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EDUCATION

Wayne State University Law School Detroit, Michigan
Juris Doctor, *cum laude* May 1999
GPA 3.51, Ranked 25 of 181
1998 Bronze Key Recipient
Moot Court, Vice Chancellor
Sixth Place Oralist, Spring 1998; Eight Place Oralist, Fall 1997
1998 Law Day Moot Court Competition, Quarterfinalist
1997 Arthur Neef Memorial Moot Court Competition, Quarterfinalist
Student Trial Advocacy Program
Spring 1998 and Fall 1997 Donald E. Barris Competitions, Quarterfinalist

University of Detroit Mercy, Honors College Detroit, Michigan
Bachelor of Arts in History, *summa cum laude* May 1996
GPA 3.67
1996 Women's Studies Writing Competition, First Place
Alpha Sigma Nu, International Jesuit Honor Society
Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honor Society, UDM Vice President
McNichols Road, UDM Student Features Magazine, Staff Writer

EXPERIENCE

JUSTICIA Foundation for Development and Human Rights Beirut, Lebanon
Project Advisor October 2010 to Present
Member of grant writing team
Consult on publications and studies

Law Offices of Sherrie L. Detzler, P.L.L.C. Utica, Michigan
Of Counsel September 2005 to September 2010
Practitioner of criminal, juvenile, child protection, probate, and family law
Represent businesses in breach of contract, landlord-tenant, and collection matters
Represent clients in every stage of litigation before state district and circuit courts
Draft motions, briefs, pleadings, and discovery documents
Perform legal writing services for attorneys outside of firm

Butler County Common Pleas Court, General Division

Staff Attorney/Magistrate

Hamilton, Ohio

January 2003 to August 2005

Presided over trials, motion hearings, arraignments, and other proceedings

Wrote decisions and orders on behalf of self and judge

Mediated cases, conducted status reports, and created case scheduling orders

Assisted in the drafting and revising of local rules and court forms

Arizona Court of Appeals, Division Two

Judicial Law Clerk

Tucson, Arizona

August 2000 to August 2002

Drafted opinions and memorandum decisions

Cite-checked opinions and decisions prepared by judges and other court personnel

Supervised law student employees

PUBLICATIONS

Nicole M. Smithson and Justin Wrobel, *From Foster Kids to Independent Adults: Resources to Help in Transition*, 29.3 Bar Briefs 18 (2010)

Nicole M. Smithson and Serah E. Wiedenhofer, *Dwayne B. v. Granholm: What Does It Mean for Your Clients*, 27.7 Bar Briefs 10 (2009)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

American University of Beirut—Night School Program

Volunteer Instructor

Beirut, Lebanon

October 2010 to Present

Teach English to low-income adults seeking to better their employment opportunities

Lakeshore Legal Aid, Family Law Assistance Project

Volunteer Attorney

Clinton Township, Michigan

2006 to September 2010

Represented indigent clients in divorce proceedings from drafting pleadings to obtaining judgments

Women's Survival Center

Volunteer Attorney

Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

2005 to 2006

Represented indigent clients in divorce and personal protection proceedings

ADMISSIONS

Arizona (inactive); Michigan; Ohio (inactive); U.S. District Court, District of Arizona; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit; and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit