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SUMMARY

Accomplished civil litigation attorney with five (5) years of substantial experience representing and advising the Legislative and Executive branches of government in Albany County. Specialized in municipal defense involving a wide range of litigation topics including but not limited to personal injury defense, employment law, and civil rights claims brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Strong background in municipal governance issues, SEQR compliance, parliamentary procedure, and local financing/municipal procurement matters. Ambitious, self-motivated, flexible team player with exceptional interpersonal, communication and leadership skills. Extensive experience in governance on both a municipal and state level. Broad experience in all aspects of civil litigation from inception through dispositive motion practice.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Albany County Attorney

Albany, NY

Assistant Albany County Attorney IV

June 2020 – Present

- Litigation of complex civil matters from inception through dispositive motion practice in both New York State Supreme Court and in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York.
- Efficiently managed extensive caseload while building successful litigation strategy.
- Analyzed and supplied legal guidance and advice regarding policy priorities to members of the Executive and Legislative branches of Albany County government.
- Provided legal advice regarding proposed legislative initiatives from members of Albany County government.
- Successfully engaged in alternative dispute resolution and mediation regarding litigation matters.

Albany County Legislature, Majority Office

Albany, NY

Majority Counsel

May 2018 – June 2020

- Chief Counsel to the Majority Leader of the Albany County Legislature.
- Provided counsel and representation to the twenty-nine (29) legislators of the Democratic Majority.
- Developed proficiency in over a dozen areas of substantive New York State law relevant and applicable to municipal governance including but not limited to Municipal Home Rule Law, General Municipal Law, Election Law, Civil Service Law, Public Officer's Law, Local Finance Law, and Environmental Conservation Law.
- Supervised a Legislative Majority staff of seven (7) individuals consisting of both legal and non-legal employees.
- Drafted numerous Local Laws, resolutions, Home Rule requests and ordinances to effectuate the policy initiatives of the County of Albany.
- Provided counsel regarding various municipal policy initiatives throughout several levels of local government.

Office of the Albany County Attorney
Assistant Albany County Attorney I

Albany, NY
September 2015 – May 2018

- Litigated dozens of complex civil matters from inception through dispositive motion practice in both New York State Supreme Court and in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York.
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EDUCATION

State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo Law School
Juris Doctor (JD), GPA: 3.50

Buffalo, NY
May 2015

- Member of SUNY Buffalo Law School National Trial Team (5% of student body admitted to team).
- Executive Board member of the Veterans Law Student Bar Association.

State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Buffalo, NY
December 2010

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION AND LICENSURE

United States District Court for the Northern District of New York
New York State Appellate Division, Third Department

Admitted March 2016
Admitted January 2016

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & PRO BONO WORK

New York State Bar Association, Committee on Civil Rights

May 2019 – December 2020

- Appointed by the New York State Bar Association as a committee member in May 2019 to serve a one-year term.
- Vetted and interviewed attorney submissions for the John Dunne Memorial Civil Rights Committee award ceremony.
- Member of Sub-Committee for Electoral Reform.

Pro Bono Panel, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York

November 2019 – Present

- Provided Pro Bono representation to plaintiff's bringing of civil rights actions, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
- Pro Bono Honor Roll for 2019-2020

Legal Project, Capital District Women's Bar Association

July 2018 – Present

- Provided pro bono legal services to domestic violence victims in Albany County, Rensselaer County, and Schenectady County Family Courts.