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Bar Admission

Illinois- Active Illinois Law License, ARDC #6308105

Professional Experience

Office of the McLean County State's Attorney- First Assistant State's Attorney- Bloomington, Illinois, July 2012- Present

- Assigned to the position of First Assistant State's Attorney from June 2018 – present
- Assigned to General Felony division from December 2014 – June 2018
- Assigned to Felony Drug Unit from October 2013 - December 2014
- Assigned to Traffic and DUI division from July 2012 - October 2013
- Supervisor of the Criminal Division, which includes more than 10 attorneys
- Responsible for coordinating and conducting weekly grand jury proceedings in connection with all McLean County felony cases
- Prosecuted more than 20 cases in Jury Trial settings, including five first degree murder cases, and more than 75 cases in Bench Trial and contested Motion settings
- Participated during the investigative and criminal prosecution phase on multiple homicides
- Responsible for consulting with and advising law enforcement personnel during active investigations, drafting in excess of 100 search warrants and overhears, and reviewing reports to determine appropriate charges
- Courtroom practice and responsibilities include: discovery, plea negotiations, contested motions, pleas, jury and bench trials, sentencing, and post-conviction proceedings
- Position requires research into a multitude of legal issues which arise during the various phases of the criminal justice process and the drafting of pleadings and response motions
- Responsible for Article 36 Asset Forfeiture which requires utilization of the Code of Civil Procedure from December 2014-May 2016
- Responsible for overseeing the administration of the Deferred Prosecution Program from December 2014-May 2016
- Developed and assisted in the implementation of multiple policies and procedures within the office and also designed multiple forms used by attorneys in multiple positions within the office

Major Case Experience

2017-CF-589: People v. Kyle Brestan

- First degree murder case
- Conducted jury trial to verdict (guilty)
- Lead Prosecutor

2015-CF-894: People v. Kirk Zimmerman

- First degree murder case involving extensive investigation and years of pretrial litigation
- Conducted 5 + week jury trial to verdict (not guilty)
- Lead Prosecutor

2017-CF-0483: People v. Reginald Cooper

- Organizer of a Continuing Financial Crimes Enterprise
- Resulted in guilty verdict at jury trial
- First known conviction for this offense in McLean County
- Lead Prosecutor

2016-CF-0845: People v. Brian Petersen

- First Degree Murder (two victims)
- Resulted in a verdict of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity at a stipulated bench trial
- Lead Prosecutor

2015-CF-1011: People v. Keith Offord

- Money Laundering and Identity Theft Ring
- Resulted in the seizure of 4 vehicles, identity theft equipment, and more than \$5,000 in proceeds of money laundering activity
- Resulted in the case being charged Federally
- Lead Prosecutor

2015-CF-0917: People v. Elizabeth Potts

- Involuntary Manslaughter of an Infant
- Resulted in a guilty verdict at bench trial
- Second chair

2014-CF-0931: People v. Tracy Newson

- First Degree Murder with a Firearm
- Resulted in a guilty verdict at jury trial
- Second chair

2014-CF-0364: People v. Jamie Webb

- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol Involving a Fatality
- Resulted in a guilty plea
- Maximum sentence was imposed at a half-day sentencing hearing
- Lead Prosecutor

2013-CF-0136: People v. Larron Carroll

- First Degree Murder with a Firearm and lesser charges
- Resulted in a guilty verdict of Involuntary Manslaughter
- Second chair

Southern Illinois University Civil Practice Clinic- Student Attorney- Carbondale, Illinois

August 2011- December 2011

- Performed legal services and duties on behalf of elder law clients including drafting of wills, powers of attorney, and quitclaim deeds
- Obtained Illinois Student Practice License (Ill. Sup. Ct. Rule 711).
- Researched, analyzed, and drafted divorce settlements and petitions for indigent clients
- Conducted client interviews in preparation for court appearances as well as for transactional services

Publication

Bradly A. Rigdon, *Pharmacists on the Front Lines in the Fight Against Meth*, 33 J. LEGAL MED. 253 (2012).

- Conducted a 50-state and federal comparison of the laws regulating the retail sale of pseudoephedrine and compared the varying levels of regulation against reported meth incidents within each state.

Professional Training Attended

Basic Trial Advocacy, May 2013

- Week-long course focusing on trial techniques and training for prosecutors
- Provided by the Illinois State Appellate Prosecutor's Office

Asset Forfeiture Analysis, April 2014

- Half-day course focusing on proper procedure and techniques in asset forfeiture
- Provided by the State of Illinois

Advanced Trial Advocacy, October 2014

- Week-long course focusing on more complex trial techniques and strategies for prosecutors
- Provided by the Illinois State Appellate Prosecutor's Office

The Digital Prosecutor, September 2015

- Week-long course which focuses on the use of technology during all facets of a criminal prosecution and provides training and guidance on how to more effectively present information in court
- Included training on cell phone and computer forensics and CDRs
- Provided by the National District Attorney's Association

Courtroom Visuals, February 2017

- 3-day training focusing on the use of PowerPoint and other software for use during trial presentation of evidence and argument
- Provided by the Illinois State Appellate Prosecutor's Office

Cellular Records Analysis and Mapping

- Cellular Carrier-specific training on interpreting, utilizing, and mapping cellular records
 - 7 hours of training
- Provided by PATCTech

Formal Training and Presentations Conducted

Basics of Financial Crimes, September 2016

- 1-hour presentation for FISA
- Provided representatives from local banks and overview on the different types of financial crimes and the evidence used to prosecute those crimes
- Provided instruction on the value of business records affidavits

Courtroom Technology Training, October 2016

- 3-hour training presented to McLean County Assistant State's Attorneys
- Provided basic instruction on the use of PowerPoint for the presentation of evidence and during argument
- Provided an overview and explanation of the various pieces of equipment available to use during a trial setting for enhanced visual presentation

Drafting, Executing, and Interpreting Cellular Phone Search Warrants and CDRs

- 3-hours training presented to investigators from local agencies and Assistant State's Attorneys from multiple counties.
- Provided in-depth instruction on proper form and legal requirements for search warrants and CDRs
- Assisted by Bloomington Police Department to demonstrate the process of searching a cellular telephone and interpreting results from the search and results from CDRs.
- Approved for 2.75 hours of CLE.

Education

Juris Doctor • Graduation: December 2011

Southern Illinois University School of Law- Carbondale, Illinois

- Class Rank: 3 of 115 (*Summa Cum Laude*)
- Southern Illinois University School of Law Dean's List (all grading periods)
- CALI Excellence for the Future Awards received for attaining the top score in individual courses: Criminal Procedure: Pre-Trial, Constitutional Law, Evidence, International Criminal Law, Torts, Family Law, Insurance Law
- Southern Illinois University School of Law Dean's Scholarship Recipient
- Served as a Member of the Advisory Committee to the Director of Public Safety

Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration • Graduation: May 2009

Western Illinois University- Macomb, Illinois

- *Summa Cum Laude*
- Minors: 1) Computer Sciences, 2) Spanish
- Western Illinois University Dean's List (all grading periods)
- School of Law Enforcement and Justice Administration Honors (all grading periods)
- Member of Western Illinois University Centennial Honors College

Organizations

McLean County Bar Association

FISA (Financial Institution Security Association)