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EDUCATION

Stetson University College of Law, Gulfport, Florida

Juris Doctor, Concentration in Advocacy, May 2011

- **Stetson Trial Team: National Champion, National Trial Competition 2010** (TYLA); **Finalist**, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Trial Competition
- **Awards and Accomplishments:** Henry Burnett Trial Award; Excellence in Clinic Award; Victor O. Whele Trial Advocacy Award; National Order of the Barristers; Who's Who Among Students
- **Student Leadership Development Committee:** Chair 2010- 2011; Vice-Chair 2009-2010

University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, May 2006

- Dean's List: 2003-2004
- National Society of Collegiate Scholars (2003- 2006); Judicial Council (2005-2006)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Beytin, McLaughlin, McLaughlin, O'Hara, Bocchino & Bolin

Associate – February 2013 – Present

Defended companies (Wal-Mart, BayCare, Western World) in premises liability and medical malpractice actions, which consisted of: client meetings and initial investigations, participating in discovery, taking and defending depositions, attending mediations, researching and drafting discovery and evidentiary motions, negotiating resolutions, and preparing cases for trial.

Public Defender Sixth Judicial Circuit, Clearwater, FL

Assistant Public Defender - September 2011 – January 2013

Managed a case load consisting of 130 active cases, including: participating in discovery; researching case law; drafting pleadings and memoranda; conducting depositions; negotiating resolutions; and advocating in jury trials, motions, and evidentiary hearings.

- Advocated in **Twelve (12) Jury Trials** from Voir Dire to Verdict

Public Defender Sixth Judicial Circuit, Clearwater, FL

Certified Legal Intern - Spring 2011

Represented clients in trial, drafted motions, and observed trial proceedings.

Federal Public Defender Program, Chicago, Illinois and Tampa, Florida

Legal Intern - Summer 2010 and Fall 2010

Drafted legal memoranda, observed trial proceedings, and conducted legal research.

Unidos Por la Justicia – NGO, Buenos Aires, Argentina

Legal Intern - Summer 2010

Assisted in writing a Spanish brief for Argentine Judges and Prosecutors litigating human trafficking cases.

Fourth District Court of Appeals, Honorable Carole Taylor, West Palm Beach, Florida

Legal Intern - Summer 2009

Drafted legal memoranda, conducted extensive legal research, and observed appellate oral arguments.

MEMBERSHIP AND ADMISSION

Florida State Bar, Member - *Admitted September, 2011*

- FL Bar No. 91640

Middle District of Florida – *Admitted April 2013*

Northern District of Florida – *Admitted March 2014*

LANGUAGE

Proficient in Spanish