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EMPLOYMENT

ATTORNEY

Capital Case Coordinator/Post-Conviction Section Chief
Utah Attorney General's Office
January 1999-present

I have direct litigation responsibility for all Utah death-penalty cases in state post-conviction and federal habeas corpus proceedings in the trial and appellate courts; supervisory or direct responsibility for death-penalty cases on direct appeal; and supervisory responsibility for all non-death-penalty state post-conviction and federal habeas corpus cases. My practice requires proficiency in constitutional law, substantive criminal law, civil and criminal procedural law at the trial and appellate court levels, and complex state post-conviction and federal habeas corpus law. I have prepared and supervised the preparation of briefs, petitions, and legal memoranda filed in the Utah state and federal trial courts, Utah Court of Appeals, Utah Supreme Court, United States District Court for the District of Utah, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, and United States Supreme Court. I frequently serve as the Utah Attorney General's press liaison on death penalty issues. I have participated in drafting proposed legislation and a constitutional amendment relevant to death penalty and state post-conviction issues.

My duties also include communicating with crime victims and surviving family members about the status of cases and their general concerns about the justice system. My most recent legislative involvement has been directed at making the justice system fairer for victims and victim survivors.

ATTORNEY

Assistant Attorney General
Utah Attorney General's Office
August 1993-December 1998

During this period, my practice consisted of general felony appellate litigation. My duties included primary responsibility for reviewing trial records, researching relevant issues, preparing the State's briefs, arguing the State's cases, and general case management for all assigned cases. I handled a broad range of criminal cases and issues, including capital homicide, capital punishment, non-capital homicide, police interrogation, search and seizure, effective assistance of counsel, prosecutorial misconduct, and State discovery violations. I prepared and filed briefs in the Utah Court of Appeals and Utah Supreme Court.

ATTORNEY

Litigation Associate
Parsons Behle & Latimer, Salt Lake City, Utah
November 1988-July 1993

I worked as an associate in the firm's litigation division, general commercial and personal injury sections. I participated in litigating cases involving long-term coal supply agreements and Article 2 of Utah's Uniform Commercial Code, general contract disputes, government contract disputes, Equal Pay Act disputes, business torts (including misappropriation of trade secrets), lender liability, and medical malpractice.

JUDICIAL CLERK

Pro Se Law Clerk
United States District Court, Eastern District of Washington
August 1987-September 1988

I served as the law clerk for the four judges and the magistrate in the Eastern District of Washington. I was assigned to handle all filings by prisoners incarcerated in Washington penal institutions in the district, including the Washington State Penitentiary and the Washington State Mental Hospital. My duties included reviewing for meritoriousness prisoners' civil rights complaints, preparing proposed orders on all motions filed in prisoners' cases, periodically reviewing files to assure the proper progression of approximately 130 cases, and functioning as liaison between the court and the litigants.

JUDICIAL CLERK

Utah Supreme Court
Honorable Christine M. Durham
August 1986-August 1987

My duties included reviewing records of assigned cases, researching the issues raised, preparing draft opinions, and cite-checking and proof-reading opinions prior to publication.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Utah State Bar, 1986-present
United States District Court, District of Utah, 1986-present
United States Court of Appeals, Tenth Circuit, 1991-present
United States Supreme Court, 2000-present

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, University of Utah College of Law, 1986
Journal of Contemporary Law/Journal of Energy Law and Policy, 1985-1986
Traynor Moot Court Competition, 1984-1985
Editor, Traynor Moot Court Competition, 1985-1986

Honors Bachelor of Arts in English, cum laude, University of Utah, 1982

ASSOCIATIONS

David K. Watkiss-Sutherland Inn of Court II, 1991-Present

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Screening Panel member, Ethics and Discipline Committee, 2005-2006

Criminal Law Internship: Salt Lake Legal Defenders Office
1985-1986

Judicial internship: Utah Supreme Court
Justice Christine M. Durham
Spring 1985

HONORARY SOCIETIES AND HONORS

Phi Beta Kappa
Phi Kappa Phi
National Dean's List
Gamma Kappa Alpha (National Italian Honor Society)
Phi Eta Sigma (Freshman Honor Society)
Crime Victim Service Award, 2009

PERSONAL

Interests include reading, cooking, and exercise.

REFERENCES

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Others upon request