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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

LAW OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

2650 S. California, 7th Floor, Chicago, Illinois

Attorney Supervisor Felony Trial Division, 8/2015 - Present

Supervisory responsibilities include:

* Supervising twenty assistant public defenders assigned to the Felony Trial Division who represent indigent clients charged with felonies such as armed robbery, attempt murder, home invasion, aggravated criminal sexual assault, failure to register as a sex offender, child pornography, delivery of drugs, financial crimes, and vehicular hijacking in Chicago. Supervisory responsibility also includes conducting regular file reviews, performance evaluations, meeting with attorneys and their clients, second chairing jury trials with less experienced newer attorneys, and presenting training topics.

*Supervising over 70 assistant public defenders assigned to work weekend and holiday bond court at a centralized location in Cook County. As the supervisor of bond court my responsibilities include conducting training for attorneys as to bond court procedures, updates to the law, and best practices for representing clients during bond hearings. Co-created a Bond Court practice manual for assistant public defenders. Responsible for keeping data related to bond court practices including the correlation between risk assessment scores and the type of bond and amount set.

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2650 S. California, 7th Floor, Chicago, Illinois

Assistant Public Defender III, 4/2004 - Present

Trial attorney representing clients accused of felony offenses in Cook County. As a trial attorney assigned to a Felony Trial Division I was responsible for all stages of litigation including oversight of investigations, trial planning, motion practice, discovery, legal research, pretrial motion practice and trial. As a felony trial attorney I represented clients in over 50 felony jury trials to verdict including 7 first degree murder trials and over 60 felony bench trials. Prior to assignment in the Felony Trial Division I represented juveniles in delinquency petitions where I litigated over 80 Juvenile Adjudication Hearings and represented clients in over 100 child abuse/ neglect petitions involving the State's petition to remove children from their parent's care as well as petitions to terminate parental rights. Has litigated over 100 evidentiary motions in criminal cases.

EDELMAN, COMBS, & LATTURNER, LLC

(NKA: Edelman, Combs, Latturner & Goodwin, LLC)

120 S. LaSalle Street, Suite 1800, Chicago, Illinois

Attorney Associate, 6/2000 – 4/2004

Represented clients in individual and class actions lawsuits in State and Federal courts arising out of civil rights violations involving fair housing issues, discriminatory and predatory lending, bias based interest overcharges, wrongful foreclosure of mortgages, inaccurate credit reporting, and other issues involving mortgage companies, credit bureaus, banks, finance companies, credit card issuers, insurance companies, and automobile manufacturers. Handled all aspects of the case including taking and defending depositions

in State and Federal court, writing motions and briefs, arguing motions, attending pre-trial conferences, and participating in settlement conferences which resulting in settlements of over forty million dollars in class actions.

CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS LAW DEPARTMENT

125 S. Clark Street, 7th Floor, Chicago, Illinois

Senior Law Clerk, 8/1998 – 6/2000

Assisted in developing and implementing policy and procedures for Chicago Public Schools on issues related to Fourth Amendment searches and seizure during school searches and the right of confrontation during student Expulsion hearings to ensure compliance with the law.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, Chicago, Illinois

Summer Law Clerk, 6/1998 – 8/1998 & 6/1999 – 8/1999

Researched elder care abuse, nursing home abuse & health care issues. Drafted Memorandums of Law and Facts based on violations of applicable laws by Illinois nursing homes. Made recommendations to attorneys as to whether legal action was appropriate. Responded to consumer inquiries and complaints regarding violations of State and/or Federal law regarding the care of elders in Illinois facilities and assisted in settlement conferences between the Office of the Illinois Attorney General and nursing homes.

TEACHING POSITION

Adjunct Professor, John Marshall Law School, June 2017 - Present

Adjunct professor for the Criminal Law Extern class where students are placed as externs with criminal law agencies such as State and Federal Public Defender and State's Attorney offices. Students have a real world experience as well as a classroom component which discusses relevant criminal law issues.

EDUCATION

J.D., DePaul University College of Law, Chicago Illinois, June 2000

Graduated Top 20%

Dean's Scholar 1997-2000

Member of the Moot Court Society

B.A. in Communications, DePaul University, Chicago Illinois, June 1997

Schmitt Academic Scholar

Dean's List; Senior Leader Award Recipient

NOTABLE PUBLISHED OPINIONS

Lee. v. City of Chicago, 330 F.3d 456 (7th Cir. 2003)

Lawson v. First Union Mortgage Company, 786 N.E.2d 279 (Ind. Ct. App. 2003)

Chandler v. American General Finance, Inc., 2002 WL 464909 (Ill.App., 1st Dist. 2002)

LEGAL BASED ACTIVITIES

Served on the Interview Panel for new Cook County Assistant Public Defenders, June 2017

Intensive Trial Advocacy Teacher, University of Chicago Law School, September 2013, September 2014,

September 2015, September 2016

Guest Lecturer, DePaul University College of Law, February 2015, February 2017

Mock Interviewer, DePaul University College of Law, October 2014 - November 2014

Panelist: DePaul University College of Law- Law Practice 101:Litigation- September 2014

Lawyer Coach, Chicago Coalition for Law-Related Education High School Mock Trial Competition, 2013 - 2017

Lawyers in the Classroom Teaching Program, Chicago Public Schools, 2007-2008, 2008- 2009, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2015-2016 and 2016- 2017.

Expungement Fair legal volunteer

Trainer, Presented training on the following topics: preliminary hearings in sex cases, extraditions, representing clients during bond hearings, and dealing with supervisors and judges as a new felony trial attorney.

References Available Upon Request