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Accomplished legal professional committed to delivering quality legal education through thoughtful student instruction, loyal service to University, and production of significant academic scholarship.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of North Dakota School of Law Visiting Assistant Professor	Grand Forks, ND August 2018 – present
Concordia College, Offutt School of Business Adjunct Faculty	Moorhead, MN August 2009-December 2012
Aakers Business College Adjunct Instructor	Fargo, ND March 2004-June 2005
University of North Dakota School of Law Legal Writing Teaching Assistant	Grand Forks, ND May 2000-May 2001

EDUCATION

University of North Dakota School of Law Juris Doctor with Distinction Dean's List six of six semesters 1999-2002 Law Women's Caucus Secretary 2000-2001 Leonard Erickson Memorial Law Award 2000 Law Women's Caucus Outstanding First Year Student Scholarship 2000 Writer for Rhadamanthus, UND School of Law Newspaper 1999	Grand Forks, ND May 11, 2002
Minnesota State University Moorhead Bachelor of Arts in English and Mass Communications Magna Cum Laude Dean's List eight of eight semesters 1995-1999 MSU Upperclassman Scholarship 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 Member of Alpha Lambda Delta, MSU Honor Society	Moorhead, MN May 1999
Oxford University One Semester of International Study Studied British Literature	Oxford, England Spring 1997

**LEGAL
EMPLOYMENT**

Clay County Attorney's Office
Chief Assistant County Attorney, Civil Division

Assistant County Attorney, Criminal Division

Moorhead, MN
November 2012 – July 2018

August 2004- November 2012

North Dakota Supreme Court
Law Clerk

Bismarck, ND
August 2002-July 2003

David R. Bossart Law Firm
Law Clerk

Fargo, ND
May 2000-September 2001

**LEGAL
PRACTICE**

Member of the Bar of the Minnesota Supreme Court
Bar Number 0343158
Member in Good Standing

April 2005 - present

Member of the North Dakota Bar
Bar Number 05951
Member in Good Standing

October 2003 - present

**SELECTED
TRAINING**

Institute for Law Teaching and Learning
"Teaching Today's Law Students"

Topeka, KS
June 2019

National District Attorney's Association
Professional Prosecutor Course

Washington D.C.
June 2017

National District Attorney's Association
Prosecution Specialist

Columbia, SC
May 2010

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center
Certified Law Enforcement Trainer
"Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Financial Exploitation"

Miami, FL
April 2010

United States Department of Justice - Office on Violence Against Women
Trained Grantee
"Advanced Training to End Violence in Later Life"

Washington D.C.
January 2010

First Witness Training Center
Certified Child Forensic Interviewer

Duluth, MN
February 2007

Minnesota County Attorney's Association
Trial Advocacy Specialist

Duluth, MN
August 2006

University of North Dakota ADR Center
Alternative Dispute Resolution – Trained Mediator

Grand Forks, ND
Summer 2001

NOTABLE PRESENTATION

Regional Crisis Intervention Team Training
Presenter
"Minnesota Civil Commitment for Law Enforcement"

Clay County, MN
Annually, 2006 – 2018

Clay County Victim Right's Symposium
Speaker
"Power and Control in Elder Abuse"
"Financial Exploitation of Elders"

Moorhead, MN
June 2010 – 2011

University of North Dakota, Department of Clinical Neuroscience
Presenter
"Civil Commitment in Minnesota and North Dakota"

Fargo, ND
December 2009

Red River Children's Advocacy Center Annual Symposium
Speaker
"Prosecution Trends in Criminal Sexual Conduct Cases"

Fargo, ND
December 2009

NOTABLE WRITING

Extensive Appellate Briefing to Minnesota Courts (selected)
Wal-Mart Real Estate Bus. Trust v. County of Clay (Minn. Tax Court 2018)
In re the Child of N.E.R. (Minn. Ct. App. 2018)
Menard, Inc. v. County of Clay (Sup. Ct. Minn. 2016)
State v. Peter (Minn. Ct. App. 2012)
State v. Mertz (Minn. Ct. App. 2011)
State v. Schuster (Minn. Ct. App. 2006)
Borgen v. 418 Eglon Ave. (Minn. Ct. App. 2006)
State v. Cuellar (Minn. Ct. App. 2005)

2005-2018

Minnesota Elder Abuse Legal Resource Manual (1st ed.)
Developed Guidelines for Elder Abuse Response/Investigation
Distributed Manual Region-wide to Community Stakeholders

June 2012

Clay County Abuse in Later Life Grant Application
Applied to United States Department of Justice
Awarded \$290,000 to combat Elder Abuse in Clay County

FY 2010-2012

