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Do you intend to practice law in McLean County?

Yes

Explain your ties to McLean County and/or why you hope to practice law in McLean County

The majority of my life I have lived and grown up in McLean County. I went to grade school, high school, community college, and undergrad in McLean County. I have worked in McLean County and I have interned in McLean County. The only time that my life has not been centered around McLean County is when I moved to Murphysboro to attend law school at SIUC, and even then, I frequently come home on the weekends.

I hope to practice law in McLean County so that I can play an active role in our community. I have seen the good, the bad and the ugly while growing up here and I want to be able to make a difference in the community that has shaped me into who I am.

Community Service/Extra-Curricular Activities

Southern Illinois University School of Law:

-Summer of 2021, I interned with the McLean County State's Attorney's office in the drug unit. I had a variety of tasks throughout the summer, some of which included drafting discovery, search warrants, and overhears, prepping material for trial, research, creating grand jury packets. I was able to draft documents such as jury trial waivers, dismissal forms, and financial paperwork for my supervisor during status hearings. Additionally, I was able to spend time observing different court proceedings. I was able to watch a murder trial, DUI trial, sexual assault trials, a variety of motions, and I was even able to tour the jail. I worked 392 pro bono hours during the summer.

-December 2020 I also worked at the McLean County State's Attorney's office for 60 hours. My responsibilities included drafting discovery, creating grand jury packets, and observing court.

-I participated in the "Finer Things" book club from August 2020 to May 2021. The group consisted of other students as well as faculty, and together, we chose different types of books to read. After completing the book, we then met to discuss our thoughts and to socialize since the majority of school was over zoom. This club no longer exists because the professor in charge switched schools.

-I participated in the Social Justice Book Club from August 2020 to May 2021. This group was all law school students. The goal of this club was to create positive change through conversation and dismantling biases. This club is also no longer in existence.

-I am currently a member of Phi Alpha Delta International Legal Fraternity where I serve as the Secretary. We are currently planning events for our members to participate in. I joined in August of 2020.

-I joined the Second Amendment Association in August 2020. This group was created and is designed to bring awareness to the Second Amendment right and to educate participants about gun safety and gun rights.

-I am also currently involved in the Women's Law Forum club. I joined in

August of 2021. This group is designed to promote women in the law and to become better advocates for equality under the law.

Illinois State University:

-I was part of the Honors Program at Illinois State University where I took an additional class and had additional requirements for graduation. Students in the Honors Program work with professors outside of class to create a unique Honors Program Contract that fulfills the Honors Requirement. I was in the Honors program from August 2018 to May 2020 when I graduated. One of my Honors Program Contracts was based off my travel abroad experience in Romania through the College of Business at ISU.

-I was also a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, as well as Beta Alpha Psi National Financial Honors Society. Both of these National Societies were for students who met a certain GPA requirement and actively engaged in workshops, events, and programs put on by the groups. I joined both in 2019.

-I was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi which is a Co-Ed Business Fraternity. I was on the Risk Management Committee where we identified potential risks created by our members or that our chapter may face in the future. We engaged in monthly phone calls with Heritage to ensure our chapter stayed up to date with current risk management policies. I joined in August of 2018.

-I was the Golf Outing and Trivia Night Coordinator for the Business Week Team. This was an exclusive group where you had to go through an interview process and be selected out of a large group of applicants. In this role, I planned a professional golf outing and coordinated both students and professionals to attend this event. Additionally, I organized and hosted a trivia night for students and faculty to attend. I was on the Business Week team from April 2019 to May 2020.

-I was one of seven coordinators who created the highest earning "Pay It Forward" series to date. The Pay It Forward coordinators were in charge of raising scholarship money for fellow College of Business students. Students could apply to our scholarship fund for business related expenses- such as buying a suit for an interview, new dress shoes, etc. We reviewed applications, disbursed money and hosted a successful event. We raised over \$1,300 in two days to be put into the scholarship fund and then distributed back to other students. I was part of the Pay It Forward team from August 2018 to May 2020.

-I joined Women In Business in August of 2018 and continued until May of 2020. This group met weekly to network and meet with professionals who came and presented about their success in the workforce. I participated in workshops to enhance my business etiquette.

-I was also a member of the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance club from August 2018 to May 2020. This club was for accounting and finance students who wanted to network with others in accounting or finance. We had professionals come and speak about their experiences as women in the workforce and how to leave a lasting impact.

-I joined law club in January 2019 and continued until May of 2020. Here, I attended meetings where we had various guest speakers talk about their law school experiences and their path to their current position. We also had professors talk about requirements to get into law school and how to apply.

-During 2019, I volunteered at Midwest Food Bank with my Business Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi.

-During 2018-2020, I participated with my Business Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Psi, in Adopt-A-Street

Heartland Community College:

-I was a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society from 2016 to 2018.

Heyworth High School:

-In 2017 I was a high school varsity athlete. I played basketball and softball. I was also part of a travel softball team through the Bloomington Normal Girls Softball Association (BNGSA).

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