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EDUCATION

Thomas M. Cooley Law School (Juris Doctor) May 2012 – Lansing, MI

- Cum Laude,
- Student Bar Association Secretary,
- American Bar Association Law Student Division Secretary,
- Client Counseling Competition Gold Medal Finalist,
- Law Review Associate Editor,
- Moot Court Competition,
- Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation Outstanding Women Law Students Scholarship Recipient

Chicago State University (Bachelor of Science – Criminal Justice) May 2008 – Chicago, IL

- Magna Cum Laude,
- National Criminal Justice Honor Society,
- Paralegal Certificate Course Completion

WORK EXPERIENCE

D Marie Family Law (Owner and Founder) Aug, 2013 – Present – Sugar Land, TX

- Provide full representation to clients in a variety of cases with a focus on family law matters.

Bushman Law Offices (Legal Intern, Law Clerk, Associate Attorney) Jan. 2012 – Present – Houston, TX

- Worked with an experienced attorney in a law firm that primarily handles family law cases.
- Drafted pleadings, motions, and other documents.
- Researched a variety of legal issues and prepared memorandums.
- Screened potential clients.
- Advised and counseled clients.
- Scheduled appointments, trial settings, mediations, and other important events.
- Participated in and conducted client interviews.
- Accompanied and assisted attorney in court.
- Appeared in court on behalf of clients.

Thomas M. Cooley Law School Academic Resource Center (Graduate Assistant)

Dec. 2009 – April 2011 – Lansing, MI

Assisted students with development of law school skills such as briefing cases, outlining, note taking, and test taking. Helped maintain office through filing, answering phone calls, and scheduling appointments for other graduate assistants and skills instructors.

E.V.E. Inc. (Legal Advocate) May 2010 – Nov. 2010 – Lansing, MI

- Assisted victims of domestic violence with petitions for personal protection orders and provided resources and crisis intervention.
- Explained the criminal justice process to victims going to trial.

Between Friends (Legal Advocate and Crisis Hotline Volunteer) Jan. 2008 – July 2008 – Chicago, IL

- Assisted victims of domestic violence in obtaining protection orders and immediate assistance, resources, and crisis intervention.
- Completed forty hours of domestic violence training.
- Attended Legislative Issues Committee meetings to discuss domestic violence legislation and issues that arose among advocates and court personnel.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Capital Area Community Services (Board of Directors Member and Policy Council Chairperson) Dec. 2010 – Dec. 2011 – Lansing, MI

- Attended monthly meetings to discuss and vote on local community service endeavors.
- Facilitated monthly meetings comprised of Head Start parents to discuss and vote on important matters related to the program such as approving personnel recommendations, budgets, and policies.