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EXPERIENCE

VORYS, SATER, SEYMOUR, AND PEASE, LLP

Associate, Litigation Group

Columbus, OH
Starting Oct. 2025

U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Law Clerk, Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.

Columbus, OH
Oct. 2024 – Oct. 2025

- Drafted 50+ opinions and orders on federal and state law issues including excessive use of force, deliberate indifference, FLSA, class actions, insurance, construction, prisoner rights, securities fraud, social security, personal injury, disability and sex discrimination, and more.
- Prepared the Judge for civil and criminal hearings and settlement conferences.
- Managed docket of 100+ concurrent civil cases, including daily strategic planning on case developments.

OHIO FIRST DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS

Staff Attorney, Judge Pierre H. Bergeron

Cincinnati, OH
Aug. 2023 – Sept. 2024

- Drafted 35 opinions (majority, concurring, and dissenting) on state and federal law issues including civil, criminal, and appellate procedure, discovery, property, contracts, mass torts, family, and constitutional law.
- Prepared the Judge for oral argument and case conferences and assisted with article and book writing.

NATIONAL POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY PROJECT

Summer Law Clerk

New Orleans, LA (remote)
Summer 2022

- Briefed qualified immunity arguments and reviewed discovery for ongoing civil rights litigation.
- Drafted portions of amicus briefs for U.S. Supreme Court and Circuit Court cases; authored white paper on municipal-level qualified immunity reform; developed law student mentoring program.

OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER

Law Clerk, Appeals and Post-Conviction Section

Columbus, OH
Aug. 2021 – Aug. 2022

- Drafted judicial release and suppression motions, interviewed incarcerated clients, and wrote memorandum on jail credit law that led to statewide policy change.
- Prepared attorneys for oral argument in the Ohio Supreme Court through moots and discussion.

OHIO JUSTICE & POLICY CENTER (OJPC)

Summer Law Clerk

Columbus, OH
Summer 2021

- Drafted motions for judicial release and sentencing policy report; visited and interviewed incarcerated clients.
- Assisted clients with applications for criminal record sealing and expedited pardons.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Safety Intelligence Analyst

Columbus, OH
Jan. 2018 – May 2020

- Conveyed real-time information and analysis to local, state, interstate, and federal law enforcement officers and government officials in 24/7 statewide intelligence center.
- Designed and wrote intelligence products and graphics for long-term criminal investigations.
- Lead subject matter expert for force protection; assessed threats to state and federal officials and public assets.

U.S. GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Policy Analyst

Washington, D.C.
June 2017 – Jan. 2018

- Audited U.S. Government's program to train and equip Iraq's military against ISIS, including travel to Kuwait and Baghdad, Iraq; co-wrote report to U.S. House and Senate requestors.
- Interviewed government officials, compiled data, and wrote portions of policy report on U.S. Government's infrastructure adaptation to effects of climate change at overseas military bases.

EDUCATION

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, Moritz College of Law

Juris Doctor – Magna Cum Laude, Order of the Coif
Ohio State Law Journal, Chief Articles Editor
Public Service Fellow with Recognition (150+ pro bono hours)

Columbus, OH
May 2023
GPA: 3.92/4.00, Top 5%

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, School of Foreign Service

Master of Arts in Security Studies
2017 Presidential Management Fellowship Finalist

Washington, D.C.
May 2017
GPA: 3.83/4.00

MARIETTA COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Asian Studies – Summa Cum Laude
Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Sigma Alpha
Study Abroad: Beijing, China (Spring 2013)

Marietta, OH
May 2015
GPA: 3.95/4.00

SCHOLARSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

WRITING

- Note, *Administrative Prison Terms and the Cycle of Carceral Legislating*, 83 OHIO ST. L.J. 711 (2022) (Awarded “Best Overall Note” by law journal peers)
- Article, *The Model Institutional Record Expungement Act (MIREA): A Model Regulation for Expunging Prison Disciplinary Records*, Ohio State Legal Studies Research Paper No. 731, Drug Enforcement and Policy Center, No. 55 (Sept. 2022)
- Graduate Seminar Paper, *American Police Militarization and Homeland Defense: Maximizing Utility and Minimizing Misuse of Military-Style Equipment*, Georgetown University Security Studies Program (May 2017)

SPEAKING

- Presenter, *Institutional Roles in the American Legal System*, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Foundations in U.S. Law Program (June 26, 2025)
- Panel Member, *Pathways to the Bench*, University of Cincinnati College of Law, American Constitution Society (March 28, 2024)

SERVICE

- 2020–23: 172 pro bono hours in law school
- 2022–23: Treasurer, Ohio Public Interest Law Foundation
- 2021–22: Volunteer, Central Ohio Housing Action Network
- 2021–22: Volunteer, Ohio Justice & Policy Center
- 2019–20: Crisis Counselor, Crisis Text Line

AWARDS

- 2023: Moritz Dean’s Leadership Award
- 2020–23: Law School CALI Awards: Federal Courts, Seminar: Reimagining Public Safety, Trial Practice, Professional Responsibility, Criminal Procedure: Adjudication
- 2020: Michael E. Moritz Merit Scholarship in Law
- 2015: Marietta College Chinese Language Award

Bar Admissions: Ohio; U.S. District Court, Southern District of Ohio; U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

Bar Association Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Ohio State Bar Association; Columbus Bar Association