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EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University, School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio

Juris Doctor *cum laude*, May 2009

- Certified Legal Intern, Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center, Criminal Justice Clinic, 3L
- Peer-Awarded School of Law Leadership Award, 2009
- Legal Research and Writing Fellow, 2L and 3L
- CALI Award Winner, American Legal Profession Seminar, Spring 2008

University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science *Departmental Honors*, June 2005

- Inaugural Recipient of the Certificate in International Human Rights
- Study Abroad Summer 2004: European Business, Politics, and Government

EXPERIENCE

Merisa K. Bowers, Attorney at Law, LLC, Cincinnati and Columbus, Ohio

February 2010 – present

- Attendee: 2010 Ohio Association for Justice Annual Convention; 2010 Student to Lawyer Symposium, 2011 & 2013 OSBA Annual Convention; **2011 6-day National Defender Training Project at University of Dayton**
- Presenter: **The Ohio Supreme Court 2012 Student to Lawyer Symposium**; 2013 Center for Inquiry - NE Ohio Chapter Secular Summit; Concealed Handgun License Training Courses
- Notable Highlights: Trial Counsel on Federal Jury Trial in the S.D. of Ohio (Acquittal); Co-Counsel for Plaintiff on civil rights claim that settled prior to filing; Trial Counsel on contested divorce resulting in highly favorable outcome for client; Addressed and prevented proposed local rule change in Franklin Co. Municipal Court that would have created unfair obstacle

Office of the Hamilton County Public Defender, Cincinnati, Ohio

Felony Assignment Panel, Misdemeanor and Juvenile Conflict Panel (Contractor)

Summer 2010 – Summer 2012

- Notable Highlights: Co-counsel on Felony Jury Trial on gun possession case; Obtained misdemeanor plea deals for clients charged with felonies; Trial Counsel on Misdemeanor Trial on protection order violation and child endangering (Acquittals)

Friedman & Gilbert, Cleveland, Ohio

Litigation Law Clerk, August 2008 – May 2009

U.S. District Court, N. D. Ohio, Honorable Sara E. Lioi, Akron, Ohio

Judicial Extern, Summer 2007

Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, Cincinnati, Ohio

Project Assistant, Department of Workers' Compensation, June 2005 – June 2006

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS

Legal Profession

Ohio State Bar Association, 2009 – present
Columbus Bar Association, 2012 – present
LGBT Committee Co-Chair, 2013 – present
Ohio Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, 2012 – present
Central Ohio Assn. of Crim. Def. Lawyers, 2012 – present
Women Lawyers of Franklin County, 2011 – present
Greater Cincinnati Crim. Def. Lawyers Assn., 2010 – 2012
Volunteer Lawyers, Legal Aid Society, 2010 – 2012
Cincinnati Bar Association, 2010 – 2012
Ohio Association for Justice, 2009 – 2011

Community and Advocacy

Equality Ohio, 2011 – present
Gahanna Area Chamber of Comm., 2013 – present
AmSpirit Business Connections, 2013 – present
Nat'l Coalition for Sexual Freedom, 2012 – present
GLSEN Greater Cincinnati, 2011 – 2012
Law Students for Reproductive Justice, 2007 – 2009
President of CWRU Chapter, 2007 – 2008
Cincinnati Tomorrow, 2003 – 2006