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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, NC

Juris Doctor, May 2015

- Dean’s Fellows Program Coordinator
 - Recruited second and third year law students to serve as mentors for the first year class
 - Responsible for mentor training, counseling, and oversight of the first year class
- Holderness Moot Court, Corporate Appellate Advocacy Team
 - Top 25 Oral Advocate in tryout competition
- Women in Law –Faculty and Alumni Outreach Coordinator
 - Organized presentations and networking events with prominent local attorneys and alumni

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Bachelor of Science, Media Communication Studies, cum laude, May 2012

Bachelor of Science, Criminology/Criminal Justice, cum laude, May 2012

- Dual minors in Political Science and Business
- Honors Program; Dean’s List (5 semesters)
- Lambda Pi Eta Communication Honors Society, Secretary
- Alpha Delta Pi Sorority - Alumnae Relations Chair

EXPERIENCE

Florida Department of Children and Families - Children’s Legal Services

Board Certified Lead Trial Attorney August 2018—present

- Drafting legal memorandum, motions, and petitions for all stages of the dependency system from shelter to reunification, termination of parental rights, and adoption.
- Provide the Court with regular case updates for Judicial Review and track statutory timelines for permanency
- Collaborate with social workers, therapists, and community based service providers to supply families with preventative and remedial services to promote safe and stable family environments

Parker + Lynch, Jacksonville, FL

Attorney Search Director, 2017-June 2018

- Specialized in associate and partner level attorney recruitment and placement with leading law firms as well as in-house counsel recruitment and placement in corporate legal departments
- Engaged in networking, relationship building, interview preparation, contract negotiation, and all aspects of client and candidate recruitment, preparation, and management

Office of the State Attorney - 1st Judicial Circuit, Pensacola FL

Assistant State Attorney, 2015-2016

- Responsible for prosecution of misdemeanor crimes in the First Circuit
- Researched complex legal issues, drafted and argued motions, counseled victims of crimes, managed large caseloads

University of North Carolina Athletic Department – Risk Management, Chapel Hill, NC

Legal Extern, Fall 2014

- Researched issues pertaining to NCAA Compliance and Risk Management

North Carolina Court of Appeals - Judge Ann Marie Calabria, Raleigh, NC

Legal Extern, Summer 2014

- Researched complex legal issues on appeal; drafted bench briefs; edited and cite checked judicial opinions

Professor Robert J. Smith, Chapel Hill, NC

Research Assistant, Summer 2013

- Compiled extensive nationwide survey relating to the death penalty and capital defense

American Civil Liberties Union, Capital Punishment Project, Chapel Hill, NC

Pro Bono Volunteer, Spring 2013

- Researched various issues relating to the death penalty

Executive Office of Governor Rick Scott, Appointments Office, Tallahassee, FL

Program Assistant, June 2011-June 2012

- Collected information and prepared meeting materials and briefs for the Governor and his staff
- Created and maintained information databases keeping track of all Florida gubernatorial appointments

The Tallahassee Democrat Newspaper, Tallahassee, FL

Freelance Journalist, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

- Researched stats from local sports teams, interviewed coaches and players, and recorded live footage for features

Warchant.com, Tallahassee, FL

Intern, June 2009-December 2010

- Conducted interviews with current players and prominent sports figures in FSU football history

Florida State University College of Communication and Information, Tallahassee, FL Teaching Assistant, Honors

Public Speaking, Fall 2010