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☐ High School Gwynedd-Mercy Academy, Gwynedd-Valley, PA, 2005

**College** Bucknell University, cum laude, 2009

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology & English

Honors Thesis in Psychology Published 2009

Law School University of Baltimore School of Law, 2012

Juris Doctor

Student Litigation Fellow – Snyder Litigation Center

Completed 40 hours of mediation training under Md. Rule 17-106

Student Board Member of Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center (MCVRC Board Alternate for 2010-2011 & Law Student MCVRC Board Member for

2011-2012)

Treasurer – University of Baltimore Health Law Association Member – University of Baltimore Criminal Law Association

Member – Phi Alpha Delta

Legal Experience

2015 – Present Kalbaugh, Pfund & Messersmith, Fairfax, VA

Associate Attorney

Private practice of law in civil litigation matters in Virginia and Maryland.

2013 – 2015 Godwin, Erlandson, Vernon & Daney, LLC, Ellicott City, MD

Associate Attorney

Defended workers' compensation claims from initial claim filing and issue spotting through attendance at hearings before the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission. Aided in the defense of workers' compensation appeals and insurance liability claims. Conducted legal and factual analyses of cases, including those of first impression. Reviewed and analyzed medical records, accident reports, and employment records. Drafted appellate brief to the Court of Appeals of Maryland regarding the calculation of statutory credit provided for under the Workers' Compensation Act. Prepared hearing and



trial exhibits, drafted pretrial motions, pretrial statements, mediation statements, and various pleadings filed with the Maryland Courts. Drafted and answered discovery requests.

# 2012 – 2013 Circuit Court for Carroll County, Westminster, MD

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable J. Barry Hughes

Drafted opinions and daily bench memoranda on complex issues and issues of first impression for criminal and civil cases. Provided researched and reasoned recommendations to the Judge. Analyzed arguments and applicability of precedent to all matters before the Court. Responded to requests for emergency relief. Drafted voir dire and jury instructions for criminal and civil trials. Conducted research and composed orders for all criminal and civil matters. Liaison between chambers and attorneys, *pro se* litigants, Court personnel, and others having business before the Court.

# 2011 – 2012 Warnken, LLC, Attorneys-at-Law, Pikesville, MD

Full-Time Law Clerk

Worked on criminal cases and civil matters including criminal appeals, sentencing and parole issues, workers' compensation claims, and disability retirement cases. Drafted motions for modification or reduction of sentence, appellate briefs, sentencing memoranda, and other pleadings.

### Research Assistant, 2011 - 2011

Conducted research and drafted memoranda on various issues related to workers' compensation and medical malpractice.

#### Legal Intern, 2010 - 2010

Drafted portion of a brief on DNA evidence and the constitutional implications of a reasonable expectation of privacy.

Research Assistant/Legal Intern to Professor Byron L. Warnken, Task Force Vice-Chair, 2009

Drafted 5 legislative proposals for the 2010 session of the Maryland General Assembly for the Attorney General's Task Force on Electronic Weapons.

# 2011 Disability Law Clinic, University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Rule 16 Student Attorney

Tried involuntary civil commitment cases before an Administrative Law Judge at Sheppard-Enoch Pratt Psychiatric Hospital in Towson, Maryland. Interviewed clients, conducted client counseling sessions, and provided legal advice. Interviewed physicians and family members. Conducted legal and



factual analyses of cases and devised case strategies on very short deadlines. Composed and delivered opening statements and closing arguments, and direct and cross-examinations.

2010 Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Baltimore, MD

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Marcella A. Holland, Administrative Judge Conducted research, composed orders, and assisted in drafting opinions on issues including nursing home negligence and post-conviction relief.

**Bar Admissions** Maryland State Bar

Virginia State Bar

District of Columbia Bar

■ Professional Affiliations Maryland State Bar Association

Virginia State Bar Association