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Education

University of South Carolina School of Law, Juris Doctorate May 2005
University of Georgia, Honors Program, Magna Cum Laude May 2002

Experience

South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice September 2021
Acting Executive Director

South Carolina Department of Administration May 2020 – September 2021
Attorney in the Office of General Counsel

- Provided legal support to agency's internal Human Resources Office and the Division of State Human Resources, including analyzing statutes, judicial and administrative opinions, agency practices, policies, and procedure; assisted with employee relations investigations, and represented the agency in various administrative forums
- Drafted, reviewed, and edited agency policies, state regulations, legislation, and legal pleading

Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office

Team Leader Family Court Division, Richland County January 2015 – May 2020

- Supervised a team of support staff, victim advocates, junior attorneys, law clerks, interns, externs, two diversion programs and two diversion courts
- Prosecuted or dispose of on average 1,000 juvenile petitions per year, appearing in Court daily
- Interacted with various State Agencies like the DSS, DJJ, DMH, COC, DDSN and CASA
- Provided courtesy legal advice for all issues involving juveniles 7 days a week, 24 hours a day to all law enforcement agencies within Richland County

South Carolina Department of Social Services

Managing Attorney Chester and Fairfield County June 2014 – January 2015
Attorney III Richland County March 2013 – June 2014

- Represented DSS in various court proceeding in abuse and neglect, termination of parental rights and vulnerable adult hearings including drafting all legal documents related to the lawsuits
- Provided legal and program advice to over 30 case workers, supervisors and program coordinators as well as participated in the management of 6 paralegals and 3 junior attorneys

Governor's Office of Executive Policy and Programs, Foster Care Review Board

Staff Attorney September 2010 – March 2013

- Traveled throughout the State advocating for permanency and adoption of foster children
- Provided legal advice and training to Foster Care Review Board professional staff and volunteers
- Collaborated with both DSS lawyers and private attorneys, representing birth parents, foster parents and prospective adoptive parents

Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office

Assistant Solicitor November 2005 – September 2010

- Appeared in Court for jury trials, non-jury trials, motions, guilty pleas and hearings while managing 400+ case load of both violent and non-violent crimes in General Sessions and Family Court
- Acted as a liaison between General Sessions and Family Court divisions to handle all remand and waiver cases and violent Family Court offenses

Honors, Memberships and Trainings

- Recipient of the 2016 Ernest F. Hollings Award for Excellence in State Prosecution in Family Court
- Member of the Children's Justice Act Task Force
- Annual guest lecturer at the USC School of Law Juvenile Justice Clinic and Attorney Extern Supervisor
- Annual presenter at the School Resource Officer Back to School Training
- Moderator and Presenter for several Family Court and Criminal Practice CLEs