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EDUCATION:

Northern Illinois University College of Law DeKalb, Illinois

Graduated May 2018

Juris Doctor

- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity Member
- Professionalism and Ethics Society-1L/2L Representative
- Criminal Law Society Member

Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Illinois

Graduated May 2010

Bachelor of Science in Marketing

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Pioletti Pioletti & Nichols Law Firm

Partner/Owner

November 2018 – Present

- Oversees team of 4 attorneys and 7 paralegal and support staff, with locations in Eureka, Peoria, Bloomington, Kankakee, and Springfield.
- Helped grow the office to a 250% increase in revenue from 2019-2022.
- Handled over 250 family law and divorce matters
- Handled over 120 driving under the influence matters
- Handled over 100 criminal law proceedings
- Handled over 300 traffic citations

McLean County States Attorney-Felony Drug Unit

May 2017 – August 2017

711 Intern

- Worked in open court on a daily basis to support the Felony Drug Docket
- Reviewed discovery and drafted memorandum for supervising attorneys
- Drafted motions and pleadings
- Met with victims on cases assigned
- Listened to outgoing jailhouse calls from Defendant's

Northern Illinois University College Learning Enhancement Program

August 2016 – May 2018

Graduate Assistant Instructor

- Responsible for teaching literacy courses to 60 first-year college students
- Preparing interactive class sessions to improve student comprehension
- Developing student academic behavior through assignments and evaluation

Pioletti & Pioletti Law Office Bloomington, Illinois

December 2015-August 2016

Externship

- Met and consulted with potential and current clients
- Observed Public Defender and Assistant State's Attorney negotiate over 50 cases
- Witnessed court hearings involving temporary restraining orders, DUI's, and family law cases
- Attended 341 meetings with Illinois Bankruptcy Trustees

Enterprise Holdings Bloomington, Illinois

May 2013-August 2015

Remarketing Account Manager

- Develop business plan to saturate new and existing dealerships within territory
- Responsible for wholesale of vehicles once finished with rental service
- Achieved sales of over 25 million in inventory on 1,700 vehicles
- Team recognized as the number one team in the country for the 2014 fiscal year

Branch Manager

August 2011-May 2013

- Led team of 8 employees in day to day operations including control over 300 vehicles
- Gained business through marketing efforts on a local and national scale
- Helped 12 employees receive promotions over 3-year span

Management Trainee

June 2010-August 2011

- Lead branch in insurance sales, fuel sales, corporate leads, car sales, and upgrades
- Responsible for managing all corporate accounts within the branch

Vector Marketing Corporation

January 2010-May 2010

Advanced Sales Representative

- Responsible for development of younger team members
- Assisted in interviewing and training new sales employees

Southern Illinois Miners Baseball

April 2009-September 2009

Marketing Intern

- Managed over 20 employees schedules and game time agendas
- Received the Organization of the Year Award in the Frontier League

AWARDS/ACCOLADES:

Alternative Dispute Resolution-McLean Co.

June 2022-Present

On the board to develop program

Great Plains Life Foundation 20 Stars for Life

September 2020

McLean County Bar Association Representative

2016 McLean County Bar Association Community Service Scholarship

December 2016