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BAR ADMISSIONS

CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION

Member of the Bar, 2022 – Present

MAINE BAR ASSOCIATION

Member of the Bar, 2023 – Present

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LAW OFFICES OF BYRNE & BYRNE, Farmington, CT

Associate Attorney, May 2022 – Present

- Advises multiple municipal land use offices and commissions regarding land use and other legal issues. Litigates appeals of decisions at the administrative and court levels. Litigates FOIA complaints at contested hearings.
- Estate planning. Drafts probate and estate documents. Probates estates.
- Serves as a court-appointed attorney and court-appointed conservator for indigent persons in probate matters.
- Provides pro bono services to members of the LGBTQ+ community in Petitions for Change of Name.

CONNECTICUT FEDERATION OF PLANNING & ZONING AGENCIES, Farmington, CT

Staff Attorney, May 2022 – Present

- Tracks land use appeals and briefs cases to keep member agencies abreast of changes in the land use law.
- Conducts training workshops for member agencies on land use law, good governance, affordable housing, etc.
- Continually updates various publications in accordance with changing laws.

CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH – HARTFORD CIVIL DIVISION, Hartford, CT

Temporary Assistant Clerk, August 2021 – May 2022

- Served as courtroom clerk during short calendar proceedings, bench trials, and jury trials. Duties included swearing witnesses and jurors in, marking evidence, processing orders, and training new clerks.
- Oversaw *Voir Dire* and box jury selection. Coordinated with trial attorneys; managed potential jurors' expectations.
- Maintained court records and aided *pro se* parties at the front counter in filing applications for temporary restraining orders and initiating new small claims suits by reviewing filings and fielding questions.

CONNECTICUT JUDICIAL BRANCH – HARTFORD FAMILY DIVISION, Hartford, CT

Temporary Assistant Clerk, June 2019 – October 2020

- Served as the courtroom clerk during court proceedings in Superior Court and Magistrate Court. Duties included swearing witnesses in, marking evidence, writing and processing orders, and training new clerks.
- Communicated with court-appointed Guardian Ad Litem, Attorneys for Minor Children, and court-appointed attorneys in Contempt Citation proceedings regarding matters of appointment.
- Maintained court records and aided *pro se* parties at the front counter by reviewing and processing applications for temporary restraining orders, custody/visitation, divorce, and child support, and post-judgment motions for contempt and modification.

EDUCATION

UCONN SCHOOL OF LAW, Hartford, CT

J.D. Evening Division. August 2017 – May 2021

Activities: *Connecticut Journal of International Law*, Articles Editor

Courses: Planning & Zoning, Elder Law, Trusts and Estates, Transactional Law Clinics

Student Note: "I'll Call for a Pen and Write My Mind: Shakespeare in Law in the United States and the United Kingdom."

UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH, West Hartford, CT

B.A., Philosophy and English, GPA: 3.89 *Summa Cum Laude*, August 2013 – May 2017

Honors: Honors Program, Golden Key International Honors Society

Activities: *Interpretations Literary Magazine*, Senior Editor

Philosophy Thesis: "Contemplating the Nature of Poetry: A Comparison and Application of Heidegger's and Langer's Theories of the Nature of Poetry."

English Thesis: "Forgotten Friends: The Diminishment of Female Friendships as a Result of Women's Economic and Social Dependence in *Evelina*."