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Experience

ADVOCATE | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LEGAL EMPOWERMENT & APPEALS PROJECT

Washington, DC January 2016 – May 2016

- Independently consulted with a client and her trial attorney to build a case for appeal.
- Authored a white paper addressing barriers to justice for domestic violence victims to inform the policy efforts of the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence.
- Analyzed legislative trends in domestic violence law in order to support ongoing and future appeals.
- Conducted legal research and prepared memoranda on issues related to state appellate procedure and standards of review.

LEGAL INTERN | CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Washington, DC May 2015 – December 2015

- Drafted a consultation brief which was submitted for consideration to the U.N. Intergovernmental Working Group responsible for the elaboration of a treaty on transnational corporations and human rights.
- Conducted factual investigations into the involvement of international financial institutions in projects with adverse human rights and environmental impacts.
- Researched and interpreted trust law cases and statutes, including ERISA, to support ongoing litigation using trust law to promote divestment in fossil fuels.

DEAN'S FELLOW | GW LAW FIRST-YEAR LEGAL RESEARCH & WRITING PROGRAM

Washington, DC August 2015 – May 2016

- Directed oral advocacy training that led seven out of eight students to advance in the First-Year Moot Court Competition, with one student being a finalist.
- Drafted orientation materials for first-year law students that were adopted for future classes.
- Prepared and implemented weekly lessons on legal writing, citation, and oral advocacy.

PRO BONO VOLUNTEER | NAMATI COMMUNITY LAND RIGHTS CASEBASE

Washington, DC August 2014 – December 2014

- Improved access to foreign case law on human rights and environmental protection for community land rights advocates by writing case briefs for an online database.

LITIGATION PARALEGAL | MONTGOMERY SCARP, PLLC

Seattle, WA June 2010 – March 2013

- Independently coordinated discovery phase in all assigned cases, including drafting discovery requests and responses, obtaining public records, reviewing documents, and arranging evidence files.
- Managed case schedules and court calendars, consistently meeting all filing and discovery deadlines.
- Prepared pleadings, correspondence, and client status reports and filed documents using PACER and ECF.
- Provided in-court litigation support, quickly and accurately locating relevant evidence during trial.
- Streamlined previously disorganized filing and mail distribution system resulting in increased efficiency and significant reduction in paper waste.

INTERN | NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Windhoek, Namibia February 2009 – June 2009

- Interviewed community members, analyzed survey data, and drafted summary reports which were published in the internationally-recognized Human Rights Report.
- Designed and distributed voter education pamphlets and assisted in implementation of voter education courses.

Education

J.D. | 2016 | THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

Washington, DC GPA: 3.113

- **Recipient**, J.B. and Maurice C. Shapiro Public Service Award
- **Associate**, *The George Washington International Law Review*
- **Quarter-finalist**, Judge Grenadier International Law Moot Court Competition (Internal)
- **Tutor**, Civil Procedure II
- **Executive Board Member**, International Law Society, Human Rights Law Society
- **Study Abroad:**

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW SUMMER SCHOOL, OXFORD, UK (2014)

Coursework: Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights Seminar; Fundamentals of Human Rights Law

B.A. | 2010 | PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

Tacoma, WA GPA: 3.89

- Majors: Anthropology, Global Studies
- Concentration: Development & Social Justice
- **Study Abroad:**

UNIVERSITY OF NAMIBIA, WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA (2009)

Pacific Lutheran University International Internship Program

Independent Research Thesis: *From the Global to the Local: Civil Society, Human Rights, and Development in Namibia*

HEDMARK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, HAMAR, NORWAY (2007)

Pacific Lutheran University Gateway Study Program

Independent Research Thesis: *The Ondao Mobile Schools Project: An Alternative Development Initiative*

Language Skills

- **German:** Professional Working Proficiency
- **French:** Intermediate Proficiency