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EDUCATION

- University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (UDC-DCSL), Washington, DC**
Juris Doctorate May 2017
- Rosemont College, Rosemont, PA**
B.S., Forensic Sociology and Criminology May 2011

CERTIFICATE

- Bryn Mawr College School of Social Work and Social Research, Bryn Mawr, PA**
Certificate, Trauma: The Basics and Beyond April 2019

EXPERIENCE

- CASA Youth Advocates, Media, PA**
Case Supervisor 06/05/18 – Present
- Provide supervision of court appointed special advocates
 - Assist in the professional development and performance management of court appointed special advocates
 - Draft and present factual and objective findings to the court reflecting the child’s best interest
 - Utilize and analyze qualitative and quantitative methods to study adverse childhood experiences for program development and influence state and local child welfare reform
- Children’s Law Center, Washington, DC**
Guardian ad litem Law Clerk 10/10/17 - 05/01/18
- Assisted in legal research, placement investigations and litigation preparation for child client’s subject to abuse and neglect proceedings in District of Columbia’s Family Court
 - Assisted in providing information to legal and non-legal audiences of the issues and needs of low income children and families
- Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC**
Judicial Intern, Magistrate Judges Fentress & Nolan 02/01/17 - 05/01/17
- Assisted in drafting child neglect judicial findings
- UDC-DCSL General Practice Clinic, Washington, DC**
Student Attorney 08/15/17 - 05/01/17
- Represented three children as Guardian ad litem in custody and juvenile status offense proceedings, mediations and negotiations.
- Children’s Law Center, Washington, DC**
Student Law Clerk 05/20/16 - 08/01/16
- Researched and drafted memoranda regarding child welfare legal issues
 - Assisted in interviewing clients and witnesses, located resources for clients, attended court hearings, and accompanied attorneys on home and school visits
- UDC-DCSL Juvenile & Special Education Law Clinic, Washington, DC**
Student Attorney 01/27/16 - 04/28/16
- Developed and implemented case plans, negotiated, and represented children in Individualized Education Program meetings and administrative hearings in special education and juvenile delinquency matters

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Office of the State's Attorney, Upper Marlboro, MD

Child Abuse & Sexual Assault Unit Legal Intern

07/05/15 - 8/15/15

- Researched and drafted memoranda and motions on child abuse, domestic violence and indecent exposure issues
- Assisted with investigatory work and trial preparation for child homicide and sex abuse proceedings

United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Greenbelt, MD

Judicial Intern, Chambers of Chief Magistrate Judge William Connelly

05/20/15 - 06/28/15

- Reviewed briefs on discovery disputes and provided an assessment of a bench trial on tort liability
- Observed civil hearings, criminal proceedings and hearings before the U.S Bankruptcy Court

National Black Law Students Association(NBLSA), Washington, DC

09/02/14 – 05/01/17

UDC- William C. Pryor Chapter Leader

- Managed the chapter's budget, including formulation, execution, and surveillance
- Assured coordination of chapter initiatives, special projects, and daily activities
- Provided criminal law tutoring to 1st year law students in Criminal Law

Street Law Program Coordinator

- Developed a Street Law volunteer program
- Taught practical law and civic engagement to high school students

Girls Justice League, Philadelphia, PA

Executive Board Secretary

07/01/13 - 07/01/14

- Recorded minutes for board meetings
- Assisted in building alliances with organizations to work collaboratively with girls and young women
- Collaborated and negotiated with various stakeholders for policy development, implementation, and program improvement serving girls and young woman

Girl Engagement Committee Member

- Recruited, trained, and supported girls ages 12-24 to advance gender responsiveness in the programs and systems that effect their lives

Defender Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Social Service Child Advocate

09/01/12 - 08/01/14

- Provided case management of a caseload of 90 children, who were involved in pending dependent litigation
- Conducted home and agency visits, testified in dependent court proceedings and wrote recommendations used in court proceedings

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Philadelphia, PA

Volunteer Advocate

09/01/11 - 08/01/14

- Communicated child's needs to the court in written reports, detailing concerns and recommendations
- Identified and explored potential support services and family placement

EDSI, Bristol, PA

Assessment Specialist-Bucks County Career Link

08/01/11 - 08/01/12

- Assisted clients through assessment process and his/her understanding of their abilities and skills
- Maintained a database of client assessments, test schedules and billing reports