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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**BAKER LAW GROUP, Jacksonville, FL – January 2018 – Present**

Partner. Advises a broad range of clients concerning business formations, contracts, commercial transactions and litigation matters.

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, Jacksonville, FL – September 2015 – December 2017

Deputy Director Intergovernmental Affairs. Performed numerous tasks in government relations for the Mayor of Jacksonville. Worked with city council and the state legislature to accomplish the agenda and goals for the City of Jacksonville. This included tracking and analyzing legislation at the city and state level that impacted the City of Jacksonville and strategized and developed plans to fund local projects by the State of Florida for the City of Jacksonville.

BALLARD PARTNERS, Tallahassee, FL – February 2015 – July 2015

Government Affairs Consultant. Performed numerous tasks in government relations for a diverse client base, including municipal governments, public school boards, airports and private organizations. Focused heavily on the appropriations process within the Legislative Branch to advance client initiatives and priorities, including researching and drafting white papers for each budget item sought. Strategized with clients and developed action plans for accomplishing policy and budget goals while coordinating with members of the Legislative Branch to advance such goals. Drafted frequent comprehensive reports that analyzed and tracked bills to update clients throughout the legislative session.

SACHS SAX CAPLAN, PL, Tallahassee, FL – October 2013 – February 2015

Legal Associate & Government Affairs Consultant. Performed duties of a legal associate, including researching and analyzing law, drafting memorandums of law, and representing clients in administrative law matters before state agencies. Worked with a variety of clients, including education, transportation, and the funeral/cemetery industry, in government relations to further the interests and goals of the client before the legislative and executive branches. Interfaced directly with House, Senate, and Executive Branch members on client issues. Conducted extensive bill tracking and drafted memorandums of law relating to client-specific issues.

OFFICE OF THE FLORIDA SENATE DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER, Tallahassee, FL – Spring 2012

Legal Intern. Conducted in-depth research in various legislative issues including state budget review. Analyzed proposed legislation for potential conflicts between Senate and House bills. Attended committee meetings on behalf of the Deputy Majority Leader and tracked various bills through the legislative process.

EDUCATION**MEMBER OF THE FLORIDA BAR, Admitted in 2013****THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Tallahassee, FL**

Juris Doctor, *Cum Laude*, 2013

Business Law Certificate, *Cum Laude*, 2013

Emphasis: Federal Income Tax; Corporate Tax; Partnership Tax; Gift & Estate Tax; Article 9; Corporations; Law & Economics

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, Tallahassee, FL

Bachelor of Arts, Communications, Minor in Psychology, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2010