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EDUCATION

Capital University Law School – Columbus, Ohio

Juris Doctor – magna cum laude – May 2022

- Capital University Law Review – Articles Editor
- Capital University Law School Moot Court – Associate Justice
- Order of the Barrister
- Dean's List

The Ohio State University – Columbus, Ohio

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration – June 2011

- Office of Diversity and Inclusion Student Services Leadership Award
- Dean's List

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Teetor Westfall – Columbus, Ohio

Associate – September 2024 to Present

- Practice civil and criminal litigation in a multidisciplinary firm
- Serve as lead counsel in representing the firm's criminal clients throughout the state

Columbus City Attorney's Office – Columbus, Ohio

Assistant City Prosecutor Domestic Violence and Stalking Unit – September 2022 to September 2024

- Work collaboratively as one of six trial attorneys representing the City of Columbus and State of Ohio in prosecuting misdemeanor criminal offenses with a focus on domestic violence and stalking related offenses
- Analyze cases to determine if plea agreements should be negotiated and conduct negotiations as appropriate with most cases reaching an agreed upon resolution
- Prepare cases by obtaining records, conducting pre-trial negotiations with defense attorneys, interviewing witnesses, and reviewing evidence and other related medical records and files
- Conduct factual and legal research to draft and write motions along with other court documents for the successful adjudication of cases
- Possess a strong knowledge of Ohio criminal law, the rules of evidence, rules of criminal procedure, trial practice, ethics law and professionalism

Columbus City Attorney's Office – Columbus, Ohio
Zone Initiative Law Clerk – May 2021 to May 2022

- Assisted the specialized unit of the Columbus City Attorney's Office as a certified legal intern in civil and criminal litigation against nuisance properties and their owners relating to violations of state and local zoning, building, criminal, and nuisance abatement codes
- Worked closely with attorneys in drafting complaints and motions against several major nuisance apartment complexes resulting in their closure, change of ownership, and multi-million-dollar settlements for their aggrieved tenants
- Conducted factual and legal research regarding unique issues related to nuisance abatement law
- Gained a strong knowledge of nuisance abatement law
- Participated in community service and outreach events

Crabbe, Brown & James LLP – Columbus, Ohio
Summer Law Clerk– June 2020 to July 2020

- Researched various legal subjects and assignments, and drafted legal memoranda
- Participated in depositions, witness preparation, and meetings with clients
- Received high praise from the managing partner and close clients for the memo I wrote regarding police use of force incidents
- Helped draft a model policy for municipalities to use when establishing a citizen review board

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Upper Arlington Police Division – Upper Arlington, Ohio
Police Officer – February 2015 to May 2022

- Patrolled an assigned area to prevent crime and enforce local laws and regulations
- Interacted with all types of people and used interpersonal skills to deescalate situations and help resolve conflicts while exercising sound judgment to ensure their safety and the public at large
- Mentored fellow officers in the enforcement of impaired drivers using advance detection techniques
- Wrote clear and concise reports that aided in the prosecution of misdemeanor and felony offenses

The Home Depot – Westerville, Ohio
Merchandising Execution Associate – September 2013 to February 2015
Hours per week: 40

- Maintained planogram integrity to ensure an optimal presentation of vendors' products

United States Postal Service– Columbus, Ohio
City Carrier Assistant – June 2013 to September 2013

- Delivered mail for multiple high-volume mail routes

JP Morgan & Chase – Westerville, Ohio

Small Business Credit Card Adviser – January 2013 to May 2013

- Solved basic and complex account inquires relating to business customers' credit card accounts
- Received high marks on post-customer satisfaction surveys

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

112th HHD Motor Transportation Battalion, Ohio Army National Guard – North Canton, Ohio

Battalion Supply Officer – April 2021 to February 2023

Rank: Captain

- Responsible for the overall supply, transportation, logistics, maintenance, and budgetary issues as the senior logistics director for the organization
- Worked directly with the senior director and senior deputy director to ensure all supplies and equipment were resourced to meet mission requirements, and resolved and deconflicted logistic related conflicts between subordinate managers
- Supervised four personnel
- Activated by the Governor of Ohio to support local area hospitals and health service organizations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and was awarded the Armed Forces Service Medal and Ohio Special Service Ribbon
- Awarded Army Accommodation Medal for my outstanding performance and support of the 112th Motor Transportation Battalion's continued success

112th HHD Motor Transportation Battalion, Ohio Army National Guard – North Canton, Ohio

Battalion Maintenance Officer – August 2019 to March 2021

Rank: Captain

- Planned, coordinated, and oversaw the overall maintenance support for the organization
- Supervised one senior personnel

212th Support Maintenance Company, Ohio Army National Guard – Medina, Ohio

Executive Officer – March 2018 to August 2019

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

- Provided operational and logistical support as the deputy director of a one hundred and fifty personnel maintenance company
- Assumed command duties in the absence of the director
- Awarded the Army Accommodation Medal for my outstanding service in the performance of my duties as executive officer

Forward Support Company 112th Engineer Battalion, Ohio Army National Guard – Brook Park, Ohio
Maintenance Control Officer – June 2018

Rank: 1st Lieutenant

- Chosen as one of few junior managers to participate in a statewide mobilization exercise
- Lead a thirty personnel maintenance section
- Provided fully mission capable vehicles to aid with hurricane disaster relief in Puerto Rico
- Awarded the Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal for my exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity

212th Support Maintenance Company, Ohio Army National Guard – Medina, Ohio
Platoon Leader – September 2014 to March 2018

Rank: 2nd Lieutenant

- Lead a forty personnel team in the Army Maintenance Program
- Trained and evaluated personnel based on their performance
- Recognized by the director as one of the top three junior managers in the organization

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Ohio
- U.S. District Courts, Northern and Southern District of Ohio
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit

MEMBERSHIPS

- Federal Bar Association
- Ohio State Bar Association
- Columbus Bar Association