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Education:

Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, Rhode Island
Juris Doctor, May 2020

University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut
Bachelor of Arts, American Studies, December 2016

Professional Licensing

Connecticut (#444123) & Rhode Island (#10708)

Legal Experience:

Tobin, Carberry, O'Malley, Riley & Selinger, P.C., New London, Connecticut
Associate Attorney

January 2023 – present

I am currently employed within TCORS's litigation, employment, administrative appeals, and probate practice groups. I am responsible for managing all areas of litigation from drafting the complaint, to discovery, to motions practice and oral argument, to preparing for trial or alternative dispute resolution.

Connecticut Judicial Branch, Superior Court, Putnam/New London, Connecticut
Judicial Law Clerk

October 2020 – January 2023

Attended and observed short calendar hearings. Met and conferred with Superior Court judges to discuss legal research assignments, and to present my findings. Researched and prepared memorandum.

Law Offices of Howe & Garside, Newport, Rhode Island
Legal Intern

May 2019 – November 2019

Filed probate documents with the local courts. Drafted other estate planning, probate, and litigation documents such as trust acceptance, trust certification, deeds, divorce settlement agreements, and interrogatories. Observed divorce and child custody proceedings, as well as negotiations and client interviews.

Rhode Island Sea Grant Law Fellow Program, Bristol, Rhode Island
Law Fellow

August 2018 – May 2019

Researched topics include a comparative analysis of the regulation of processing and direct sale of finfish in Alaska, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, as well as dam owner liability under the context of climate change. Produced written memoranda for each topic and gave oral presentation on my findings. Met regularly with the Senior Staff Attorney to discuss progress.

City Solicitor's Office, Newport, Rhode Island
Research Assistant

June 2018 – August 2018

Researched legal issues and presented findings to supervising attorneys via written memorandum and oral presentation. Research spanned various legal topics, including ordinances and zoning, intellectual property, civil discovery and property rights.