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## **EMPLOYMENT**

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Walling, Berg & Debele, P.A., Minneapolis, Minnesota

Associate Attorney, August 2003 - present

Practice area limited exclusively to adoption and family law, including: adoption, custody, dissolution, juvenile law, and litigation.

Law Clerk, January 2002 – May 2003

Responsibilities included drafting adoption and family law documents, conducting research, and scheduling and organizational management of cases.

William Mitchell Career Services, St. Paul, Minnesota

Assistant, January 2001 – January 2002

Responsibilities included assisting with office projects, assisting students with scheduling conferences and career services questions.

Children's Law Center of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota

Summer Law Clerk, May 2001 – August 2001

Responsibilities included conducting research regarding children's issues, attending court proceedings for foster care clients, filing court documents, and recruiting volunteers.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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State of Minnesota, October 2003

## **EDUCATION**

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William Mitchell College of Law - St. Paul, Minnesota

Juris Doctorate, June 2003

Achievements: Minnesota Justice Foundation recognition of law related public service.

Creighton University - Omaha, Nebraska

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, May 1997

Awards: First Place Great Plains Undergraduate Psychology Convention, April 1997.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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America Academy of Adoption Attorneys

*Fellow*, 2010 – present

Editor of Newsletter 2010 – present.

Minnesota State Bar Association

*Member*, Family Law Section 2003 – present

*Member*, Children and the Law Section 2003 – present

Hennepin County Bar Association

*Co-Chair*, Juvenile Law Section 2005 – present

*Member*, 2003 – present

Minnesota Women Lawyers

## **COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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Gift of Adoption Fund, Inc. – Amy Silberberg Chapter

*Secretary*, Board of Directors 2004 – 2007

*Co-Chair*, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraiser November 2005

*Board Member*, 2004 – 2008

Women's Club of Minneapolis

*Member*, 2005 – 2007

Children's Hospital – Minneapolis

*Volunteer*, 1998 – 2000

## **PRESENTATIONS AND WRITINGS**

Author, *Guarding Your Client's Rights: Tips for Dealing with the Minnesota Fathers' Adoption Registry*, The Hennepin Lawyer, May 2010, Vol. 79, Number 5, Focus on: Family Law p 27-32.

Presenter, *The Top 10 Things Agency Workers Fear/The Nuts and Bolts of Minnesota Adoption Law*, November 2009, Annual Walling, Berg & Debele, P.A. Adoption Symposium.

Teaching Assistant, Spring Semester 2006, 2007, and 2008; to Wright S. Walling, Esq., Adjunct professor, for *Adoption Law* class, University of St. Thomas Law School.

Guest, Minnesota Law Report on KYCR AM – 1570

*Grandparent Rights and Third Party Custody*, November 10, 2007

*Rights of Birth Parents in Adoption*, November 17, 2007

Presenter, *Legalities in Adoption*, June 2007, sponsored by: Children's Home Society & Family Services; Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Seton Services; Walling, Berg & Debele, P.A.; and HealthEast Care System (seminar developed and designed to educate social workers with private agencies and hospitals about the legal rights and responsibilities of birth parents, adoptive parents, and agencies in adoption situations).

Co-Author, with Wright S. Walling, Esq., *100 Years of Juvenile Court in Minnesota – A Historical Overview and Perspective*, 32 WILLIAM MITCHELL LAW REVIEW 883-917, 2006 (special issue related to 100 Year Anniversary of Minnesota Juvenile Court)

## **APPELLATE CASES**

Perdomo v. Flying, 2008 WL 495707 (Minn. Ct. App. 2008)