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Bar California – Admitted December 5, 2002

Admissions District of Columbia – Admitted January 10, 2005

Education Santa Clara University School of Law Santa Clara, CA 1999-2002
J.D.

- Top 15% of graduating class
- Public Interest Certificate recipient

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI 1994-1998
B.A., Psychology and English

- Department Honors in both programs, 1997-1998

Legal

Experience

American University Washington College of Law

Adjunct Faculty Coach Washington, D.C. 2007-Present

- Responsibility for preparing second- and third-year law students for external mock-trial competitions, which involves extensive teaching and demonstrations covering all aspects of trial advocacy in the courtroom

The Public Defender Service

For The District of Columbia Washington, D.C. 2005-Present
Attorney – Trial Division

- Responsibility for a caseload comprising juvenile-delinquency and adult-felony matters bridging the spectrum of criminal offenses

The Honorable Robert E. Morin

District of Columbia Superior Court Washington, D.C. 2004-2005
Law Clerk

- Managed all aspects of Judge Morin’s daily calendar, which included neglect, domestic relations, adoption, and juvenile-delinquency matters
- Researched and wrote legal memoranda on various issues that presented themselves in the cases that Judge Morin presided over

Nolan, Armstrong & Barton, LLP

Associate Palo Alto, CA 2002-2004

- Handled a caseload averaging 15-20 clients with cases ranging from infractions to minor felonies at an Martindale Hubbell AV-rated criminal-defense firm
- Second-chaired two federal cases in the Northern District of California, including conspiracy to possess stolen property as a result of a major FBI sting operation and violations of export-license requirements promulgated by the Department of Commerce
- Second-chaired a high-profile pro-bono case for a group of 52 protestors who were arrested and charged, which involved a complicated restitution issue that we ultimately prevailed on

- Second-chaired a case brought under California's Sexually Violent Predator Act, which entailed a complete work-up of the case from the preparation and presentation of a Power Point lecture to the firm that included a comprehensive review of every major case since 1999 to active participation in representation during the probable-cause hearing

Southern Center for Human Rights Atlanta, GA Summer, 2001
Legal Intern

- Assisted with the research and writing of various issues for a state writ of habeas corpus for a death row inmate in Georgia
- Interviewed prisoners in Alabama as part of an investigation for a class-action law suit filed by the Center against the state for sub-constitutional jail conditions
- Researched issues for and assisted in the preparation of a capital murder trial
- Co-wrote an article on the death penalty in Alabama, which appeared in the November 2001 edition of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyer's monthly publication, *The Champion*

Prof. Ellen Kreitzberg, Santa Clara Univ. Santa Clara, CA 1999-2002
Research assistant

- Researched numerous issues for Prof. Kreitzberg's classes in evidence, criminal law and the death penalty
- Helped organize and run Prof. Kreitzberg's annual Death Penalty College—a nationally recognized seminar and workshop for attorneys with pending capital cases
- Extensively researched, partially wrote, and edited a chapter on aggravating circumstances for a death penalty study guide co-authored by Prof. Kreitzberg

Volunteer Experience

East San Jose Workers' Rights Clinic San Jose, CA 1999-2001
Student Counselor

- Under attorney supervision, advised indigent clients from the community as to their rights and legal options regarding employment and wage and hour disputes

Student Director

- One of three students selected to supervise the counselors; represented a client on appeal before an Administrative Law Judge at the San Jose Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Achievements Santa Clara University School of Law, 1999-2002:

- Best Oral Advocate—First year moot court exercise
- Finalist—Russell Galloway Criminal Law Moot Court Competition
- Best Oral Advocate for the Semi-Final Round—25th Annual Honors Moot Court Competition at Santa Clara
- Alan G. Martin Prize for the Best Team—25th Annual Honors Moot Court Competition at Santa Clara
- Witkin Award for Academic Excellence: Evidence, Trial Techniques, Property, and Legal Analysis, Research and Writing
- Pro Bono Plaque recipient—special recognition for public interest work: 2000, 2001
- 2001 Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowship Award recipient
- Recipient of the Santa Clara University Public Interest Scholar Certificate