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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

Associate Attorney, May 2006 – Present

Law Clerk, May 2004 to May 2006

- Practice devoted to family law including dissolution, custody, international custody disputes under the Hague Convention, paternity, and related appeals.

Hennepin County Family Court Self-Help Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Minnesota Justice Foundation Clerkship

Law Clerk, May 2003 to August 2004

Volunteer Facilitator, September 2004 to May 2004

- Assisted pro se family court litigants with their family court actions.
- Conducted legal research regarding paternity and child custody.

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Volunteer Law Clerk, January 2003 to May 2003

- Conducted legal research regarding child custody and child support issues.

United Health Group, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Information and Referral Specialist, June 2000 to July 2001

- Interviewed clients and assessed their needs for mental health counseling, legal assistance and community resource referrals.

Courage Center, Golden Valley, Minnesota

Clinical Neuropsychology Intern, September 1998 to June 1999

- Performed neuropsychological testing with individuals suspected of having traumatic brain injury, analyzed and provided written report of test results.

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland

Research Fellow, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, October 1994 to October 1995

- Assisted with research projects involving the emotional and cognitive development of infants and children.

Institute for Mental Health Initiatives, Washington, D.C.

Research Intern, August 1993 to May 1994

- Conducted research regarding the impact of violence on children and childhood resiliency.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

- Board Member of Advisory Committee that oversees Hennepin County Bar Association (HCBA), Hennepin County Bar Foundation (HCBF), and Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN)
- Volunteer Family Law Attorney for Chrysalis: A Center for Women, Legal Advice Clinics and Divorce Information Sessions
- Volunteer Family Law Attorney for Volunteer Lawyers Network (VLN) Legal Advice Clinics
- Pro Bono Attorney for Children's Law Center
- Member of Minnesota State Bar Association
- Member of Hennepin County Bar Association
- Member of Minnesota Women Lawyers
- Member of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

2008 Family Law Institute, I Have a Family Law Client, Now What? A one-hour presentation for new family lawyers.

Minnesota's New Child Support Law: An Overview, Hennepin Lawyer, a publication of the Hennepin County Bar Association. May/June 2007.

Minnesota's New Child Support Law: The Basics, Winter 2007 Edition of *Hearsay*, a publication of the Minnesota State Bar Association New Lawyers Section.

NOTABLE CASES

Hubbard County Health and Human Services v. Zacher, 742 N.W.2d 223 (Minn. App. 2007).

EDUCATION

University of St. Thomas School of Law, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Juris Doctorate, May 2005

- Dean's Scholarship Recipient
- Dean's List (Fall 2003)
- Student Attorney in the Family Law Practice Group at the The University of St. Thomas Interprofessional Center for Counseling and Legal Services
- Recipient of Dean's Award for Client Interviewing and Counseling (Fall 2004)
- Founder of Family Justice Society, Student Organization

Minnesota School of Professional Psychology, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*, September 2001

Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from the Honors Tutorial College, *Summa Cum Laude*, June 1993

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Minnesota, May 2006

United States District Court, District of Minnesota, May 2008