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College

University of Richmond
Richmond, Virginia
Bachelor of Arts in History, 2013

Law School

T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond
Richmond, VA
Juris Doctor, 2018

Activities

Trial Advocacy Board Member
Moot Court
Winner, Trial Advocacy Competition
Selected for International Business Practice Class, Spring 2018
First Year Research Assistant for Professor Kimberly Robinson

Legal Experience

Present

Associate, Kalbaugh, Pfund & Messersmith, P.C., Richmond, VA

Assist in civil litigation practice researching and drafting motions on a wide array of procedural and substantive legal matters. Subject matters of legal issues include motor carrier transportation, construction defect, and employment law with a focus on corporate compliance and litigation.

2019

Contract Associate, LeClairRyan, Richmond, VA

Assist in trial preparation, including witness and expert witness testimony and depositions in general commercial, business, construction, products liability, employment and other contractual disputes in state and federal courts. Research topics and issues pertaining to federal and state civil litigation and procedure. Assist in preparation and review of discovery materials to be used in upcoming depositions and trials. Research and prepare motions and pleadings in various stages of litigation process, including motions to dismiss and for summary judgement, complaints, oppositions, answers, motions to compel and other sanctions.

Aug '19 – Feb '19

Law Clerk, Spotts Fain, PC, Richmond, VA

Drafted, reviewed, and revised pleadings including collections complaints, Bills of Particulars, Warrants in Debt, Writs of Fieri Facias, Debtor Interrogatories, and Notices of Lis Pendens. Drafted, reviewed, and revised commercial real estate documentation and closing materials including title pro forma, commitments and policies, deeds, leases, and legal descriptions. Drafted internal memoranda providing recommendations on various bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and commercial real estate transaction matters and conducted chain of title research for commercial real estate transactions. Researched Virginia state and federal laws and regulations and provided recommendations based on anticipated client needs in bankruptcy litigation and commercial real estate transactions. Coordinated with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to successfully issue summons and process on a party residing outside the United States.

Jan '18 – May '18

Student Associate, International Business Practicum, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA

Researched legal implications arising out of a client's expansion of their technology-based business into international markets. Coordinated with stakeholders to implement business plan recommendations related to entry into international markets and presented findings to client.

May '17 – May '18

Summer Associate, extended through 3rd year, Virginia529 (Virginia College Savings Plan), Chesterfield, VA

Wrote legal memoranda proposing legislative and policy modifications to better clarify program offerings available under federal and state laws pertaining to IRS Section 529 plans, including clarifications and expansions to the accessibility of ABLE Programs. Became a subject matter expert in state and federal laws pertaining to agency and program operations unique to Section 529 and ABLE programs, and worked with the General Counsel to create structured policy guidance for agency division compliance. Conducted and presented a feasibility analysis of agency structure changes and recommendations for industry best practices.

Aug '16 – Dec '16

Student Associate, International Law Practicum, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond, VA

Completed official research projects for a Justice of the International Court of Justice, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, the United Nations, and the United States Department of State. As a part of the only North American research group, assisted the United Nations Department of Legal Affairs Codification Division with research into multiple countries' customary laws.

May '13 – Aug '14

Paralegal, Spotts Fain, PC, Richmond, VA

Jan '15 – Aug '15

Drafted, reviewed, and revised pleadings including collections complaints, Bills of Particulars, Warrants in Debt, Writs of Fieri Facias, Debtor Interrogatories,

and Notices of Lis Pendens. Drafted, reviewed, and revised commercial real estate documentation and closing materials including title pro forma, commitments and policies, deeds, leases, and legal descriptions. Drafted internal memoranda providing recommendations on various bankruptcy, creditors' rights, and commercial real estate transaction matters and conducted chain of title research for commercial real estate transactions. Researched Virginia state and federal laws and regulations and provided recommendations based on anticipated client needs in bankruptcy litigation and commercial real estate transactions. Coordinated with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia to successfully issue summons and process on a party residing outside the United States.

Bar Memberships

Virginia, 2019

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia

Community Involvement

2015 – 2018

Head Coach, Varsity Girls Lacrosse, Godwin High School, Henrico, VA

2014 – 2015

Assistant Coach, Varsity Girls Lacrosse, Godwin High School, Henrico, VA

Aug '14 – Dec '14

Henrico and Chesterfield County Public Schools, Student Teacher – 7th and 10th Grade Social Studies