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EDUCATION

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, Illinois

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, May 2018 GPA: 3.62/4.00 Rank: 29/207 (Top 14%)

- THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW REVIEW, Editorial Board: Lead Articles Editor, Staff Editor
- Edward Lee Scholarship Recipient
- Phi Alpha Delta Honors Law Fraternity
- Fall 2016 Trial Advocacy Team
- 2016 State Bar of Michigan Young Lawyers Section National Trial Advocacy Competitor

Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts, Major in Political Science and English, December 2014 GPA: 3.8/4.00

- Illinois State Forensics Team, Social Chair
- American Forensics Association National Tournament, Quarter-finalist: 2012, 2013
- National Forensics Association: National Individual Events Tournament, Sixth Place: 2014

EXPERIENCE

Livingston, Barger, Brandt & Schroeder, LLP, Bloomington, Illinois

Associate Attorney, Oct. 2018 – Present

- Propounded and responded to written discovery, took and defended depositions of party witnesses and lay witnesses,
- Drafted and argued contested and dispositive motions and memorandum, and
- Provided detailed case analysis and evaluation discussing key legal and factual issues to clients

Cook County State's Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois

Clerk, Criminal Appeals Jan. 2017–Aug. 2017, *Clerk, Traffic Division*, Aug. 2017– May 2018

- Conducted research and wrote approximately ten appellate briefs
- Assisted in running trial calls, preparing paperwork, and drafting subpoenas.
- Under supervision, litigated multiple DUI trials, summary suspension hearings, and motions.
- Prepared witnesses for trial, including law enforcement and complaining witnesses.

Illinois Legal Aid Online, Chicago, Illinois

Intern, May 2016 – Dec. 2016

- Copy edited website content for plain language and readability
- Wrote and published original content regarding a variety of topics
- Researched current and pending Illinois legislation and updated the content
- Collaborated with specialized attorneys and other Illinois-based legal aid groups

Ambrose & Associates, P.C., Chicago, Illinois

Legal Assistant, May 2014 – Aug. 2014 and Dec. 2014 – Aug. 2015

- Communicated with clients on a daily basis in order to address client questions/concerns
- Attended client intake meetings, hearings, settlement negotiations, client depositions, and case management conferences
- Drafted routine motions, requests to produce, and answers to discovery requests

PUBLICATIONS

- Comment, *A Parent's Final Sacrifice: Self-Incrimination in Failure to Protect Cases*, 51 J. MARSHALL L. REV. (forthcoming 2018).