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### **EDUCATION**

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University of Minnesota Law School – Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Juris Doctorate, Cum Laude, 2004

Honors: Dean's List, 2001 - 04.

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

Activities: International Moot Court, 2002-03.

Minnesota Intellectual Property Review, Staff Member, 2003-04.

Child Advocacy Clinic, 2003-04.

University of Wisconsin – Madison, Wisconsin.

Bachelor of the Arts, Philosophy, August 2000.

### **BAR ADMISSION**

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State of Minnesota, October 2004

State of Wisconsin, October 2006

### **EMPLOYMENT**

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

Law Clerk, May 2004 – October 2004; Associate Attorney, October 2004 – Present

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

Independent Contract Work

2003-04

Contracted with The Law Center for Children and Families in Madison, Wisconsin to draft various pleadings. Projects included a successful appellate brief that convinced the Wisconsin Court of Appeals that the trial court had abused its discretion without oral argument, and a brief to the trial court successfully arguing that it should recognize the equitable concept of de facto parentage.

Title Mark, Waconia, Minnesota

May 2003 – August 2003

Assisted in a title office preparing documents for real estate closings, and directing documents and funds to the appropriate parties

Washington County District Court – Stillwater, Minnesota

Volunteer Law Clerk to the Honorable Susan Miles, May 2002 – August 2002

Researched and assisted in the implementation of a portion of the Children's Justice Initiative.

Court Administration, June 2002 – August 2002

Collected overdue fines for various traffic citations.