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Education

University of Richmond School of Law Richmond, VA Juris Doctor, Cum Laude May 2023

- President, Negotiation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Board; Member, Moot Court Board
- Member editor, Richmond Journal of Law & Technology; blog, US Stock Exchange Delisting Chinese Companies
- Student Attorney, e-commerce opportunities in Africa and legal environments in nine emerging economies
- Research Assistant, Professor Spalding (international anti-corruption law) and Professor Erickson

University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Global Studies, Middle Eastern Studies May 2019

- Business Foundations Program: simulated stock market and start-up company (prototype and business forecast)
- Dean's list (2017-2019); two years of coursework in Arabic language

Legal Experience

Kalbaugh Pfund & Messersmith Roanoke, VA / Norfolk, VA

Associate Attorney May 2025 – current

- Handle insurance defense matters involving motor vehicle accidents and premises liability claims
- Draft motions and appear in court for hearings and proceedings

OPN Law, PLC Roanoke, VA

Summer Clerk, June – August 2022

Associate Attorney, August 2023 – April 2025

- Practice in corporate law, M&A, business litigation, real estate, construction law, and estate administration
- Represent clients in court, hearings, and appeals; manage discovery and mediation processes
- Serve the local business community by drafting corporate agreements and advising on operational planning

J.K. Burke Law Firm, PLC Richmond, VA



Law Clerk May – June 2022

- Assisted a trial attorney in developing and presenting evidence in a complex civil litigation trial in Circuit Court

S&P Law Firm Beijing, China

Legal Intern, Corporate and Litigation Group May – August 2021

- Investigated controversial legal issues, including disguised debt and international treaties for trademark protection
- Assembled due diligence paperwork and drafted interview questions
- Composed client letters outlining key changes in litigation strategy and revised attorney fee calculations

Beijing Haidian People's Prosecutor's Office Beijing, China

Legal Intern, Misdemeanor Department March – May 2021

- Managed over 100 volumes of witness testimony in a \$1.2 billion financial crime class action
- Accessed first-hand evidence and testimony to determine the viability of arrest and prosecution

Foreign Language Teaching & Research Press Beijing, China

Legal Intern, Intellectual Property Department June – August 2020

- Handled all stages of intellectual property infringement, including notarizing digital evidence and negotiation
- Authored memoranda on amendments to China's copyright law in relation to the multi-billion-dollar short news and entertainment video industry
- Revised user agreement for educational apps to comply with the European General Data Protection Regulation

Herbert Smith Freehills LLP New York, NY / Beijing, China

Legal Intern, Corporate Group July 2016 / August 2018

- Researched foreign regulations governing bauxite mining in the Philippines and combined-cycle gas turbine power plants in the United Kingdom, analyzed feasibility, and drafted client advisories
- Provided clients legal updates on Chinese corporate governance law and international virtual banking regulations

Skills

Bar Admission in Virginia
Fluent in English and Mandarin
H1B visa holder (October 2024 – September 2030)

Professional Affiliations

Claims & Litigation Management Alliance (CLM)
The Gavel