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Education:

Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, LA

J.D. *cum laude*, 2014; Admiralty & Maritime Law Certificate

3L GPA: 3.913; Cumulative GPA: 3.597

3L Rank: 8 of 222; Graduation Rank: 59 of 234

Honors: Dean's Scholarship; BarBri Max Nathan Honorarium (for public-interest work);
Cullen R. Liskow Award (for highest grade in Oil and Gas Law)

Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

B.A., Philosophy, minor: Geology, May 2009

Cumulative GPA: 3.52, Senior GPA: 3.75

Activities: SEA Semester (study abroad, Spring 2007), Oberlin Student Co-op Association

Legal Experience:

Smith & Fawer, L.L.C., New Orleans, LA

September 2014 – present

Associate Attorney

- Primary practice areas include business litigation, professional liability litigation, and construction defect litigation.
- Participated in appellate oral arguments in both state and federal courts.
- Responsible for preparing and responding to discovery requests, depositions, motions practice, mediations, and trial preparations.
- Other practice areas include: catastrophic injury litigation, complex insurance litigation, intellectual property litigation, and maritime litigation.

Tulane Civil Litigation Clinic, New Orleans, LA

August 2013 – May 2014

Student Attorney

- Conducted written discovery, depositions, and motions practice and settlement conference and trial preparations in federal civil rights litigation.

Tulane Criminal Defense Clinic, New Orleans, LA

May – August 2013

Research Assistant

- Researched and drafted briefs and motions for post-conviction appeals in state courts.
- Assisted in research and drafting of appellate briefing and preparation for oral argument in the Louisiana Supreme Court on the issue of retroactivity of new constitutional rules.
- Communicated with clients about appeals status.

Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, LA

June – July 2012

Law Clerk

- Prepared investigation requests, memoranda, motions, and digests of discovery, medical, and legal records.
- Met with clients to communicate facts and strategies between attorneys and clients, and provided additional client services, such as assisting family visitation and communication.

Other Professional Experience:

2007 – 2011

- Four years in the maritime field with 600+ days of sea time on educational and commercial vessels in New England, Houston Ship Channel, Great Lakes, and Chesapeake Bay.
- Inspected and maintained ship systems and supplies.
- Trained and supervised trainees in safe vessel operations.

Bar Admissions and Memberships:

- Louisiana, 2014
- U.S. District Court, Eastern, Western, and Middle Districts of Louisiana
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit
- American Bar Association
- Louisiana State Bar Association
- New Orleans Bar Association

Interests: Woodworking, sailing, and vegetarian cooking.

Other Awards: Eagle Scout