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**EDUCATION**

**Quinnipiac University School of Law**

Hamden, Connecticut

Juris Doctor, Concentration in Criminal Law, May 2004

Activities: Black Law Students Association, Women’s Law Society

*Awards: Criminal Law Concentration Certificate, Service to the Law School Community, Excellence in Classroom Performance*

**Boston College**

Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science/Pre-Law, May 2001

Minor: Women’s Studies

**LICENSES**

**Attorney, State of Wisconsin**

Active since10/9/18

**Attorney, State Bar of Indiana**

Active 8/2016 – 10/2018

**Attorney, State Bar of West Virginia**

Inactive

**Attorney, State Bar of California**

Inactive

**Attorney, State Bar of Connecticut**

Active since 11/2004

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**University of Wisconsin Law School** Madison, WI

*Deputy Director – Economic Justice Institute* 7/2023 - Present

* Assist in developing and coordinating common curriculum, policies, and practices for EJI clinics, consistent with Law School and University rules, ABA requirements, and EJI’s mission.
* Assist in monitoring compliance with Law School assessment requirements.
* Assist in developing, evaluating, and refining systems for selecting and working on suitable clinic cases and projects within the substantive areas of EJI’s expertise and community needs.
* Assist in recruiting, training, and mentoring new EJI faculty and staff.
* Assist in coordinating, monitoring, and managing EJI outreach activities in the community, in consultation with the Law School’s Business and External Affairs offices.
* Assist in serving as a liaison to external stakeholder groups to provide information and maintain program-related partnerships and support, including the EJI Inc. Board, Inns of Court, State Bar of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Access to Justice Commission, among others.
* Assist EJI faculty with documentation, financial-management, and/or reporting requirements related to sponsored grants, contracts, or agreements.

**University of Wisconsin Law School** Madison, WI

*Clinical Assistant Professor/ Director – Lawyering Skills Program* 1/2021 – Present

* Prepare and update course curriculum materials.
* Arrange for guest faculty to present on varying legal topics.
* Lecture occasionally on matters to do with basic lawyering skill.
* Evaluate and provide feedback to students.

**University of Wisconsin Law School** Madison, WI

*Clinical Assistant Professor/Director –Restraining Order and Survivor Advocacy Clinic* 12/2018 – Present

* Successfully developed Restraining Order Clinic.
* Prepared reports for grant funding.
* Assist approximately 60 victims/survivors of crime per year.
* Represent victims of intimate partner violence and victims of crime, including minors in restraining order proceedings and other legal proceedings.
* Provide direct supervision to law students, volunteers and interns assisting victims of intimate partner violence in all case work including drafting petitions, trial preparation, witness preparation and representation in restraining order and other proceedings.
* Establish and work with court personnel, domestic violence advocates, school officials and others to develop and maintain the Restraining Order Clinic.
* Developed and teach a clinical curriculum that includes trial advocacy skills, trauma-informed lawyering, client interviewing and counseling, they dynamics of domestic violence, intersection of family law in restraining order cases, child abuse, victim advocacy and other issues relating to lawyering and working with survivors of intimate partner violence.
* Participate in community groups that provide services to victims of crime.
* Chairperson of JD Grants Committee.
* Serve as Advisor to Women’s Law Society
* Member of United Way Partner in Giving Campaign Committee.

**State of Indiana, Department of Child Services** Fort Wayne, IN

*Local Office Attorney* 2017 – 2018

* Represented the Department and served as Counsel to the local office by advising regarding assessments, staffing current cases, and represented the Department in Court for hearings and trials.
* Prosecuted abuse and neglect cases.
* Assisted in the development and served as trainer for legal trainings given to case managers.
* Assisted the Court in docket redevelopment and organization.
* Assisted in training new attorneys.

**Legal Aid of West Virginia** Martinsburg, WV

*Staff Attorney* 2009 - 2015

* Represented victims of domestic violence in civil matters, including, but not limited to divorce, custody, domestic violence protective orders, housing matters, adoptions and child support proceedings.
* Participated on the Domestic Violence Task Force and the Family Law Task Force.
* Performed legal research and prepare motions.
* Participated in educational programs.

**Riverside County Public Defender’s Office** Murrieta, CA

*Deputy Public Defender II* 2007 - 2008

* Represented low-income clients in criminal proceedings.
* Completed rotations in misdemeanor trials, juvenile criminal defense, and Drug Court.
* Prepared motions and performed legal research.

**Inland Counties Legal Services – Legal Aid** Riverside, CA

*Staff Attorney/Supervising Attorney* 2005 – 2007

* Represented low-income clients in housing matters.
* Performed legal research.
* Wrote legal motions and memorandums.
* Supervised paralegal and intake staff.

**Blumenthal Law Offices – Criminal Defense** Riverside, CA

*Law Clerk* 2003 – 2005

* Performed legal research and prepared motions.
* Interviewed and corresponded with clients, both in custody and out of custody.
* Wrote memorandums relating to issues before the Court.
* Made court appearances on behalf of clients under the supervision of another attorney.

**Legal Internship - Connecticut Public Defender** New Britain, CT

*Certified Legal Intern* Spring Semester 2004

* Conducted interviews with clients both out of custody and in custody.
* Made court appearances on behalf of clients.
* Performed research on relevant issues pertaining to the representation of my clients.
* Wrote memorandums regarding pertinent issues pertaining to my clients.
* Participated in plea negotiations with the state’s attorney and magistrate.

**ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:**

**Inns of Court – James E. Doyle Chapter** Dane County, WI

*Participant and Member of Program Planning Committee* 8/2023 – Present

**State Bar of Wisconsin G. Lane Ware Leadership Academy** 2019-2020

*Participant*

**Dane County Bar Association** Dane County, WI

*Member* 2019 - Present

**Allen County Bar Association** Fort Wayne, IN

*Member* 2017 - 2018

**Berkeley County Family Bar** Eastern Panhandle

*Member* 2009 – 2016

**Child Abuse Prevention Center** Riverside, CA

*Member of Board of Directors* 4/2006 - 2008

Served as a member on the center’s Board of Directors. Evaluated all necessary aspects of the center and vote as necessary. Served as Chairperson of the Board’s Fundraising Committee and served as a Member of the Program Personnel Committee.

**University of California at Riverside – Extension Center** Riverside, CA

*Instructor in the Law and Public Policy Department – Landlord Tenant Law* 7/2006-8/2006

Instructed paralegal certificate candidates on the basics of Landlord Tenant Law. I taught from the landlord’s perspective. This was a seven-week course, which consisted of lecture, quizzes, research project and a final exam.

**LVLUP Martial Arts** Waunakee, WI

*Legacy Student – 1st Degree Black Belt* 1/2019-Present

**AWARDS:**

**State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Innovator Award 2019**

*University of Wisconsin Law School VOCA Restraining Order Clinic*

**Outstanding Victim Advocacy by a Business Organization 2023**

*University of Wisconsin Law School Restraining Order and Survivor Advocacy Clinic*