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EXPERIENCE

Vanderbilt University

July 2021 – Present

The Vanderbilt Project on Unity & American Democracy

Program Director | Nashville, TN

- Work hand-in-hand with the Project’s executive director and co-chairs along with VU’s Division of Communications to increase local and national awareness for this new and highly visible initiative.
 - Launched in January 2021 by former Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam, the Project aims to lead a non-partisan, national conversation on restoring unity and civility to a fractured country by elevating evidence and reason above ideology.
- Develop and carry out compelling programming that advances the Project’s goals under the umbrella of our [seven pillars](#).
 - WATCH:
 - [Reform for Redemption: Cyntoia Brown-Long & Gov. Bill Haslam](#)
 - [Unity Talks: A Summer Series – Episode 3 – Gov. Bill Haslam and Rep. Will Hurd](#)
 - [Unity Talks: A Summer Series – Episode 2 – Gov. Bill Haslam and Yuval Levin](#)
- Source and contract with panelists; partner with VU Communications team to promote and produce both online and in-person events.
- Work with VU Communications and the Project’s third-party PR firm to develop and implement a communications strategy that reaches the following audiences on a monthly basis: VU students, faculty, staff, and alumni; the Nashville community; the larger Tennessee community and our local elected officials; the national audience and elected officials at the federal level.

Tennessee Department of State

Mar 2021 – June 2021

Director of Legislative & Agency Affairs | Nashville, TN

- Managed legislative initiatives within the TN Department of State. Advocated for the Department’s legislative agenda through end of the 2021 session of the 112th General Assembly.
- Provided testimony on behalf of the Department of State before the General Assembly’s Joint Fiscal Review Committee, resulting in the approval of several non-competitive contracts.
- Developed briefing memoranda, legislative testimony, and op-eds for the Secretary.
 - Daily Wire: [DC’s Election Takeover Is Unconstitutional And Impractical—Leave It To The States](#)

United States Senate - Office of Senator Joni K. Ernst

June 2019 – Mar 2021

Legislative Counsel | Washington, DC

- Legislative portfolio as part of Judiciary team: • Civil Rights & Liberties • Life Issues & Family Planning • Human Rights, w/focus on Human Trafficking Prevention • Immigration • Minority Issues • Women’s Issues • Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention • Values Action Team
- Primarily worked on these issues as part of Sen. Ernst’s Judiciary Committee team, but also worked closely and consistently with the National Security team regarding women’s issues, sexual violence prevention, and religious freedom in our armed services.
- Represented the Senator in meetings with constituents, public-interest advocacy groups, lobbyists, Federal and State government agencies, and fellow lawmaker offices.
- Crafted legislation, amendments, and resolutions; lead Congressional letters to appropriate Administration officials and implemented plans to ensure timely resolutions to the matters.
- Briefed the Senator on legislative proposals, agency and executive actions, Judiciary Committee hearings, and relevant current events; worked with senior staff to develop and recommend policy positions, along with the best method for establishing such position.

- Drafted comments and questions for Committee hearings; wrote speeches for Senate floor time and public events; worked with Senate Republican Conference staff to develop video remarks and coordinate social media engagement among national and state-based advocacy groups.
- Worked with communications staff to create rollout plans for legislation or high-interest hearings, including press releases, social media content, talking points, and coordinating with Senate cosponsors and/or House offices for bicameral efforts; developed news-of-day talking points and response statements; drafted op-eds.
 - Fox News: [Sen. Joni Ernst: Judge Amy Coney Barrett is a role model for girls and shows US women have great freedoms](#)

CRC Strategies

Oct 2017 – June 2019

Account Associate | Alexandria, VA

- Communicated with the press on behalf of clients; wrote press releases and statements; drafted/edited and facilitated op-eds; pitched stories that forwarded the client's mission.
- Developed a network of congressional, White House, and court reporters/editors across a wide-range of policy beats; worked with producers, bookers, radio/TV hosts, and social media influencers to maximize story coverage.
- Worked with large network of organizations to ensure tailored communications to policymakers and coalition partners; managed client presence at coalition conferences.

Client accounts:

· [Americans United for Life](#) · [Campaign to confirm Justice Brett Kavanaugh](#) · [Judicial Crisis Network](#)
 · [March for Life Education & Defense Fund](#) · [Speech First](#) · [Tea Party Patriots Action/Citizens Fund](#)

Washington Legal Foundation

Oct 2016 – Oct 2017

VP/Director of Communications • *Associate* | Washington, DC

- Communicated with the press on behalf of WLF; held media briefings featuring legal experts and government officials; wrote press releases; drafted and edited blog posts.
- Managed WLF's online presence by promoting and intertwining the main website, blog site, *Forbes* contributions, and social media accounts.
- Successfully advocated for an updated website and spearheaded the screening process as we searched for the best digital firm to redesign and rebrand WLF's main site and blog.

Charleston County Public Defender's Office

Jan 2016 – Mar 2016

Law Clerk | Charleston, SC

- Performed legal research; assisted team of 24 attorneys with client screenings and trial preparations.

Wall Templeton & Haldrup, P.A.

Mar 2015 – Nov 2015

Office Clerk | Charleston, SC

- Assisted a team of 11 attorneys and four paralegals with research, specifically for medical malpractice, toxic torts, and products liability cases.
- Filed court documents in state and federal court on behalf of attorneys and maintained a file system for pleadings and discovery documents.

The Honorable Paul W. Garfinkel

May 2014 – July 2014

JOE Intern | Charleston, SC

- Performed legal research and work that a law clerk or court staff member might perform; observed family court proceedings, including DSS, juvenile, adoption, divorce, and bench warrant hearings.

Malone, Thompson, Summers & Ott L.L.C.

Oct 2010 – May 2013

Administrative Assistant | Columbia, SC

- Managed accounts payable and receivable along with other administrative tasks.
- Filed court documents in state and federal court on behalf of attorneys.
- Assisted with research and data collection in various labor and employment cases.

EDUCATION

American University

Aug 2016 – June 2017

*Pursued *Master of Arts – Journalism and Public Affairs* | Washington, DC

- Completed 30 of 33 credit program

Charleston School of Law

Aug 2013 – May 2016

Juris Doctor | Charleston, SC

Loyola University Chicago School of Law

June 20 – July 18, 2015

Study Law Abroad | Rome, Italy

Guest Professor: U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

University of South Carolina

Aug 2009 – May 2013

Bachelor of Arts – Political Science | Columbia, SC

Minors: *Public Relations & Advertising; Speech Communications*

VOLUNTEER

The Church at Avenue South – Brentwood Baptist

Aug 2022 – Present

Sunday School Volunteer | Nashville, TN

- Supervise and care for my church congregation's children, ranging from infants to seven years of age, during the second service on Sunday mornings.

HOPE Clinic for Women

May 2021 – Present

Volunteer (behind-the-scenes) | Nashville, TN

- Assist with administrative tasks as needed, such as sorting and restocking donated items for the free maternity/newborn store.

Reading Partners Tutor Service – Sanders-Clyde Elementary

Oct 2015 – Mar 2016

Reading Partner | Charleston, SC

- Used the reading comprehension program with students and provided feedback.

Veterans Affairs Clinic Pro Bono Project

Sept 2015 – Dec 2015

Legal Assistant | Charleston, SC

- Provided low-income veterans *pro se* assistance with matters involving: divorce, criminal record expungement, advance directives, guardianship/conservatorship, landlord/tenant, and probate.

Cass Elias McCarter Guardian *ad Litem* Program

Oct 2014 – June 2015

Volunteer Guardian ad Litem | Charleston, SC

- Represented the best interests of abused and neglected children in court to ensure a safe and permanent home placement.
- Thoroughly investigated every aspect of a child's situation—interviewed family members, foster parents, teachers, doctors, and performed home visits.

Domestic Violence Clinic Pro Bono Project

May 2014 – Sept 2014

Victim Advisor | Charleston, SC

- Assisted victims of domestic violence with filing petitions for orders of protection and walked them through the required court proceedings and potential outcomes.
- When needed, found safe housing for victims in shelters such as My Sister's House.

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