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EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, Illinois

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2007

GPA 3.43/4.00

- ♦ ELDER LAW JOURNAL, Member
- ♦ Honors in Legal Research & Writing and Honors in Advocacy
- ♦ Student Information Technology Advisory Board, College of Law Representative

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, *cum laude*, June 2004

GPA 3.57/4.00

- ♦ Honors Cohort Program, Fisher College of Business
- ♦ Specialization in Management of Information Systems
- ♦ First place, Students in Free Enterprise national personal finance competitions, 2003-04

EXPERIENCE

Missouri Office of Administration, Jefferson City, Missouri

General Counsel, Division of Facilities Management, Design & Construction – June 2014 to September 2016

- ♦ Reviewed and revised construction contracts, real estate contracts, and conveyances
- ♦ Advised division director on legal and policy decisions
- ♦ Represented the office in personnel matters before the Administrative Hearing Commission
- ♦ Negotiated six labor contracts with three unions as lead attorney and deputy chief negotiator
- ♦ Approved all fiscal note responses to the General Assembly from the office

Missouri Attorney General's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri

Legislative Liaison, Administration – December 2012 to June 2014

- ♦ Developed relationships with legislators, elected officials, their staffs, and other agencies
- ♦ Persuaded legislators to support office priorities, such as fixes to Second Injury Fund
- ♦ Addressed constituents' questions and concerns, both directly and by delegation

Assistant Attorney General, Lead Bankruptcy Attorney – January 2009 to December 2012

- ♦ Represented state's interests in bankruptcies, from individuals to multi-national corporations
- ♦ Prepared and prosecuted claims, objections, and motions for over a dozen state entities
- ♦ Advised agency executives and legal counsel regarding the impact of bankruptcy and strategy
- ♦ Received 2012 Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Litigation
 - ♦ *In re U.S. Fidelis, Inc.*, Bankr. E.D. Mo. case no. 10-41902
- ♦ Successfully argued before two Bankruptcy Appellate Panels, one drawing national interest
 - ♦ *In re Irving Tanning Co.*, 496 B.R. 644 (1st Cir BAP 2013)

Assistant Attorney General, Collections Attorney – August 2007 to December 2012

- ♦ Collected over \$1 million in probate and circuit courts across more than 15 counties
- ♦ Managed a revolving caseload of approximately 400 cases
- ♦ Conducted trials and evidentiary hearings as both plaintiff and defendant
- ♦ Successfully argued before the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District