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EDUCATION

The University of Minnesota School of Law. Minneapolis, MN.
2005, Juris Doctor.

- Dean's List 2004-2005.
- Civil Rights Moot Court—oral arguments & appellate brief.
- William & Mary International Law Program: Madrid, Spain- Summer 2003,
Studied Comparative Corporate Law; European Union Law & Politics; and International Business.

The Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD.
2002, Bachelor of Arts Degree.

- *Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.*
- Teaching Assistant for Business Law II.
- Treasurer of Phi Mu Sorority, managing \$20,000 a semester.

Bar Admission: *Minnesota, 2006.*

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Walling, Berg & Debele, P.A. Minneapolis, MN.
Associate Attorney 3/26/07 - present

- Practice Areas: Adoption, Custody, Dissolution, Juvenile Law, Litigation, Appeals.
- Have finalized adoptions, handled child support modification hearings, motion hearings, have represented an intervening party in a Termination of Parental Rights trial and have successfully tried a 3rd Party Custody case.
- Representative Cases: *In re Welfare of T.L.C.*, 2008 WL 3290879, (Minn. App. August 12, 2008).

4th Judicial District Court. Minneapolis, MN.
Law Clerk to Judge Toddrick Barnette. May 2006- March 2007

- Oversee day-to-day management of Judge's chambers. Help orchestrate pleas, conduct trials, jury selection, Rasmussen Hearings, Morissey Hearings, and rulings on evidence. Implemented a filing system and organization. Compose correspondence, research and draft court orders. Have a high level of computer efficiency with Word, Outlook, and our Criminal database. Guide the learning experience of our law student externs. Serve as an office liaison to the community, attorneys, defendants, probation, and the public. As Judge Barnette's first law clerk I am self-sufficient and resourceful in learning new procedures and handling issues presented.
- **Law Clerk** to Judge Susan N. Burke, November 2005- April 2006
Same job description as above.

Bankruptcy Clinic University of MN Law School.
Certified Student Attorney-

Minneapolis, MN.
2004- 2005

Performed legal services for indigent clients under the supervision of clinic supervisors. Did client intake screening for potential Chapter 7 or 13 Bankruptcy Claims. Completed a Chapter 7 Claim; filling out the Voluntary Petition and attending the 341 Meeting of Creditors.

Shulman & Dornbos, PLLC.
Law Clerk-

Minneapolis, MN.
11/04- 6/05

Drafted briefs, handled document discovery & attended depositions. Translated all documents for a class action suit with Spanish-speaking plaintiffs.

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc.

Stamford, CT.
Summer 2004

Summer Legal Fellow- At this private, non-profit law firm.

- Women's Law Student Association Grant recipient.
- Worked with two seasoned family attorneys on divorce proceedings, custody arrangements, restraining orders, and other family matters for indigent clients.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Scleroderma Foundation MN Chapter, Board Member 2009- Present

Minnesota Women's Lawyers, Member 2004- Present

- Serve as a Mentor to a Student Member of the MWL
- Participate in the Attorney-to-Attorney Mentor Section

Minnesota State Bar Association, Member 2005- Present

Hennepin County Bar Association, Member 2005- Present

Big Brothers, Big Sisters Minnesota- 2006- Present

Children's Law Center Volunteer 2008-Present

Volunteer Lawyers Network Volunteer 2008-Present