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EDUCATION

The American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, May 2010

- *Moot Court Honor Society*: Member, Vis International Commercial Arbitration Competition team

The American University, School of International Service, Washington, DC

Master of Arts in International Affairs, December 2010

- *Area of Specialization*: International Politics with a regional focus on Southeast Asia and China

Willamette University, Salem, OR

Bachelor of Arts in English, May 2004

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Sulzbacher Law, PLLC, Seattle, WA

Consulting/Freelance Attorney

July 2016 - Present

Providing legal research, brief writing, and other back-office legal services to criminal defense attorneys around the country on an on-demand project basis. In this capacity, I have prepared hundreds of high quality briefs for attorneys working at the trial, appellate, and post-conviction levels in matters ranging from misdemeanor DUIs to multiple counts of aggravated murder. My research and writing support has helped hiring attorneys provide top caliber representation in every case and positive results in many, including dismissals and reversals of convictions or sentences.

Christensen Fulton & Filz, PLLC, Billings, MT

Associate Attorney

March 2012 – October 2012, June 2013 - June 2016

Represented farmers, ranchers, local businesses, and individuals in all aspects of litigating commercial and employment disputes. Took on full responsibility for litigating civil matters from the initial client interview to trial, including conducting discovery, reviewing documents, drafting and arguing pretrial motions, taking depositions, participating in mediation, and preparing for and conducting bench and jury trials. Also served as appointed counsel for indigent criminal defendants through an MOU with the Office of the State Public Defender.

Montana Office of the State Public Defender, Billings, MT

Assistant Public Defender

October 2012 – June 2013

Represented indigent criminal defendants. Protected the constitutional rights of individuals who have been accused of committing crimes through zealous advocacy at all stages of the process. Was particularly successful in having cases dismissed through aggressive pretrial motions practice.

The Honorable Daniel A. Boucher, Twelfth Judicial District Court of Montana, Havre, MT

Law Clerk

January 2011 – March 2012

Conducted research and drafted opinions, memoranda, and other court documents addressing issues arising in a wide variety of civil and criminal matters in consultation with the District Court Judge. Served as special master at times and worked through a number of contentious disputes.

Lewis & Clark County Attorney's Office, Helena, MT

Intern

October – December 2010

Provided research and writing support to the county attorney's office in the prosecution of criminal cases. Learned how the other side thinks and operates.

Tilleke & Gibbins International Ltd., Bangkok, Thailand

Summer Associate

May – August 2009

Drafted memoranda and correspondence, conducted legal research, and reviewed documents to assist Thai and U.S. attorneys in working on litigation and transactional matters involving foreign companies operating in Southeast Asia.

The Honorable Reggie B. Walton, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Law Clerk Externship

January – May 2009

Drafted opinions, memoranda, and other court documents addressing issues arising in a variety of federal civil and criminal matters in consultation with the federal District Court Judge, including work on a § 1983 action against a police officer who shot a bystander and drafting an order on a motion to dismiss a shareholders derivative action.

American Bar Association, Center on Children and the Law, Washington, DC

Intern

August – December 2008

Edited and researched policy papers addressing legal issues impacting children, including research into the circumstances surrounding lawsuits filed against child welfare agencies by aggrieved parents.

Keller Rohrback L.L.P., Seattle, WA

Summer Associate

June – August 2008

Researched and drafted memoranda and briefs on a variety of issues to assist attorneys in litigating commercial and complex litigation (plaintiffs-side) matters. Learned the ins and outs of effective advocacy in civil litigation from high-calibre plaintiffs' attorneys and commercial litigators.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- Research intern at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies, Malaysia (July – August 2010)
- English teacher and basketball coach, Northeastern Thailand (May 2005 – March 2007)
- U.S. Forest Service trail maintenance crew, Glacier Peak Wilderness (June – August 2002 & 2003)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Washington
- Montana (inactive)
- Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL)
- Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (WACDL)

AWARDS

- WACDL Certificate of Appreciation (2017) – for preparing WACDL amicus brief