

EDUCATION

Duquesne University School of Law

Pittsburgh, PA

Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2010

- Top 25%
- *Duquesne Law Review*, Senior Staff
- *Duquesne Business Law Journal*, Executive Editor
- Outstanding Oral Argument, Legal Research and Writing
- Election Protection, Volunteer
- Wills for Heroes Foundation, Volunteer

University of Pittsburgh

Bachelor of Science, May 2006

- *Magna Cum Laude*
- Judicial Board Judge (selected to adjudicate violations of the student code)
- Treasurer and Member of the Year, Psi Chi (National Honor Society)
- Presidential Affiliate, National Society of Success and Leadership
- Nominated by professors for the DaVinci Scholar Award for academic and leadership excellence

PUBLICATIONS

Obesity as a Disability under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act and the Amendments' Affect on Obesity Claims under the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act: Should Employers Anticipate a BIG Change? 12 DUQ. BUS. L.J. __ (2010)

Courts May Vacate Grievance Arbitration Awards When Contrary to Public Policy: Westmoreland Intermediate Unit No. 7 v. Westmoreland Intermediate Unit No. 7 Classroom Assistants Educations Support Personnel Association, 11 DUQ. BUS. L.J. 109 (2008)

EXPERIENCE

Dean Ken Gormley

Duquesne University School of Law

Pittsburgh, PA

Assistant, April 2010 – Present

- Engaged in researching and updating the 2010 Supplement to “The Pennsylvania Constitution: A Treatise on Rights and Liberties” (Gormley, Bauman, Fishman, Kozler) (George T. Bisel Co.)

Law Office of Adrian N. Roe, P.C.

Pittsburgh, PA

Legal Assistant, March 2010

- Assisted the lead attorney during a federal First Amendment trial in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania
- Consulted with attorneys on trial strategy and evidentiary issues
- Reviewed and drafted cross-examination questions and proposed jury instructions

Center for the Bill of Rights-Civil Rights Litigation Clinic

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Legal Intern, January 2010-Present

- Selected by supervising attorney to present an Oral Argument for the lead case in U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (May 2010)
- Gained federal and appellate practice experience by aiding in the representation of a prisoner litigant in an appeal filed with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, including the drafting of an Appellate Brief
- Participated in case intake and interviewing, client counseling, fact investigation, case analysis, and negotiation for the Pittsburgh Chapter of the NAACP

Professor Susan Hascall

Duquesne University School of Law

Pittsburgh, PA

Legal Research Assistant, 2009-Present

- Researched and drafted memoranda on a police misconduct civil rights case (research was also used by Professor Hascall to develop a new law school course for the Fall 2010)
- Contributed to a scholarly legal article on the topic of capital punishment and the role of the victim's family

Thomson, Rhodes & Cowie, P.C.

Pittsburgh, PA

Law Clerk, Summer 2009

- Researched and drafted memoranda for issues in medical malpractice, workers' compensation, labor and employment, and antitrust law
- Authored an article for the Winter 2010 Workers' Compensation Bulletin
- Drafted an appellate brief for the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board
- Participated in the 2009 Unemployment Compensation Seminar
- Assisted with motions, depositions, administrative hearings and trials
- Received positive evaluations from shareholders and supervising attorneys

Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas

Honorable Judge Gary Caruso

Greensburg, PA

Judicial Extern, Summer 2008

- Provided legal research and writing assistance on substantive and procedural issues
- Drafted proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in tort and contract cases
- Reviewed motions and briefs, discussed recommended rulings and drafted opinions
- Shadowed law clerks during criminal and civil jury trials

Westmoreland County Recorder of Deeds

Greensburg, PA

Office Clerk, 2004-2007

- Trained employees in data entry, quality assurance and public access web services
- Aided customers with research and recording of over 50 legal documents
- Conceptualized and authored a training manual to educate employees in Document Technology Systems

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