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EDUCATION

University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, KS Conferred May 2022
Juris Doctor

- Kaw Scholarship Recipient (60% tuition scholarship), Cali Award Recipient
- Moot Court Council, Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy, Advocacy Certificate
- Federal Bar Association, Christian Legal Society, Women in Law, Academic Affairs Committee, Traffic Court

University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS Conferred May 2019
Bachelor of Arts in English and Bachelor of Arts in History, both with distinction

- Undergraduate Research Award Recipient, Undergraduate Research Student Spotlight, Dean's List all semesters, two undergraduate thesis projects
- Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Alpha Theta, Wolfe Teaching Excellence Committee
- Marching Jayhawks, KU Basketball Band, University Band, Rock Chalk Singers

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Missouri
- State of Kansas
- United States District Court for the District of Kansas
- United States Court for the District of Western Missouri
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit

WORK EXPERIENCE

Simpson Logback Lynch, Norris, P.A., Overland Park, KS August 2024–Present
Associate Attorney

Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, Kansas City, MO

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Janet Sutton August 2022–August 2024

- Conducted in-depth legal research and analysis on a wide array of complex legal issues
- Applied researched legal principles to formulate well-reasoned conclusions used in drafting legal opinions, memoranda, and orders
- Demonstrated meticulous and precise writing and proofreading to ensure accuracy in legal citations, record references, and conclusions
- Reviewed lengthy case files including briefs, motions, transcripts, exhibits, and other relevant documents on CaseNet, sifting for relevant and outcome-determinative facts
- Effectively communicated complex legal concepts to make them understandable by legal practitioners and by the public

Wheat Law Library, Lawrence, KS

August 2021–June 2022

Desk Assistant

- Assisted students, faculty, and other patrons while working the Public Service Desks in the Law Library
- Provided legal reference assistance and answered student questions
- Maintained library equipment and desk supplies and managed the Law Library database and library communications

Kansas Legal Services, Inc., Topeka, KS

August 2021–December 2021

Field Placement Legal Intern

- Worked directly with clients through phone calls, office visits, and home visits as part of the KU Law Elder Law Field Placement Program, spending time at both the Topeka and Lawrence offices tackling landlord-tenant, general family law, and elder law issues
- Learned to identify legal issues on the spot and to communicate those issues to a larger team of attorneys and support staff
- Prepared wills, power of attorney forms, and client letters among other legal documents, and attended the weekly protection order docket in Lawrence

Johnson County District Court, Olathe, KS

June 2021–July 2021

Kansas Bar Association Judicial Extern

- Observed criminal hearings and sentencings, voir dire, a criminal jury trial, civil motions, family law hearings, a divorce trial, a probate mediation, and Child in Need of Care cases supervised by Judge Tim McCarthy
- Wrote a memorandum about consolidation of criminal charges for Judge McCarthy and researched municipal notice requirements for state tort claims for Judge Paul Gurney

Kansas Department of Commerce, Topeka, KS

January 2021–July 2021

Law Clerk

- Wrote pleading amendments, production requests, interrogatories, admission requests, demand letters, summary judgment motions, and support memoranda for five civil cases
- Spearheaded integration of the Tourism Division by consolidating all agency and state contracts and solely drafted and submitted new Tourism statewide regulations
- Analyzed current Kansas State legislative bills for project cost and legality, comparing with prior proposed bills for accuracy and uniformity

Kansas Supreme Court Access to Justice Committee, Topeka, KS

July 2020–Present

Volunteer Legal Intern

- Compile all self-representing litigant forms in Kansas into a single database
- Coordinate with Kansas Legal Service to learn Kansas litigation procedures
- Write committee reports on findings and drafted plain language forms for statewide use

Kansas Athletics, Inc., Lawrence, KS

July 2020–August 2020

Legal Intern

- Researched five legal issues for KU Office of General Counsel and wrote a memorandum on such issues for later use in a motion to dismiss
- Analyzed force majeure clauses for thirty-five university contracts and amendments and compiled findings
- Reviewed athletics forms using NCAA and Big 12 Rules and Regulations and FERPA

Missouri Commission on Human Rights, Kansas City, MO

May 2020–July 2020

Legal Intern

- Determined jurisdiction over employment discrimination and retaliation complaints
- Facilitated negotiations, initiated mediations, and organized right-to-sue requests
- Maintained case files and correspondence with hundreds of local attorneys while ensuring the accuracy of all newly digitized case files

PERSONAL INTERESTS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Member of the Association for Women in Law (AWL) of Greater Kansas City, KCMBA, Kansas Bar Association, and Johnson County Bar Association
- KCMBA Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy Barrister, August 2024–May 25