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EDUCATION

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Detroit, MI

Juris Doctor, May 2022

- Cumulative GPA: 3.11/4.0
- Book Award: Advanced Veterans Law Clinic (Winter 2021) and Death Penalty in the U.S. (Summer 2021)
- National Veterans Law Moot Court Competition (2020 & 2021), Semi-Finalist (2020)
- Robert A. Warchuck Memorial Scholarship (2021 & 2022)
- James T. Barnes Scholarship (2022)
- Veterans Law Society, Secretary (2020-2021) and President (2021-2022)
- Service 2 School, J.D. Ambassador
- Study Abroad: International Negotiation and Mediation, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany (Summer 2020)

George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Master of Professional Studies, Political Management, August 2019

- Cumulative GPA: 3.88/4.0
- Golden Key International Honor Society
- Phi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Bachelor of Science, Political Science and Social Science, May 2005

EXPERIENCE

Detroit Mercy Law Veterans Law Clinic, Detroit, MI

Student Clinician, August 2020 – May 2021

- Assisted veterans in appealing VA benefit claims denials from the VA level to the Board of Veterans' Appeals and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
- Assisted veterans with applying for discharge upgrades through the Discharge Review Board
- Prepared clients for VA Compensation & Pension exams and nexus medical opinion exams

Michigan Senate, Lansing, MI

Legislative Aide to Senator Coleman Young II, 2018 Legislative Session

- Developed senator's legislative messaging and distributed it to the media and the general public
- Analyzed, researched, and drafted legislation, amendments, and resolutions
- Coordinated with central caucus staff to develop legislative communications, including direct mail, newsletters, website, email communications, press releases, and public advisories

Florida Senate, Tallahassee, FL

Legislative Aide to Senator Carey Baker, 2005-2009

- Presented 96 bills before 19 Senate Policy and 5 Senate Appropriations Committees with 100% pass rate
- Managed office administrative operations, including all correspondence, scheduling, and external communications
- Analyzed, researched, and drafted legislation, amendments, and resolutions

MILITARY SERVICE

United States Army, Fort Bragg, N.C.

2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, 1997-2001

11B1V Direct Fire Infantryman

- M249 Squad Automatic Weapon Gunner
- FGM-148 Javelin Anti-Tank Gunner
- RT-1523C SINCGARS Radio Telephone Operator