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EDUCATION

Drake University Law School

Des Moines, IA

Juris Doctor Candidate

May 2018

GPA: 3.05/4.00

Class Rank: 37/97 (Top 38%)

Notable Grades: Legal Writing (A), Contracts (A), Legal Research (A-), Constitutional Law (A-)

Journal: *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law*, Junior Staff

Moot Court: *Junior Member*, Moot Court Board

Activities: *President*, Agricultural and Environmental Law Association; *Diversity Chair*, Student Bar Association; Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity

Iowa State University

Ames, IA

Bachelor of Science: Animal Science; Minor: Spanish (Working Proficiency)

December 2014

Activities: *Senior Class Representative*, College of Agriculture

Study Abroad: *Granada, Spain; University of Granada; 2012*

EXPERIENCE

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

West Des Moines, IA

Law Clerk

May 2016-present

- Drafted legal memoranda; conducted agriculture-related legal research on issues affecting Iowa including corporate farming, nutrient reduction strategies, and validity of veterinary prescriptions.
- Drafted articles on agricultural matters including drones, county zoning, and the Clean Water Act.

Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO)

Des Moines, IA

Teaching Assistant

June-July 2016

- Led study and review sessions on several first year courses for a group of ten students
- Developed lesson plans regarding academic and social development for first year law students

The ProBono Project

New Orleans, LA

Volunteer Law Student

March 2016

- Drafted and filed petitions for divorce and client letters; conducted client interviews and intakes
- Worked with case management system; prepared and managed client files

Iowa House of Representatives

Des Moines, IA

Clerk for Representative Brian Moore

January-May 2015

Office of the Governor of Iowa-Terry Branstad

Des Moines, IA

Policy Intern

May-August 2014

- Focused primarily on agricultural and international trade policy projects and research

National Pork Producers Council

Washington, DC

International Trade Intern

January-May 2014

- Researched domestic and international policies and regulations related to trade
- Kept current on international trade and agricultural topics by sending daily news clips

University of Lleida-Department of Animal Production

Catalonia, Spain

Undergraduate Research Assistant

May-July 2013

- Assisted in graduate project examining greenhouse gases production in ruminants