

Education:

Thomas M. Cooley Law School * Lansing, Michigan * Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 1/2001 * 3.23 GPA * 20/108 Rank

Activities/Organizations/Awards: Law Review, Associate Editor
Litigation Concentration Certificate
Dean's List and Honor Roll
Certificate of Merit in Family Law
Certificate of Merit in Trial Workshop
Mock Trial Board, Vice-Chair
Teaching Assistant, Trial Workshop
Women's Law Alliance, Vice-President
Native American Law Student Association, Secretary
Student Bar Association, Student Senator
Who's Who Among American Law Students

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown * Johnstown, Pennsylvania * Bachelor of Arts * 5/1995

Activities/Organizations: The Advocate, Staff Writer and Photographer
Phi Sigma Sigma National Sorority
Women's Soccer Club, Vice-President
Admissions Office, Campus Tour Guide

Relevant Experience from Present to Past:

Law Office of Michelle J. Ambrozaitis * Harrison, Michigan * General Practice * 3/2006 – Present

Representing adult and juvenile criminal defendants in District and Circuit Courts
Representing parents and children in child protective proceedings
Appeals from Termination of Parental Rights
Guardian ad Litem for incapacitated individuals and minor children in guardianships and conservatorships
Personal Protection Hearings
Worked with Midland County Public Defenders handling criminal matters in District and Circuit Courts
Gained Jury Trial and Bench Trial experience
Managed day-to-day business and budget for a law office
Trained and managed a legal secretary

Clare County Prosecutor Office * Harrison, Michigan * Chief Assistant Prosecutor * 2/2003 – 2/2006

Worked primarily in District Court and Circuit Court – Family Division
Worked in Circuit Court with Domestic Violence and Arson cases
Gained Jury Trial and Bench Trial experience at all court levels
Chaired the County Concealed Pistol Licensing Board
Planned and executed legal updates and trainings for county law enforcement
Researched and wrote legal memoranda
Covered for the Prosecuting Attorney when he was unavailable

Cass County Prosecutor Office * Cassopolis, Michigan * Assistant Prosecutor * 10/2001 – 6/2002

Worked primarily in District Court with misdemeanors and preliminary examinations for felonies
Handled some felony drug cases, juvenile criminal matters, and child protective proceedings
Participated in Teen Jury program sponsored by the Circuit Court – Family Division
Gained Jury Trial and Bench Trial experience at all court levels

Ingham County Prosecutor Office * Lansing, Michigan * Prosecuting Extern * 9/2000 - 12/2000

Gained valuable experience in all aspects of District Court practices, to include preliminary examinations
Participated in Jury Trials at the District Court level
Researched projects and drafted motions, legal memoranda, and an appellate brief

Additional Experience:

Mid-Michigan Community College * Harrison & Mt. Pleasant, Michigan * Adjunct Faculty * 9/2004 – Present
Currently teach Criminal Law for Police Officers and Legal Issues in Corrections at the Harrison Campus
Previously taught Criminal Investigations at the Mt. Pleasant Campus

The Training Team * Classes held at Clare Rod and Gun Club * Instructor * 2/2006 – Present
Instruct participants about the legal concerns while carrying concealed in a Basic Pistol Safety Course
Instruction covers State and Federal laws

Continuing Legal Education:

Prosecutor's Basic Training Course, 2/2002
National Advocacy Center, Trial Advocacy I, 4/2002
Advanced OUIL Prosecution, 8/2003
OWI Legal Update, 9/2003
Intermediate Felony Level Cross-Examination Training, 11/2003
Domestic Violence Investigation and Prosecution Seminar, 1/2004
Child Forensic Interviewing, 2/2004
Arson Investigation and Prosecution, 4/2004
Trial Prosecutor Update, 11/2004
Visual Domestic Trial, 3/2005
National Advocacy Center, Arson and Explosives Training, 4/2005
Daubert, Crawford, and Traffic Cases: What You Need to Know, 7/2005
End Violence Against Women, Prosecution and Investigation of Sexual Assaults, 11/2005
APRI, National Institute on the Prosecution of Sexual Violence, 12/2005
Defending Misdemeanor Cases, 5/2005
Fundamentals of Divorce Practice and Procedure, 9/2006
Criminal Law Section of the Michigan Bar Annual Seminar, 2/2007
Criminal Defense Association of Michigan Seminar, 10/2007
Child Custody, Child Support, and Parenting Time Seminar, 11/2007
Fundamentals of Estate Planning, 11/2007
Criminal Defense Association of Michigan Advanced Skills Conference, 11/2007
Criminal Law Section of the Michigan Bar Annual Seminar, 2/2008

Associations:

Professional: Licensed Attorney in both Michigan and Pennsylvania
Admitted to practice in Tribal Court, Little River Band Ottawa Indians – Manistee, Michigan
Member of the Michigan Bar Association
Member of the Pennsylvania and Somerset County Bar Associations
Supporting Member of the National District Attorney Association
Member of the International Association of Fire Investigation, Michigan Chapter
Licensed Private Investigator, Pennsylvania
National Women's Law Alliance, Secretary
Past Member of the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan

Local: Mid-Michigan Community College Advisory Committee Member
Harrison Chamber of Commerce
Harrison Women's Association, Secretary
Clare County Republican Party, Secretary
Member, Lioness of Harrison
Member, Clare Rotary
Clare County Violence Prevention Coalition, Former Secretary and Former Member
Former Executive Board Member of the Harrison Youth Soccer organization
Former AYSO coach, Harrison
Past volunteer for Junior Achievement
Supporter of: Ducks Unlimited and Whitetails Unlimited