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EDUCATION

University of Arkansas School of Law
LL.M. in Food and Agricultural Law

Fayetteville, AR
May 2017

Drake University School of Law
Juris Doctorate

Des Moines, IA
May 2016

GPA: 3.63/ 4.0 (*high honors*)

Certificates: Legislative Practice; Food and Agricultural Law

Honors: Public Service Scholar (2014-2016); Dean's List (four semesters)

Scholarships: Public Service Scholarship (2014-2016); General Academic Law Scholarship (2014-2016)

Journal: *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law* (Executive Editor 2015-2016; Junior Staff 2014-2015)

Publication: SNAP Retailer Redemption Data: Is More Transparency in the Future for the Nation's Largest Anti-Hunger Program? (Spring 2016 issue of *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law*).

Activities: Drake Agricultural and Environmental Law Association (Treasurer 2015-2016); Drake Law Women (Raffle for a Reason Chair 2014-2015); Food Recovery Network

Presentations: "Student Panel on Food Law Societies": *Food Law Student Leadership Summit*- Cambridge, MA (Co-Presenter, October 2015); "Food Insecurity, Waste, and Next Course, the Food Recovery Program at Drake": *Heartland Global Health Consortium 7th Annual Global Health Conference*- Des Moines, IA (Co-Presenter, October 2015).

Fort Hays State University

Hays, KS

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Pre-Law & International Relations emphasis; Minor: Spanish

May 2013

GPA: 3.94 / 4.0 (*summa cum laude*)

Certificate: Global Leadership

Honors: Dean's List (seven semesters); William Jefferson Clinton Hunger Leadership Award Finalist (2013); Torch Award Finalist (2013); Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow Award (2013); Numana Inc. Fighting Hunger Hero (2012-2013); Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honors Society; Mortar Board; Athletic Academic Excellence Award

Scholarships: Robert J. Dole Public Service Scholar (2009-2013)

Activities: Student Government Association (Senator 2012-2013); Universities Fighting World Hunger 8th Annual Food Summit Steering Committee; Midwest Model United Nations (2012, Top Position Paper Award 3rd Committee); Cross Country (2009-2011, Letter winner)

Study Abroad: Camino de Santiago (Spring 2012)

Presentations: "From Harvest to the Hungry: What is the Moral Obligation of an Agriculture Region to Feed the Starving?: A Town Hall Meeting": *Universities Fighting World Hunger 8th Annual Food Summit*- Overland Park, KS (Co-presenter, March 2013); "ADP Beyond Borders: How FHSU is Developing Globally Engaged Citizens": *National American Democracy Project Conference*- San Antonio, TX (Co-Presenter, June 2012).

PUBLIC SERVICE AND OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Arkansas Law School
Graduate Assistant

Fayetteville, AR
August 2016-Present

- Assisted with planning the 2nd Annual Food Law Student Leadership Summit

Iowa Food Bank Association
Policy Intern

Des Moines, IA
December 2015- April 2016

- Drafted and advocated for the "Hunger Free Iowa" bill, which includes a prison garden program, a program that will purchase excess food from Iowa farms, and a sales tax exemption for food banks.

Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic
Legal Intern

Boston, MA
May 2015- December 2015

- Researched state and federal tax incentives for food donations and heirs property rights in Mississippi

- Assisted with writing and research for the Federal Enhanced Tax Deduction for Food Donations Legal Guide
- Edited legal guides for businesses in the food industry regarding food donations in Massachusetts
- Drafted a legal memorandum analyzing areas of food law, constitutional law, and international law
- Conducted stakeholder interviews about the costs of food waste and food recovery
- Monitored state and federal legislation and provided feedback on bill drafts

Iowa Senate, Office of State Senator Jeff Danielson

Legislative Intern

Des Moines, Iowa
December 2014-April 2015

- Conducted legal analysis and policy work on legislation regulating transportation network companies, food purchase appropriations for Iowa Food Banks, and campaign finance reform

Des Moines Area Religious Council

Legal Intern

Des Moines, IA
May 2014-March 2015

- Researched legal issues including contract law, food waste recovery, food establishment laws, SNAP retailer requirements, and legal requirements for a mobile food pantry bus model
- Authored a food policy report, *Access to Healthy Foods as an Economic, Health, and Social Justice Issue: DMARC's Role & Shaping Food Policy*, addressing hunger and food deserts in Des Moines and Iowa and solutions to address these issues including public policies and local hunger relief programs
- Submitted comments to the Federal Register's Request for Information: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Retailer Transaction Data

Drake Agricultural Law Center

Buy Fresh Buy Local Legal Intern

Des Moines, IA
April 2014-November 2014

- Created a legal guide and informational documents for the Iowa Farm to Food Donation Tax credit law
- Coordinated volunteers and created a volunteer guide for Meals From the Market, a project that collects fresh food donations from the Des Moines Downtown Farmers Market for area food pantries

The World Food Prize Foundation

Event Staff

George Washington Carver Intern

Des Moines, IA
May 2014-July 2016
May 2013-August 2013

- Researched and analyzed issues including genetically modified crops, climate volatility, and food insecurity

Center for Civic Leadership

Global Leadership Project Student Coordinator

Hays, KS
August 2011-May 2013

- Successfully drafted grants, including Tilford Diversity and Education Opportunity Fund Grants
- Hosted first annual SWIPE Out Hunger Food packaging event with over 21,000 meals packaged; organized over 500 volunteers and raised funds for second annual SWIPE Out Hunger event packing over 98,000 meals
- Initiated annual Hunger Awareness Banquet: organizing, marketing, writing script, and presenting at the banquet
- Coordinated, reviewed applicants, and served as leader for Alternative Spring Break to Guatemala City
- Researched need and qualifications for campus food pantry, assisted with initial planning, and co-founded the FHSU Tiger Food Exchange campus food pantry

American Democracy Project Student Coordinator

June 2012-May 2013

- Drafted successful grant for "From Harvests to the Hungry," and hosted a series of events for this program
- Assisted with voter registration drives and candidate forums
- Hosted discussions and presentations to encourage and promote civil discourse around controversial issues

Other Work Experience

- **Eide & Heisinger, LLC**

Law Clerk

Des Moines, IA
November 2015- September 2016

- **Associate Dean John Edwards & Professor Danielle Shelton – Drake University Law School**
Legal Research and Writing Teaching Assistant

Des Moines, IA
August 2014-May 2016

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

Admitted to the Iowa Bar

September 2016