorney in transition to a career in back-end or test development. Having completed a certificate in full-stack web development at Case Western Reserve University in February, 2021, I look forward to resolving client needs through creative problem solving and development. I believe my strong written and oral communication, analytical, problem-solving, and leadership skills honed throughout my career make me an excellent candidate for collaborative development opportunities.

## LANGUAGES AND TECHNOLOGIES

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- JavaScript
- SQL
- MongoDB
- Node
- Express
- React
- HTML5
- CSS
- MERN Stack
- Microsoft Office

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### PRINCIPAL ATTORNEY

2015 – present

Foley Jucaitis Law, LLC (Cleveland, Ohio)

Principal attorney for full-service law firm dedicated to the representation of abused and neglected children, victims of domestic violence, and indigent clients in civil and criminal proceedings. Advocates for the best interest of children as an approved Guardian ad Litem (GAL) in Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile and Domestic Relations Divisions.

- One of four Guardians ad Litem in Cuyahoga County invited and trained to serve as GAL in Family Drug Court for children of drug addicted parents
- Serve as Counsel and GAL for child victims of human trafficking with the Cuyahoga Juvenile Court Safe Harbor Docket
- Nominated for GAL of the year during first year of serving as court-appointed GAL in Juvenile Court
- Member of the Ohio Domestic Violence Network Attorney Panel, providing legal representation to victims of domestic violence in civil and criminal matters
- Invited to speak at public events regarding GAL and CASA service by Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County
- Met and exceeded all annual milestones for growth and revenue
- Managed positive client relationships through proactive communication and advocacy

### ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY

2008 – 2015

William P. Lang, Attorney at Law (Cleveland, Ohio)

Represented government entities and their employees in civil litigation in state and federal courts in matters involving Constitutional Law, employment and labor law, and other areas of municipal law.

- Lead litigator in federal jury trials in employment and constitutional law issues
- Drafted successful appellate briefs in matters in federal and state courts of appeals
- Managed and mentored junior associates
- Conducted extensive electronic document review for complex litigation

## PARALEGAL/LAW CLERK

2007 – 2008

Housing Advocates, Inc. (Cleveland, Ohio)

Served as paralegal/law clerk for the Cleveland Home Owners' Assistance Program, providing legal assistance to low-income Cleveland residents with fair access to housing, discrimination, and predatory lending matters.

- Provided weekly community outreach to senior citizens in affected neighborhoods
- Conducted intakes for possible causes of action
- Prepared extensive research on sub-prime lending issues
- Attended Ohio Civil Rights Commission hearings and court proceedings on behalf of clients

## LEGAL ANALYST

2006

Cuyahoga Election Review Panel (CERP) and Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (Cleveland, Ohio)

Investigated irregularities related to the May 2006 primary election, conducted extensive data analysis, and drafted comprehensive report of findings and recommendations for improvement.

## Senior Editor

2001-2005

Thomson West (now Thomson Reuters)

Acquisition and editing (including HTML and SGML editing) of documents for Westlaw.com, an online legal research services and proprietary database for lawyers and legal professionals.

- Led quarterly and yearly budget forecasting for team and department
- Served as team technical leader to liaise between editorial and IT teams to design and facilitate product enhancements
- Drafted press releases and monthly newsletters for client products
- Led weekly development teleconferences

## EDUCATION

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### Certificate, Full Stack Web Development

2021

Case Western Reserve University

- Successfully pitched capstone project concept to developer team
- Created MongoDB structure, seeded application data, and generated Express routes
- Led team presentation of final project and drafted documentation
- Managed project timelines and collaboration

### Juris Doctor

2008

Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University

### Masters in Public Administration, Economic Development

2008

Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University

### Bachelor of Arts, Economics and English

2000

Cleveland State University

## EXTRACURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

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- Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County Sustainability and Innovations and Guardian ad Litem Committees Volunteer
- Volunteer Attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
- Certified volunteer income tax preparer for the Cuyahoga Earned Income Tax Credit Coalition
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Ohio Mock Trial Judge
- Former President of the West Park Early Childhood PTA Board