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EDUCATION

TULANE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

May 2012

J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*, GPA: 3.734; Class Rank: 22/265

Awards: Order of the Coif; Order of the Barristers; Paul E. Garofalo Distinguished Service Award.

Honors: Highest Grade in Administrative Law; Tulane Moot Court Honor Board (Chief Justice 2011-2012); Tulane Intraschool Senior Appellate Competition (Winner 2012); Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition (Super Regional Semi-Finalist 2011); Inter-American Sustainable Development Law Moot Court Competition (Coach); 1L Moot Court Appellate Open (Finalist).

Activities: Public Interest Law Foundation (Treasurer); Street Law Program.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

June 2008

B.A., Linguistics Major and Spanish Major, GPA: 3.77

Honors & Activities: Dean's List two semesters; Semester Abroad, Ecuador; Studied Spanish, Portuguese, and Quechua; Voter registration volunteer.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

PHILADELPHIA LEGAL ASSISTANCE

January 2018-Present

Family Law Unit, *Staff Attorney*

Represent survivors of family violence in family law matters that include child custody, child and spousal support, protection from abuse, and divorce.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

April 2016-December 2017

Legal Division, *Staff Attorney*

Assisted circuit panels with the disposition of matters before the court through the preparation of memoranda, opinions, and orders. Significant research and writing responsibilities in diverse areas of state and federal law, with a focus on appellate procedure, civil rights, immigration, and habeas corpus. Independently manage a case docket.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

November 2015-April 2016

The Honorable Kenneth J. Powell, *Law Clerk*

Assisted and advised on matters arising in the Complex Litigation Center. Prepared judicial opinions addressing a wide range of issues including: pension benefits, insurance, products liability, foreclosure, and real property. Drafted proposed orders, advised on motions, and composed jury instructions. Managed pretrial, appellate, and post-conviction caseload.

SOLO PRACTITIONER

January 2014 - April 2016

Represented indigent clients in Municipal Court, Court of Common Pleas, and Superior Court. Reviewed discovery, interviewed witnesses, and investigated possible defenses. Negotiated with Assistant District Attorneys for non-trial dispositions. Defended clients in bench trials. Drafted appellate briefs and Post-Conviction Relief Act petitions.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF PHILADELPHIA

September 2012 - September 2015

The Honorable Barbara A. McDermott, *Law Clerk*

Assisted in the preparation of judicial opinions in homicide and other major felony cases. Supervised and trained judicial interns. Participated in hiring of Junior Law Clerk and managed that clerk's training and supervision. Prepared sentencing memoranda and jury instructions. Managed pretrial, appellate, and post-conviction caseload.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

PHILADELPHIA DEPARTMENT OF PRISONS, *Tutor*

PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL SELECTION AND RETENTION, *Volunteer*

SUPERVISION TO AID REENTRY PROGRAM, *Volunteer*

BOOKS THROUGH BARS, *Volunteer*

ARCADIA UNIVERSITY, *Assistant Professor*

CALIFORNIA APPELLATE PROJECT, *Intern*

ORLEANS PUBLIC DEFENDERS OFFICE, *Extern*

LANE COUNTY LEGAL AID CENTER'S STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN PROJECT, *Intern*

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

STATE BAR OF PENNSYLVANIA, Admitted to practice November 2012

PHILADELPHIA BAR ASSOCIATION, *Public Interest Section Cabinet Member, Young Lawyers Division Cabinet Member*

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES, *Board of Directors Observer*