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LITIGATION ATTORNEY

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant City Solicitor, City of Pittsburgh Department of Law, Pittsburgh PA, Feb. 2015 - Present

Land Use and Zoning Municipal and Litigation Division May 2018 - Present

- Represent the City of Pittsburgh Department of City Planning, Department of Finance, and the City of Pittsburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) in Common Pleas Court and Commonwealth Court
- Prepare Statutory Appeal defenses for all appeals of ZBA and City of Pittsburgh Treasurer decisions
- Prepare Substantive Validity defenses for all challenges to the City Zoning Code, Historical Preservation Code, and the Tax Code
- Review City contracts for the City of Pittsburgh City Planning and Finance Departments
- Provide Zoning, Historical Preservation, and Finance legal opinions to City Council and the Mayor's Office

Code Enforcement Municipal and Litigation Division December 2016 – May 2018

- Represented the City of Pittsburgh in District Court, Common Pleas Court, and Commonwealth Court as prosecutor for all code violations and appeals
- Advised code enforcement officers and staff on enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code and the International Property Maintenance Code, as well as 4th amendment limitations on code enforcement officer powers
- Prepared and implemented suits in equity and injunctions to eliminate nuisance properties
- Provided Building and Property Maintenance Code legal opinions to City Council and the Mayor's Office

General Litigation Division February 2015 – December 2016

- Defended the City against negligence lawsuits as first-chair and second-chair counsel
- Developed, implemented and advised municipal client on strategies for resolution of litigation
- Conducted and defended depositions, negotiated settlements, and drafted release and settlement agreements
- Prepared legal documents – preliminary objections, briefs, answers, new matter, cross-claims and counterclaims, complaints, interrogatories, motions in-limine, motions to compel, jury instructions, pre-trial statements, motions for summary judgment and compulsory nonsuit
- Provided Municipal Liability legal opinions to City Council and the Mayor's Office

Assistant State's Attorney, State's Attorney's Office, Baltimore MD, Dec. 2005 – Sep. 2010

Felony Narcotics Division and General Trial Jury Trial Division

- Prosecuted 19 jury trials and 75+ bench trials for felony narcotics, sexual offense, felony theft, assault with a deadly weapon, illegal handgun possession, and juvenile justice violations
- Drafted and argued pre-trial and post-trial motions defending 4th Amendment searches and seizures, 5th Amendment statements to police, 6th Amendment right to an open trial, and the admissibility of hearsay evidence
- Prepared and qualified expert witnesses in the fields of narcotics distribution, handgun analysis, chemical analysis of controlled dangerous substances, and sexual assault forensics
- Completed advanced narcotics police SWAT training in executing search and seizure house raids and performing undercover narcotics purchases

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Consulting Attorney, Robert Half Legal, Chicago IL, Jan. 2011 – Dec. 2014

- Project Coordinator, overseeing reviews litigating anti-trust and intellectual property actions

AmeriCorps VISTA, National Nursing Center's Consortium, Philadelphia PA, Nov. 2004 – Nov. 2005

- Coordinated "Lead Safe Babies", a Philadelphia childhood lead poisoning prevention program

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Admitted to the State Bars of Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Maryland
- Admitted to US District Court and Bankruptcy Court, Western District Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore MD, May 2004, Juris Doctor

College of William and Mary, Williamsburg VA, May 2001, Double Major: Bachelor of the Arts in History and in Government