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Professional Experience

- 2012: ***Attorney & Counselor at Law*** in private practice, **Guildhall, VT**. Criminal defense, civil litigation, municipal law, contractual disputes, estate planning, immigration.
- 2011-2012: ***Law Clerk, Attorney, Jarvis, McArthur & Williams, Burlington, VT.***, for law firm focusing on criminal defense, civil litigation and family law. Conducted legal research, drafted pleadings, motions, briefs and other legal documents, assisted at jury draws and criminal trials, carried out investigative work in support of defense.
- 2011-current: ***Commissioner, Act 250 District 7, Natural Resources Board***, State of Vermont. Includes conducting hearings and pre-hearings, reviewing Act 250 applications, conducting site visits, issuing findings on Act 250 land use permits.
- 2008-2011: ***Law Clerk, Sleigh & Williams, Attorneys at Law, St. Johnsbury, VT.*** Conducted much of the firm's legal research and drafting (subject to review and approval) many of the firm's complaints, pre-trial motions, petitions for injunctive relief, supporting memoranda of law, sentencing memoranda, appellant briefs and other pleadings, including in the Vermont Superior Court--Criminal and Civil Divisions, Vermont Supreme Court, United States District Court for the District of Vermont, 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals and the Vermont Department of Labor; client interviews; review of discovery; assistance in jury draw and trial preparation; assistance in conducting depositions; preparation of interrogatories and requests to produce; assistance at ENEs (civil mediations); acted as defense trial assistant in eight criminal and/or civil trials. Under §13(a) of the Vermont Rules of Admission, practiced as a legal intern, including appearance at arraignments, status conferences, calendar calls, and change of plea hearings, argued bail motions, juvenile disposition issues and motions to dismiss, and engaged in plea negotiations with prosecutors, as part of public defender contract with the Vermont Office of the Defender General.
- 2007: ***Law Clerk, Essex County State's Attorney's Office, Orleans, VT.*** Prepared all discovery materials; interviewed victims and witnesses; prepared plea offers and referrals to court diversion program; conducted legal research; provided support at arraignments, calendar calls, status conferences, merits hearings, pre-trial conferences, sentencing hearings, jury draws and trials.
- 2006-current: ***Town Clerk (ending March 2010) and Treasurer, Town of Guildhall, VT and***

Treasurer, Guildhall School District. Recorded and maintained land records, vital statistics, and animal licenses; oversaw and managed all elections, participated in Board of Civil Authority and Board of Abatement proceedings; manage all municipal budget and finances; act as Treasurer for the Guildhall School District.

2004-2006: **Conference Manager, Mt Washington Hotel and Resort, Bretton Woods, NH and Mountain View Grand Resort and Spa, Whitefield, NH.** Managed the resorts' corporate, educational and non-profit events of up to 500 attendees.

1994-2004: **Senior Counselor and Clinic Assistant, Planned Parenthood League of Massachusetts, Brookline, MA.** Oversaw and managed a staff of 15 reproductive health care counselors and clinic assistants.

1991-1994: **Union Organizer, Union of Needle Trades, Industrial, and Textile Employees, (UNITE!) AFL-CIO, North Dartmouth, MA.** Responsible for designing and implementing trade union organizing campaigns throughout the New England region and the Deep South.

EDUCATION

Vermont Four Year Law Study Clerkship (pursuant to Vermont Rules of Admission §6(g)(1). Administered by the Vermont Supreme Court in conjunction with the Vermont Board of Bar Examiners, 2011.

Emerson College, Boston, MA, Master of Fine Arts in Film & Writing.
Honors: Graduate Student of the Year Award.

Yale University, New Haven, CT., Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude, concentration in History.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Vermont, 2011.

U.S. District Court for the District of Vermont, 2012.

OTHER SKILLS

Fluent in *Spanish*.