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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BUFFALO, LAW SCHOOL

Director of Externships

July 2014-present

- Responsible for administration and supervision of one of the nation's largest externship/clerkship programs, serving more than 100 law students each year
 - Provide support and educational resources to students to enhance their skills development through their field placements
- Supervise externship/clerkship staff administrator
- Coordinate dozens of community partners, including government offices, not-for-profit legal agencies and judicial positions, offering student placements in the Western New York legal community
- Coordinate, in conjunction with the SUNY Buffalo Clinical Legal Education Program and the Skills Curriculum, a program that ensures greater access to justice for many Western New York clients
- Ensure compliance with the New York State *pro bono* bar admission requirement for each enrolled student
- Coordinate, in conjunction with the SUNY Buffalo Clinical Legal Education Program and the Skills Curriculum the New York State Pro Bono Scholars program at SUNY Buffalo Law School (upcoming Spring 2015)
- Co-teach required 3-credit substantive course for 12 Pro Bono Scholars (upcoming Spring 2015)
- Mentor students interested in public interest work
- Participant in weekly Clinical Teaching Methodology Colloquium

LEGAL PRACTICE

Fifteen years of private practice focusing on civil litigation including: counseling clients; developing litigation strategy; conducting settlement negotiations; handling court conferences, hearings and mediations; drafting pleadings, motions and settlement agreements; taking and defending depositions; and trial work.

PROSKAUER ROSE LLP, New York, New York
Litigation Associate, September 1999 to June 2009; Summer Associate, Summer 1998

Empire State Counsel distinction (2008) from work on several pro bono matters such as:

- Reversal of a dishonorable discharge under the U.S. Don't Ask Don't Tell policy for a Republican Arizona representative.
- Outreach to homeless shelter on the Bowery, including intake of litigation resulting in the reversal of checking account seizure by a former landlord.
- Drafted and argued juvenile criminal appeal briefs.

HODGSON RUSS LLP, Buffalo, New York

Senior Associate, Insurance and Reinsurance Coverage Group July 2009 to March 2012

- **Buffalo Niagara Partnership 360 Spotlight Young Professional 2011-2012**

KENNEY SHELTON LIPTAK NOWAK LLP, Buffalo, New York

Special Counsel, Coverage Group

March 2012 to February 2014

BAR ADMISSIONS: New York, United States District Courts for the Southern, Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of New York, and the Supreme Court of the United States

EDUCATION

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Syracuse, NY

Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*,

1999

Honors: Fellow, *Syracuse Law Review*, Moot Court Honor Society, Order of the Coif

- **NEW COURT CHAMBERS**, London, England; Mini-pupilage with Commercial Barrister, Summer 1997

LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY, Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Humanities and Spanish, Honors Program, *cum laude*

1996

Honors:

California Women in Higher Education Student Woman of the Year, 1996

President's Service and Leadership Award, 1995

Presidential and Burns Scholarships

Alpha Sigma Nu (Jesuit Honor Society)

Study Abroad Program in Salamanca, Spain Summer 1995

Service:

Directed Today Not Tomorrow Community Service Organization

- Tutored at-risk youth in Central Los Angeles bilingual schools.
- Participated in several mission trips to Tijuana orphanages.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- YWCA of WNY: Member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee 2014-2016
 - Chair, Facilities and Transitional Housing Committee
- Kevin Guest House guest photographer for annual fundraising events
- Women's Bar Association of the State of New York ("WBASNY"), Western New York Chapter (present); New York City chapter ("NYWBA") from 2000-09, holding many officer, board and committee positions
 - Past Chair of annual summer program: *What It's Really Like to Practice Law in NYC as a Woman*, for several years
 - Past Co-chair WBASNY Committee on Equal Opportunity in the Profession, 2004-06
 - Recipient of WBASNY Doris S. Hoffman Outstanding New Lawyer Award 2003
 - Recipient of NYWBA Doris S. Hoffman Service Award 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Upcoming: *Carpe diem, carpe experientiam...SEIZE YOUR EXTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE THROUGH ELECTRONIC BILLING!*, CLEA Newsletter, December 2014

LANGUAGES: Spanish