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WORK EXPERIENCE

Spokane Regional Law & Justice Department

Spokane, WA

Criminal Justice Information Hotline, Jan 2021 – Present

- Expanding this MacArthur Foundation hotline to develop an information system that improves court workgroup efficiency and increases just outcomes for the indigent within our criminal justice system.

Spokane County Public Defenders' Office

Spokane, WA

Associate Attorney, Feb 2019 – January 2021

- First-Appearance Docket: I exercised the protections of CrRLJ 3.2 while vigorously challenging probable cause, seeking dismissals, and arguing for less restrictive release conditions.
- Child Support Probation Docket: I applied RCW 7.21 / 26.18 to protect parents from punitive measures and assist them with building their own life skills to meet the coercive orders of the State.

Parents Defense Counsel - Hughes & Nelson

Spokane, WA

Associate Attorney, Dec 2018 - Jan 2019

- Provided compassionate legal representation to parents navigating through a civil dependency under RCW 13.34. Was unable to meet the adversarial requirements of the position due to my natural tendency to work well with opposing parties within ethical and professional standards.

Washington State Court of Appeals Division III

Spokane, WA

Judicial Extern, May 2016 - May 2017

- Turned the arguments of interested parties into impartial memoranda of current law and facts.
- Researched arguments unexamined in our state, leading to both unpublished and published opinions.

Gonzaga University Legal Assistance-Elder Law Clinic

Spokane, WA

Rule 9 Licensed Legal Intern, May 2015 - September 2016

- Voluntarily served 11 clients from interview to positive completion of their cases.
- Tasks executed included: wills, POAs, HCDs, Special Needs Trust, Marital Dissolution, Social Security Negotiation, 3rd-Party Petition, and reforming a Guardianship Petition into Citizenship.

Spokane Public Schools - School District 81

Spokane, WA

Nutrition Services Itinerant Substitute, August 2006 – June 2011

- Served in 42 schools. Added value to each kitchen by either developing their student-staff capacity or enhancing moral, improving efficiency or matching performance of a well-managed workgroup.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Northeast Community Center: Board Member, NE Community Court & ZoNE Liaison 2014 - Present

Spokane Public Schools: (Coordinator 2002-18) (Curriculum Advisor 2016-18) (Volunteer 2002-Present)

- Outstanding Volunteer of the Year 2007 / Chase Youth Award – Adult Nominee 2010

John R. Rogers HS: Street Law Teacher 2014-17, Peer Court Advisor 2017-18, Parent Volunteer 2011-19

Boys & Girls Club of Spokane County: Coach of the Year 2008 & 2011 - Volunteer 2005-16

EDUCATION

Gonzaga University School of Law

Spokane, WA

Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2017

- Thomas More Scholar – Full Public-Service Scholarship - *Pro Bono* Distinction 2014-17

Eastern Washington University

Cheney, WA

Bachelor of Arts, summa cum laude, Government/ Economics, May 2014

- Frances B. Huston Medallion Leadership Award / Jeffers Chertok Honors Faculty Choice Award