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EDUCATION

University of Tulsa College of Law—Tulsa, Oklahoma

J.D., May 2007

- CALI Award Recipient: “Advanced Legal Writing: Writing for Trial Courts”
- Presenter: “Professionalism” Oklahoma Bar Association Seminar: “Lawyers Helping Students; Students Teaching Lawyers: Bridging the Gap Through Popular Media to Improve Professionalism in the American Legal System” – November 2006
- Hager Tort Appellate Moot Court Competition Competitor, Intra-School, Spring 2005
- Health Law Appellate Moot Court Competition Competitor, Intra-School, Spring 2005
- Mediation Moot Court Competition Competitor, Intra-School, Fall 2005

Brigham Young University – Provo, Utah

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Japanese, December 1998

University of Akita – Akita, Japan, 1996-1997

Japanese Ministry of Education Scholarship Recipient: Gained admission to this selective program through a written and oral examination in Japanese. Researched, wrote, and presented a paper in Japanese comparing Japan’s and America’s legal education and training systems.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Intern, **Immigrant Rights Legal Clinic**, Tulsa, OK (Fall 2006)

Represented non-citizen victims of domestic violence. Prepared petitions under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and U-Visa. Conducted strategic planning and analysis, fact investigation, and client interviews.

Law Clerk, **Goodwin & Goodwin**, Tulsa, OK (Fall 2006)

Drafted motions in limine for client’s evidentiary issues in criminal case. Conducted independent legal research and drafted pocket brief focusing on evidentiary issues for use in pre-trial motions hearing.

Intern, **Pierce County Prosecuting Attorneys Office**, Tacoma, WA (Summer 2006)

Conducted legal research on issues including: Title 42 U.S.C 1983, excessive use of police force, law enforcement officer & fire fighter retirement system, professional rescuer doctrine, Pierce County jail inmate medical issues, and excessive bail. Reviewed and proposed changes to amended Pierce County Animal Control Ordinance. Organized and prepared procedural history for appellate brief.

Bailiff, **Judge Daman H. Cantrell, Tulsa County, District Judge** Tulsa, OK (Winter 2006)

Assisted in managing guardianship docket. Developed procedures streamlining guardianship petition documentation.

Judicial Intern, **Judge Goodman, Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals**, Tulsa, OK (Summer 2005)

Conducted independent legal research; wrote and prepared drafts of judicial opinions for appeals involving cases such as: attorney fees and costs, medical malpractice, and trust law issues.

NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Human Resource Officer, **F.Tech R&D North America Inc.**, Troy, OH (2003-2004)

Project leader for proposed new R&D facility. Translated from English to Japanese & vice versa.

Media Relations Specialist, **Sanyo Electric Co., Ltd** – Tokyo, Japan (2000-2003)

Wrote press releases for distribution to major business and news publications. Provided public relations support for principal subsidiary and affiliated companies in the Sanyo Group.

References Available Upon Request