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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, Candidate, LL.M. in Clinical Advocacy, May 2022

Honors: Clinical Teaching Fellowship

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, J.D., May 2012

Journal: Denver University Law Review, Editor (2010-11), Senior Editor (2011-12)

Clinic: Criminal Defense Clinic

Leadership: Co-President, DU OutLaws (2011-12)

CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY, B.S.B.A. Management Information Systems, May 2004

Leadership: Creighton University Women's Basketball (2000-04) • Captain, 2004 W.N.I.T. Champ. Team

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, Denver, CO

July 2019-Present

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Criminal Defense Clinic

Supervise teams of student attorneys on their direct representation of clients, who were charged with misdemeanors and municipal code ordinance violations, in county and municipal courts in the Denver metro area. Co-supervised team of second and third-semester CDC students on legislative policy project aimed at reducing length of prison sentences for people currently incarcerated in Colorado. Teach criminal defense clinic seminar classes on jury selection, jury instructions and use of demonstrative evidence; led workshops for clinic students on presenting and admitting evidence, witness cross examinations and jury selection.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COLORADO STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER, Durango, CO, Centennial, CO

January 2013-July 2019

Deputy Public Defender, Senior Deputy Public Defender

Advocated and sought resources for indigent juvenile and adult clients charged with all classes of misdemeanor and felony offenses in La Plata, Montezuma, Dolores, Archuleta and Arapahoe County and District Courts. Served as the Four Corners Regional Office's immigration law resource, consulted with junior attorneys on questions related to their clients' immigration law-related questions and concerns. Served as the Public Defender Representative on the La Plata and Montezuma County Behavioral Health Court and Drug Court Boards.

KILLMER, LANE AND NEWMAN, LLP, Denver, CO

January 2012-April 2012

Law Clerk

Completed research and writing project for Partner David Lane on scope of admissible evidence allowed in prosecution's case in rebuttal to defendant's case in mitigation in penalty phase of Colorado death penalty trial. Completed research and writing project for Partner Mari Newman on scope of mandatory discovery in race discrimination case brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

A.C.L.U. OF COLORADO, Denver, CO

May 2011-August 2011

Legal Intern

Wrote memoranda for partners and associates, including one memorandum regarding the likelihood of success of a retaliation claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, considering impact of Colorado Governmental Immunity Act. Interviewed potential plaintiffs for prisoners' rights class action suit at Colorado Department of Corrections administrative segregation facilities. Conducted discovery review in high-profile post-homicide-conviction case.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT

Sara Hildebrand, *Reviving the Presumption of Youth Innocence Through a Presumption of Release: A Legislative Framework for Abolition of Youth Pretrial Detention*, 126 PENN. ST. L.R. (Forthcoming, 2021).

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, Denver, CO

June 2010-December 2012

Research Assistant

Conducted legal research and assisted with editing and footnotes for Catherine E. Smith's article, *Equal Protection for Children of Same Sex Parents*, 90 WASH. U. L. REV. 1589 (2015). Conducted legal research and edited portions of Brief of Amici Curiae Scholars of the Constitutional Rights of Children in Support of Petitioners, filed in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S. Ct. 2071 (2015), published in *Whittier Journal of Child and Family Advocacy*, 14 WHITTIER J. CHILD & FAM. ADVOC. 7 (Spring 2015). Assisted with research and editing in support of Susannah Pollvogt's article, *Beyond Suspect Classifications*, 16 U. PA. J. CONST. L. 739 (February 2014). Assisted with research and editing in support of Susannah Pollvogt's article, *Windsor, Animus and the Future of Marriage Equality*, 113 COLUM. L. REV. SIDEBAR 204 (November 20, 2013). Assisted with research and editing in support of Susannah Pollvogt's article, *Unconstitutional Animus*, 81 FORDHAM L. REV. 887 (November 2012). Collaborated with student liaisons to plan and coordinate the visit of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor at University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2020

Law and Society Annual Conference (Virtual) Conference, Rule and Resistance, Presented on Panel about Race, Education and Youth on moving towards abolition of youth pretrial detention, May 30, 2020.

Community College of Denver Day, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Presented for group of undergraduate students from diverse backgrounds about public defense practice, race and class issues in the criminal system, and the need for racial diversity among criminal defense practitioners, February 28, 2020.

Denver Law High School Pipeline Day, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Presented for group of diverse high school students from KIPP and Montview High Schools about systemic race and class bias in the criminal punishment system, January 17, 2020.