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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Costigan & Wollrab, P.C.

Partner

Associate

2018

Bloomington, IL

January 2019 – present

August 2012 – December

Litigation:

- Represented private individuals, public agencies, and hospitals in petitioning for guardianship in over 70 separate cases since January 2018.
- Successfully tried guardianship cases as both counsel for the petitioner and Court-appointed counsel for the ward.
- Drafted appellate briefs and reply briefs in a variety of causes of action including child support disputes, defamation, discovery sanctions, estate litigation, professional malpractice, and worker's compensation total disability benefits.
- Drafted pleadings and discovery requests and responses in complex civil litigation matters including 42 U.S.C. § 1983 actions and wrongful death cases.
- Deposed plaintiffs and witnesses in guardianship matters, estate litigation, personal injury suits, and insurance subrogation suits.
- Tried bench trials in family law matters, mechanics lien foreclosures, and eviction actions.
- Successfully settled insurance subrogation, commercial litigation cases, family law cases, estate litigation cases, and contested guardianships.

Transactional/Counseling:

- Serve as the Public Administrator and Public Guardian of McLean and Logan County, Illinois.
- Served as Court-appointed Guardian ad Litem in disabled adult guardianship matters, minor guardianship matters, and family law matters.
- Served as corporate counsel for a local government and provided advice on proper protocol under the *Illinois Open Meetings Act*, *Illinois Freedom of Information Act*, *Debt Reform Act*, and pertinent federal securities regulations; drafted notices, agendas, and resolutions; served as liaison with outside counsel, auditors, and accountants; and assisted in the running of board meetings.
- Assisted clients in the formation and reorganization of corporations and limited liability companies.
- Represented clients in the purchase of business organizations and assets.
- Drafted wills, declaration of trusts, complex trust instruments, and powers of attorney for health care and property.
- Handled residential and farm sale real estate transactions.

Webber & Thies, P.C.

Law Clerk

Urbana, IL

May 2011-May 2012

- Drafted pleadings and settlement agreements in cases involving consumer fraud, commercial litigation, employment law, family law, and trusts and estates.
- Conducted research and drafted supporting memoranda pertaining to employment law, tax law, and trust and estates matters.

The Honorable Charles G. Reynard, 11th Circuit Court of Illinois
Judicial Extern

Bloomington, IL
May 2010-August 2010

- Conducted research and wrote memoranda resolving issues of law presented to the court.
- Conducted research and wrote draft sections for book concerning domestic violence.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL

Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2012

GPA 3.52/4.00

Honors:

- Executive Administrative Editor, *The Elder Law Journal*.
- Dean's List (Fall 2010 and Spring 2012).

Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *Summa Cum Laude*, May 2009

GPA 3.98/4.00

Honors:

- Phi Beta Kappa.
- Phi Kappa Phi.
- Research Assistant, Department of Political Science (selected by Department Chair).

BAR ADMISSIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Illinois (2012).
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois (2013).
- Certified Guardian ad Litem, 11th Judicial Circuit, State of Illinois (2018).
- National Certified Guardian, Center for Guardianship Certification (2022).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Public Administrator and Public Guardian,
McLean County

Gubernatorial Appointment
December 3, 2021-present

Public Administrator and Public Guardian,
Logan County

Gubernatorial Appointment
December 3, 2021-present

Illinois Guardianship Association

Statewide Organization

- Member

June 2020-present

McLean County Historical Society

Bloomington, IL

- Secretary, Board of Directors

June 2018-present

Illinois Symphony Orchestra

Bloomington/Springfield, IL

- Member, Board of Directors

January 2017-present

McLean County Bar Association

Bloomington, IL

- Member

November 2012-present

Illinois State Bar Association

Statewide Organization

- Member

November 2012-present

Bloomington Public Library

Bloomington, IL

- Treasurer, Board of Trustees

May 2015-April 2017