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## **EDUCATION**

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**The Ohio State University, John Glenn College of Public Affairs** (Columbus, Ohio)  
*Master of Arts (MA) in Public Policy and Management*, June 2019

**Ohio Northern University College of Law** (Ada, Ohio)  
*J.D./LL.M.*, May 2015, Admitted to Ohio Bar in November 2015 (Attorney Registration No.: 0093819)

**The Ohio State University** (Columbus, Ohio)  
*Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science, concentration in Middle Eastern Politics*, June 2011

## **EXPERIENCE**

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**Columbus City Schools Board of Education** (Columbus, Ohio)  
*Staff Counsel*, May 2021-present

- Represent the Columbus City School District (the District) in court and administrative proceedings, including matters before the Municipal Civil Service Commission, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Civil Rights Commission, U.S. Department of Education and U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Receive, investigate, and respond to complaints filed with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and other administrative agencies
- Provide assistance and consultation to central office administrators, building principals, and District staff in interpreting district policies and negotiated agreements, and addressing a variety of legal-related matters

**Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings Operations** (Dayton, Ohio)  
*Attorney Advisor*, October 2017-May 2021

- Served as an attorney advisor to one or more Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) in the Office of Hearing Operations (HO)
- Rendered professional legal advice and assistance to the ALJs in prehearing development and preparation of cases for hearing, post hearing development and other post hearing actions
- Analyzed, researched and developed cases, formulated comprehensive

decisions and acted on requests for hearings held under Titles II, XVI and XVIII of the Social Security Act, as amended

- Participated fully in assisting ALJs in the formulation of case decisions

**Center for Democratic Governance and Rule of Law (Ada, Ohio)**

*Assistant Director & Program Manager, November 2015-August 2017*

- Coordinated with the Center Director to ensure successful implementation of the Legal Education for Visiting Afghan Scholars Program
- Advised visiting Afghan scholars assuring them of academic, social, and personal support for the duration of the program
- Monitored compliance with all State Department grant provisions, including developing a monitoring and evaluation tool used to gauge program progress
- and up-to-date budget monitoring tool used to access program spending, and audit program activities (US Department of State grant of over \$3 million USD)
- Supervised student legal interns fostering a guided experience in rule of law and development issues
- Engaged in outreach to secure rule of law and development grants for the Center for Democratic Governance and Rule of Law

**Office of the Ohio Attorney General, Antitrust Division (Columbus, Ohio)**

*Law Clerk, Fall 2014*

- Prepared and summarized legal research on issues related to unfair competition, an antitrust laws in the state of Ohio in anticipation of litigation
- Reviewed Ohio law and policy procedures to determine applicability for anticipated litigation
- Utilized an electronic case management tracking system to connect the facts of a given case to applicable legal rules and theory
- Provided oral and written reports of research findings to mid-level and senior legal staff

**Law Reform Commission of the Republic of Liberia (Monrovia, Liberia)**

*Legal Extern, Summer 2014*

- Drafted a national law reform policy to address inconsistencies contained in the laws of Liberia, and promote the harmonization of customary and statutory law through the legislative drafting process
- Facilitated workshops and seminars discussing issues including the revision of the War Crimes Law, the constitution revision process, and promoting the use of alternative dispute resolution in Liberia
- Provided consultation to neighboring communities on constitutional reform with tribal chiefs, local services groups, and other community leaders

**The Urban Institute** (Washington, DC)

*Legal Extern*, Summer 2013

- Extracted prominent legal issues concerning transitional governments in the area of service delivery and local governance from local sources to be incorporated on the Urban Institute's Local Public Sector Initiative website
- Edited a collaborative monitoring and evaluation project between the Urban Institute and the World Bank with relevant information regarding the current development status of transitional governments and recent local reforms to facilitate the development of post-conflict governments

**VOLUNTEER WORK & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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**Legal Aid Society of Columbus** (Columbus, Ohio)

*Volunteer Attorney*, Tenant Advocacy Project

Ohio State Bar Association

John Mercer Langston Bar Association

Dayton Bar Association