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EDUCATION

University Of Denver, Sturm College of Law

Denver, CO

J.D., May 2011, 3.31 G.P.A., Certificate in International Law

- DENVER JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY:
 - Alumni Editor, 2010-2011; Staff Editor, 2009-2010
 - Publication: *Clarifying the Law Relating to Unmanned Drones and the Use of Force: The Relationships Between Human Rights, Self-Defense, Armed Conflict, and International Humanitarian Law*, 39 DENV. J. INT'L L. & POL'Y 661 (2011)
 - Forthcoming Publication: *The Volta Convention: An Effective Tool for Transboundary Water Resource Management in an Era of Impending Climate Change and Devastating Natural Disasters?*, 41(1) DENV. J. INT'L L. & POL'Y (2012)
- MOOT COURT/MOCK TRIAL:
 - Jessup International Moot Court Team – Regional Semi-Finalist, 2nd Place Brief – 2010 and 2011
 - Barrister's Appellate Competition – Quarter Finalist, 2009; Semi-Finalist, 2010
 - Ved P. Nanda International Moot Court Competition – Quarter Finalist, 2008
- SCHOLARSHIPS: Sturm College of Law General Scholarship – Merit Based Recipient; Nanda Center Fellow; Planethood Foundation Scholarship for Internship at a Human Rights Organization
- OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES: Asylum Clinic – Represented a Young Woman from Mali in an Affirmative Asylum Claim, which was Granted; Research Assistant for Professor David Akerson on Drones and the Use of Force

University of Colorado at Denver

Denver, CO

B.A., French Major, May 2004, 3.68 G.P.A., *Cum laude* with Distinction, Dean's List

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

McDivitt Law Firm

Denver, CO

Attorney, Social Security Disability Department

April 2012 – Current

- Case load of approximately 200 active cases, review medical records of clients, represent clients at hearing, draft pre-hearing and appellate briefs

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law

Denver, CO

Adjunct Professor, International Practice and Procedure

August 2011 – Current

- Teach students international law, research, writing, analytical, and oral advocacy skills
- Coach students, giving thorough feedback on written briefs and oral arguments for Jessup Competition

International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

Denver, CO

Consultant to Henry Link, Defense Counsel for Prosper Mugiraneza

March 2012 – May 2012

- Analyzed Indictment, Prosecution's Closing Brief, and Trial Judgment for issues to be addressed on appeal; Composed charts analyzing insufficiencies in evidence and legal issues

Sustainable Development Strategies Group

Gunnison, CO

Consultant and Interim Director of Development

January 2012 – March 2012

- Researched sustainable development issues and mining laws; Drafted reports for foreign governmental agencies and mining companies in assessing sufficiency of laws relating to sustainable principles

Colorado Attorney General's Office, Appellate Division

Denver, CO

Legal Intern under Wendy Ritz, First Assistant Attorney

January 2011 – May 2011

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, United Nations

The Hague, Netherlands

Legal Intern for Office of the Prosecutor, *Gotovina* Team, under J.J. Du Toit

May 2010 – August 2010

Denver District Court

Denver, CO

Legal Intern for Judge Michael Martinez, Civil Docket

January 2010 – May 2010

Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, Appellate Division

Golden, CO

Legal Intern for Donna Skinner Reed, Chief Deputy District Attorney

May 2009 – August 2009

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Editor, *Eyes on the ICC* (Peer Reviewed Legal Journal)

May 2012 – Current

Appaloosa Grill

Denver, CO

Partial Owner and Event Coordinator

February 2010 – Current

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

LANGUAGE: Fluent in French (Conversational and Written)

INTERESTS: Cliff Diving, Acting (Resume Available Upon Request), Biking, Skiing, Half Marathons, Rollerblading, Creative Writing (Screenplays, Short Stories), French Cuisine, Wine and Cheese, Denver Rescue Mission Volunteer

PROFICIENCIES: Word, Excel, LexisNexis, Westlaw, CaseMap, Needles, TabFusion, Lotus Notes, Jigsaw, ZFind