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Admitted to Vermont Bar

EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT — J.D., May 2013
Academic Excellence Award: Highest Grade in Estates/Personal Injury
Academic Excellence Award: Highest Grade in Environmental Problem Solving
Semester in Practice: Washington County State's Attorney's Office.

Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA — B.A., English, May 2005

EXPERIENCE

Staff Attorney and Assistant Professor, *South Royalton Legal Clinic, Vermont Law School* South Royalton, VT **March 2017 to Present**

Manages the Children First Legal Advocacy Project providing legal representation to child caught up in high-conflict Family Law cases in Windsor, Orange, and Washington Counties. . The Children First Legal Advocacy Project is the only program in Vermont providing free, direct, legal representation to children in these difficult situations.

Manages the Domestic Violence Project at the South Royalton Legal Clinic providing legal representation to victims of Domestic Violence in divorce, parentage cases, and Relief from Abuse proceedings.

In each of these projects works with Vermont Law School students providing the students with direct, live client cases. Students regularly appear in court under the Student Practice Rules conducting contested hearings in a wide variety of cases.

Deputy State's Attorney, *Orelans County State's Attorney Office*, Newport, VT **February 2015 to March 2017**

Managed a full case load of both felony and misdemeanor cases including DUI, assaults, drug offenses, domestic assaults, sex offenses, fraud and embezzlement cases, burglaries, fish and wildlife cases and probation violations. Represented the state at jury trials.

Represented the State in post-conviction release civil cases and appeals to the Vermont Supreme Court. Represented the State in juvenile court on CHINS cases and juvenile delinquencies.

Represented the Orleans County State's Attorney's Office as a member of the Orleans County Truancy Task Force.

Deputy State's Attorney, *Washington County State's Attorney Office*, Barre, VT **February 2014 to January 2015**

Managed a full case load of both felony and misdemeanor cases.

Clerk, *Washington County State's Attorney Office*, Barre, VT **Oct. 2013 – Feb. 2014**

Assisted in the litigation of felony and misdemeanor cases.

**Internship, *The Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence*, Montpelier, VT
Sept. 2013 – Feb. 2014 and May 2012-August 2012**

Researched policy issues, wrote articles for the newsletter, and presented at several conferences. I had particular success in changing the Vermont Center for Crime Victims Service's policy on how to best assist teenage victims of sexual assault.

PRIOR EXPERIENCE

**Foreign Rights Associate, *Black Dog & Leventhal*, New York, NY –
Aug. 2007-Oct. 2008**

Increased number and value of annual sales of translation rights for publishing company and managed relationships with new and existing clients.