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EDUCATION

University of Iowa College of Law | Iowa City, IA Fall 2018 to Spring 2020

Juris Doctor | GPA: 3.29

Jessup International Moot Court Competition

Finalist & **Top Brief Award**, Spring 2019 | Team Member, 2019 – 2020

Moot Court Executive Board, 2019 – 2020

Van Oosterhout-Baskerville Competition Coordinator

University of St. Thomas School of Law | Minneapolis, MN Fall 2017 to Spring 2018

Candidate for Juris Doctor | GPA: 3.39 | Class Rank: 31/147 (Top 22%)

Top research score in Lawyering Skills II | **Highest grade** in Criminal Law

After my first year, I transferred to The University of Iowa College of Law.

Iowa State University | Ames, IA

Fall 2008 to Spring 2013

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Bachelor of Science, Economics

EXPERIENCE

Iowa Board of Parole

Des Moines, IA

Chair

May 2022 to Present

Lead and manage a team of 14 Board members and staff to as safely as possible reenter inmates back into society. Interview inmates and review case files to assess level of rehabilitation and propensity to reoffend. Responsibly oversee an annual legislative appropriation of approximately \$1.3 million. Draft, revise, and implement administrative rules to fulfill statutory mandates. Engage partners in Corrections and parole districts to standardize release and supervision practices. Advise the Governor's Office and the Legislature on Board policies, practices, and relevant legislation.

Office of the Governor of Iowa

Des Moines, IA

Deputy Legal Counsel to Governor Kim Reynolds

September 2020 to May 2022

Provided timely and accurate legal advice to the Governor, her staff, and various agencies on a wide range of topics including clemency, gifts, open records, and ethics compliance among other issues. Analyzed and performed open records requests. Reviewed legal implications of pending legislation, and vetted potential appointments to the Iowa judiciary. Advised the Governor on the budgets and policies of the Department of Corrections, Board of Parole, and other boards and commissions.

The University of Iowa College of Law

Iowa City, IA

Certified Student Practitioner – Federal Criminal Defense Clinic

August 2019 to December 2019

Represented indigent clients at the pretrial stage in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa as well as in front of the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Argued against detaining my client at a detention hearing and advised clients of their rights and legal options before hearings and in pre-trial detention. Negotiated with the U.S. Attorney's Office, U.S. Bureau of Prisons, and the U.S. Marshals to maximize the outcomes of my clients. Wrote two briefs for the Eighth Circuit which resulted in the opinion in [United States v. Harrell, 982 F.3d 1137 \(8th Cir. 2020\)](#).

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U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

New York, NY

Honors Program – Division of Enforcement

May 2019 to July 2019

Researched and drafted memos for the Microcap Fraud Task Force staff on how potential enforcement actions could be prosecuted under Rule 10b-5 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 17(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 for market fraud. Assisted accounting fraud and market manipulation investigations by analyzing community referrals while preparing for and attending depositions and liaising with parallel agencies like the FBI and DOJ.

U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

Washington, DC

Judicial Intern to the Honorable Timothy J. Kelly

May 2018 to August 2018

Performed first review of newly filed complaints and briefs and drafted memos for the law clerks and Judge Kelly discussing the arguments and law cited. Researched the relevant law on filed cases and provided my analysis on the merits of each party's position. Proofread, reviewed, and revised bench documents, and edited citations and style.

United States Senate

June 2013 to August 2017 | Washington, DC

Legislative Aide to Senator Chuck Grassley

January 2017 to August 2017

Guided the Senator's banking priorities. Wrote vote recommendations regarding upcoming legislation and nominations and met with interested constituents and stakeholders. Responsible throughout all positions for drafting hearing questions and issue memoranda, preparing statements for the Senator, and meeting with stakeholders on legislation.

Legislative Correspondent to Senator Chuck Grassley

March 2014 to January 2017

Managed a fiscal portfolio consisting of tax, budget, banking, housing, and the Federal Reserve.

Regularly briefed the Senator on content and volume of incoming constituent correspondence and replied back with effective advocacy to concerns and inquiries.

Staff Assistant to Senate Judiciary Committee Ranking Member Chuck Grassley

June 2013 to March 2014

Received stakeholders and constituents for the Committee Minority and handled policy portfolio of mostly civil law issues as a legislative correspondent.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Iowa (2020)

Top 25% of all test takers

PERSONAL INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES

Die-hard Dallas Cowboys, Tottenham Hotspur, and Iowa State football and basketball fan.

Improving Chess player. Teammate along with my sister on an adult co-ed soccer team. Always with my dad at classic car shows to show his 1956 Chevrolet Bel Air. Regularly run and exercise.