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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, J.D.	May 2013
<i>Honors:</i> Student Leadership Award, Student Community Service Award, Pitt Legal Income Sharing Foundation Grant Recipient, Alumni Association Scholarship Recipient	
<i>Activities:</i> President, Student Bar Association; Editor in Chief, <u>Pittsburgh Journal of Technology Law & Policy</u> ; Pitt Law Ambassador; Mentor, Pitt Law Women's Association; Pitt Legal Income Sharing Foundation	
University of South Carolina, Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, <i>magna cum laude</i>	May 2009
<i>Honors:</i> Steven K. Swanger Leadership Award (<i>highest undergraduate honor</i>); Joseph H. Gibbons Outstanding Omicron Delta Kappa Senior Award; University of South Carolina Hall of Leaders; University's Student Government Meritorious Award; Mortar Board National Honors Society; 2008 USC's Miss Congeniality	
<i>Activities:</i> Founder/Volunteer Coordinator of Cocky's Reading Express; President, Carolina Productions; University Ambassador; Secretary of Advancement, Student Government; Vice President, Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Society; Peer Leader, University 101	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Walzer Melcher & Yoda LLP, Woodland Hills, CA	April 2018-present
<i>Partner</i> Experienced in representing professionals and high net worth individuals in complex family law matters, including high conflict custody, nonparent custody, interstate custody, parentage, executive compensation, complex financial and property issues, premarital and postmarital agreements, and domestic violence (child abuse/custody) cases.	
Felman, Dagenhurst & El Dabe, Sherman Oaks, CA	February 2014 – April 2018
<i>Associate</i> Represented landlords and property management companies for both residential and commercial properties in all aspects of landlord-tenant and real estate law, including pretrial discovery, negotiating settlements, drafting pleadings, and successfully advocating for clients in pre/post-trial hearings and bench trials throughout Los Angeles and Orange County.	
Edgar Synder & Associates, Pittsburgh, PA	March 2012-April 2013
<i>Head Law Clerk</i> Delegated assignments and supervised the legal work of eight law clerks for one of the largest personal injury firms in Pennsylvania, including its four branch offices. Drafted motions, briefs, and jury instructions for the state trial and appellate courts. Researched and wrote memoranda for personal injury cases, including insurance coverage disputes.	

Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, Pittsburgh, PA
Teaching Fellow, Braddock Hills High School

August 2011 – May 2012

Developed and effectively presented weekly curriculum on constitutional law and juvenile justice to high school students. Coached students for a national moot court competition in Washington, D.C.

Community Justice Project, Pittsburgh, PA
Legal Intern

May 2011-August 2011

Supported a non-profit law firm specializing in class action litigation to protect and expand civil rights. Drafted motions and appellate briefs to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania concerning special education funding and prisoners' rights.

AmeriCorps VISTA, Brockton, MA
YouthBuild Postsecondary Education Coordinator

August 2009-August 2010

Pioneered a nonprofit's first college access/success program through a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Increased first-year student retention rate by 45% in one academic year. Formalized sustainable partnerships with community and technical colleges to successfully transition underserved students to post-secondary education. Wrote and received grant for Mentoring Alliance Program (\$45,000). Recipient of the *2010 AmeriCorps Outstanding Community Service Project Award*.

AWARDS

"Rising Star," Southern California Los Angeles Magazine, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

ACTIVITIES

Board of Directors, Levitt Quinn Family Law Center, 2024 – present.

Member, Family Law Section, Los Angeles County Bar Association, 2019 - present.

Member, Family Law Section, Beverly Hills Bar Association, 2019 - present.

Member, Family Law Section, American Bar Association, 2022 - present.

Member and Mentor, Young Alumni Committee of the University of Pittsburgh School of Law Alumni Association, 2019 – present.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

"Evidence From the Experts Part 3: Hearsay, Non-Hearsay, and Exceptions to the Rule," Co-Speaker, Association of Certified Family Law Specialists, online CLE, Fall 2022.

"California Family Law Practice for Paralegals: Assisting with Child Custody and Visitation Issues," Speaker, HalfMoon Education, Inc., online CLE, Fall 2021.

"Protect Your Client From Disaster: Boilerplate Terms in Marital Agreements," Speaker, Lorman Education Services, online CLE, Fall 2021.