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Education

J.D. expected, West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, WV May 2008 GPA: 3.5

M.S. expected, Fairmont State Univ., Fairmont, WV Dec 2007

Program: Criminal Justice; GPA: 4.0; Thesis: *"Justice for All? Indigent Defense in West Virginia"*

Awards and Honors Include: First Place, Graduate Paper Competition, WVCJEA Conference, "Cohen and Felson: A Critical Review of Routine Activity Theory", Wheeling, WV;

B.S., Criminal Justice, Fairmont State College, Fairmont, WV

May 2003

Concentration: Corrections; Minor: Political Science; GPA: 3.9

Awards and Honors include: Outstanding Criminal Justice Student Award; Second Place, Undergraduate Paper Competition Alpha Phi Sigma National Conference, "One Nation Under God: Jim Jones and Other Charismatic Cult Leaders", Boston, MA; First Place, Undergraduate Paper Competition WVCJEA Conference, "One Nation Under God: Jim Jones and Other Charismatic Cult Leaders", Fairmont, WV.

Work Experience

Sprouse Fellowship, WV Public Defender Services, Clarksburg, WV

May 2007-July 2007

Wrote motions and memorandums of law, filed motions in magistrate court, represented defendants in magistrate court, conducted client interviews, participated in Multi-disciplinary Team meetings, observed circuit court hearings for adult and juvenile defendants.

Westlaw Student Representative, WVU College of Law

May 2005-present

Train students and faculty, assist faculty, staff, and students with TWEN web courses

Assistant, Marion County Circuit Clerk, Barbara A. Core

June 2005-August 2006

Filed pleadings, scanned and attached documents to electronic files, processed and recorded judicial orders and court-appointed counsel vouchers, and general office work.

Graduate Assistant, Fairmont State University Criminal Justice Department

August 2003-May 2004

Organized and managed departmental databases, acted as a "peer advisor" to undergraduate students, recruited new students, assisted faculty in course preparation.

Teaching Assistant, Fairmont State University Criminal Justice Department

August 2004-May 2005

Taught two semesters of Introduction to Criminal Justice

Internship, WV Office of Probation and Parole, North Central Office

May 2001-June 2001

Compiled Post Sentencing Investigations, logged documents such as Violation Reports, created a database for the compilation of the demographics of parolees on supervision.

Memberships & Affiliations

President, Class of 2008, WVU College of Law
Alliance for Social Justice, WVU College of Law
Public Interest Advocates, WVU College of Law
Fairmont State College Honors Program
Alpha Phi Sigma, National CJ Honor Society, President, 5 years, Undergraduate & Graduate School

FSC Pre-Law Society, President, 1 year
Pi Gamma Mu, National Honor Society for Soc. Sci.
Phi Sigma Alpha, National Honor Society for Poli. Sci.
Tutor for Tutoring Services, Fairmont State