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## BAR LICENSURE

Licensed to practice in State of Pennsylvania, 2004 and District of Columbia, 2005.

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## EDUCATION

### The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law

Washington, DC

*Juris Doctor*

May 2004

GPA: 3.274Activities: Moot Court, Associate*Journal of Contemporary Health Law and Policy*, Production Editor, 2003–2004; Staff Member, 2002–2003

### The Pennsylvania State University

Erie, PA

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science*, with honors

May 2001

Minors: International Studies and EnglishGPA: 3.60

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### Court of Common Pleas Venango County

Franklin, PA

*Judicial Law Clerk, Honorable Judge H. William White*

Aug. 2005–Sept. 2007

- Researching legal issues in civil law, criminal law, domestic relations, and orphans court case law, including suppression motions, summary judgments, and spousal support issues.
- Writing legal opinions, orders, memoranda, and letters, including omnibus pretrial motions and all opinions for aforementioned areas of law.
- Advising District Judges on Superior Court of Pennsylvania opinions involving warrants, landlord/tenant law, and judicial ethics, conducting additional research if necessary.
- Counseling, summarizing, and arguing civil and criminal cases brought before judge.
- Composed opinion with judge regarding constitutionality of DUI statute.

### Private Practice

Franklin, PA and Washington, DC

*Solo Practitioner*

Nov. 2004–July 2005

- Advised clients on corporate forms, wills, and criminal law.
- Made appearances as defense counsel in criminal hearings, representing client in preliminary hearings, negotiating plea with prosecutor, and representing client in probation revocation hearing.
- Composed appellate brief concerning criminal law to Superior Court of Pennsylvania for Public Defender's Office.
- Performed privilege analysis as contract attorney for Hudson Legal in Washington DC.

### United States Attorney's Office

Washington, DC

*Legal Intern*

June–Aug. 2003

- Researched and drafted memoranda on issues concerning felony rapes and domestic violence.
- Wrote motions on oppositions to suppression of evidence, sentencing motions, and victim intake statements.
- Assisted with trial preparation by talking through cases with attorney, organizing exhibits, questioning witnesses, and writing out attorney's notes.

### Columbus Legal Services

Washington, DC

*Student Advocate*

Aug.–Dec. 2002

- Interviewed clients who were alleged victims of domestic violence.
- Prepared motions on temporary restraining orders and preliminary injunction to prevent division of property.
- Researched issues involving division of property, marital status, Intrafamily Offenses Act, and past domestic violence cases.
- Instructed clients in preparation for direct examination.
- Doubled amount of money awarded to client after discovering client's spouse had hidden almost \$50,000.

### Superior Court of the District of Columbia

Washington, DC

*Judicial Intern, Honorable Herbert Dixon JR.*

Feb.–July 2002

- Worked closely with Judge Dixon in processing old cases through to completion.
- Researched tax lien cases and issues involving criminal law, specifically abuse of children and spouses.