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PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Admitted to the Illinois State Bar, 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PRAIRIE STATE LEGAL SERVICES, INC., BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Staff Attorney, August 2012 – Present

- Represent survivors of domestic violence in orders of protection, divorce, and family litigation at all stages including discovery, pre-trial motions, and trial
- Represent clients in negotiation and litigation to prevent wrongful evictions and illegal lockouts
- Represent clients in the denial or termination of public benefits, including General Assistance, SNAP, Medicaid, and Medicare
- Analyze medical records to evaluate claimants' likelihood of success on social security supplemental income and social security disability appeals
- Counsel clients on their advanced directive needs and prepare powers of attorney for property and healthcare for clients
- Oversee the Bloomington office's undergraduate internship program, including interviewing, hiring, supervising, and mentoring individual interns each semester
- Co-chair Prairie State Legal Services, Inc.'s internal public benefits task force, including working with task force members to complete projects and develop useful resources for clients and staff, and planning and leading two in person task force meetings a year

BRADY, CONNOLLY & MASUDA, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Law Clerk, May 2012 – July 2012

- Analyzed petitioners' medical records to assess claims regarding work related injuries
- Assessed hearing transcripts for theories of recovery on appeal

LAND OF LINCOLN LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Volunteer/Student Attorney (obtained 711 license to practice as student), August 2010 – April 2012

- Represented clients in uncontested divorce cases
- Drafted divorce petitions and divorce judgments
- Interviewed clients to gather information about claims

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON LEGAL DEPARTMENT, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Legal Intern/Student Attorney (obtained 711 license to practice as student), January 2012 – April 2012

- Conducted bench trials and arraignments for ordinance violation cases
- Reviewed the legal theories and merits of cases in preparation for bench trials
- Researched various legal issues, such as the adoption of retail theft and noise ordinances

LIVINGSTON, BARGER, BRANDT & SCHROEDER, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Law Clerk, May 2011 – August 2011

- Drafted dispositive motions and supporting exhibits for medical malpractice defense cases
- Researched and prepared memoranda on legal issues such as negligent spoliation of evidence
- Prepared declaratory judgment action complaint for the interpretation of a land trust agreement
- Analyzed arguments for an appellate brief regarding negligence claim against a school district

LAND OF LINCOLN LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Legal Intern, May 2010 – July 2010

- Interviewed clients regarding their respective claims; drafted divorce petitions and judgments
- Conducted legal research about issues faced by low income clients, such as access to dental care

FORMAL EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW, CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, May 2012; GPA: 3.63/4.0 (top 25%)

- University of Illinois Law Review – Administrative Editor
- CALI Excellence Awards for the Future (awarded highest grade in *Torts, Employee Benefits*)
- Harno Scholar (semester top 10%): Spring 2012
- Dean's List: Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011
- *Pro Bono* Notation (provided 60+ hours of pro bono legal service to the community)
- McLean County Bar Association 2011 Community Service Scholarship
- Public Interest Law Foundation; Student Legal Relief; Women's Law Society

ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILLINOIS

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, *summa cum laude*, December 2008; GPA: 4.0/4.0

- Dean's List: Fall 2005 – Fall 2008

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- McLean County Bar Association, CLE Committee Chair, 2017 - Present: Lead committee in organizing and coordinating monthly CLE presentations for the members of the McLean County Bar Association
- NITA Trial Skills Program, August 2017: participated in a week long hands on training, practicing and expanding essential trial skills including analysis of facts and law, opening and closing statements, and direct and cross examinations
- Illinois State Bar Association Lawyer-to-Lawyer Mentoring Program, 2013: partnered with a local attorney for mentoring regarding legal and ethical issues encountered by recently licensed attorneys
- Custody Litigation Training - Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Custody Cases, May 2013: participated in a two day interactive training, building essential skills to advocate for survivors of domestic violence in custody litigation

AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- McLean County Bar Association, CLE Committee