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Professional Academic Experience

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law Fort Lauderdale, FL
Academic Success and Professionalism, Professor of Practice Present

- Teach Legal Skills and Professionalism, a mandatory, two-semester, five-section 1L course training students in logical analysis, critical reading and writing, study skills, essay and multiple-choice exam techniques, and professional identity formation.
- Lead workshops aimed at improving reading, writing, and legal analytical skills.
- Present at 1L orientation, developing students' early understanding of case briefing, outlining, and strategies for success in law school.

Adjunct Professor of Law 2019-Present

- Teach Client Interviewing and Counseling Workshop (2 credits)

AIDD Law Clinic, Inaugural Clinical Fellow 2018-Present

- Serve as staff attorney for the AIDD in-house, live-client clinic, supervising and reviewing documents prepared by paralegal staff and interns; attend court hearings, depositions, and meetings as the supervising attorney.
- Evaluate student performance in interacting with clients and handling client matters.
- Develop and teach classroom component of clinic curriculum.
- Work with the clinical director and other law school administrators to develop and coordinate community outreach and engagements.
- Work with Advanced Legal Research faculty to educate students on guardianship and alternatives.

Nova Bar Success Program, Bar Coach 2018-Present

- Mentor and prepare law school graduates enrolled in the Nova Bar Success Program to take the Florida bar exam.
- Provide guidance and instruction to assigned students on best possible ways to maximize study/course guides.
- Meet with students weekly and consult with students by telephone and email.
- Monitor the progress of each student, direct and advise each student about how to practice multiple-choice and essay questions in his or her bar prep programs; assign essays and give weekly feedback.
- Track each student's progress, collect and compile weekly statistics from each student, and keep an accurate and current record of each student's essay and multiple-choice scores.
- Report scores, progress, and all information relating to the performance of each student and respond to questions on the data in a prompt manner.

NSU LaunchPad, Supervisor

2018-Present

- Mentor and prepare recent NSU Law graduates to practice law, serve in the community, and launch a solo practice.
- Create a client referral source for new practitioners.
- Coordinate community outreach and networking events for alumni.

Presentations and Speaking Engagements

- Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Master of Science in Law Residential Institute, "Effective Advocacy Skills," 7/2019.
- Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Featured by AGED, "Navigating Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security Benefits," 4/2019.
- Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, Featured by The Florida Justice Technology Center and GAPS Legal, PLLC, "The Reality of Turning 18," 12/2018.
- The Broward County School Board, "Guardianship v. Guardian Advocacy," 12/2018.
- Children's Services Council, Presentation on Pro-Bono Clinic Services, 11/2018.
- Jewish Adoption and Family Care Options, Parent Professionalism Education Series, "Guardianship and the Alternatives," 10/2018.

Legal Experience

Oppenheim & Pilelsky, P.A & Weston Title & Escrow, Inc.

Weston, FL

Associate Attorney & Associate In-House Counsel

2017-18

- Created legal entities, drafted organizational documents, and worked on corporate compliance and governance matters as In-House/Outside General Counsel to a multimillion-dollar real estate development company.
- Acted as Associate In-House Counsel to a fast-paced title company and reviewed and revised agreements relating to the company, as well as drafting employment agreements, handbooks, and other corporate documentation as necessary; conducted and oversaw all aspects of commercial and residential real estate transactions from client intake to closing proceedings.
- Attended court hearings, drafted and filed memoranda and other pleadings in complex business litigation, contract, real estate, foreclosure defense, and other property related matters in state and federal court.

Carlin Law Firm

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Law Clerk

2016

- Prepared legal documents and memoranda for business, contract, and insurance disputes, as well as, legal malpractice matters, construction, real estate and commercial litigation.

Golden Law

Fort Lauderdale, FL

Law Clerk

2016

- Met with clients and witnesses to take statements in preparation of legal proceedings.
- Researched and drafted memoranda of law on legal issues in the areas of probate, real estate, estate planning, tax, commercial litigation, business, and corporate law.

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law
Research Assistant and NSU Public Interest Program (NSU Mediation)

Fort Lauderdale, FL
2015-17

- As **Chief Research Assistant** for Professor Fran Tetunic: Assisted in the production of *The Irony of Mediator as Problem Maker: Mediator Misconduct Setting Aside Mediated Agreements* published in the Harvard Negotiation Law Review; researched state and federal mediation confidentiality and privilege law; and conducted data analysis of mediation statutes throughout the United States.
- In the **NSU Public Interest Program (NSU Mediation)**: Assisted diverting juvenile cases from the Office of the State Attorney; mediated misdemeanor and felony diversionary cases; drafted mediation agreements; assured compliance with mediated settlement agreements; and aided in expunction procedures.

Office of the State Attorney, 17th Judicial Circuit
Legal Intern for Economic Crime Unit

Fort Lauderdale, FL
2015

- Assisted Assistant State Attorneys in preparing Capias Warrants, Criminal Punishment Code Scoresheets, and Cost of Investigation documents, along with other pleadings, legal research, and trial preparation.
- Observed case presentations, and debriefings by the Division of Insurance Fraud and Department of Revenue.

Education

Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law
Juris Doctor, Magna Cum Laude

Fort Lauderdale, FL
2014-17

- Dispute Resolution Clinic
- Pro Bono Honor Program | Gold

Florida International University
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy

Miami, FL
2010-14

- Certificate in Women and Gender Studies
- *Unger & Dretske*, Research Paper | Presented at the Greater Philadelphia Philosophy Consortium

Awards and Recognitions

- Certificate of Appreciation, Florida Justice Technology Center and GAPS Legal, PLLC
- CALI Excellence High Grade Award | Four Courses

Qualifications

- The Florida Bar | Member
- United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida | Admitted
- Florida Supreme Court Certified County Court Mediator
- Florida Supreme Court Qualified Arbitrator
- Florida Notary Public
- LexisNexis Professional Research Certified
- Bilingual | Spanish