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EXPERIENCE

1998-present

CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
Senior Counsel, Building & Land Use Litigation Division,
Zoning and Administrative Prosecutions Unit

Supervise group of 7 to 10 attorneys prosecuting violations of City Building and Zoning Codes. Responsible for the management of all facets of high-volume litigation practice in Circuit Court and Administrative Hearings, including assignment of cases, development of litigation strategy, review and editing of pleadings and motions, monitoring of settlement negotiations, supervision of court appearances by staff attorneys, and conducting performance reviews of staff attorneys. Advise and support City departments including Buildings, Construction and Permits, Zoning, Planning and Development, Housing, Streets and Sanitation, Fire, Mayor's Office, and aldermen. Appear in court on behalf of the City in First Municipal, Chancery and Federal Court in unusual litigation such as mandamus actions arising out of the refusal to issue building permits. Assist in drafting building code-related ordinances.

1994-1998

Assistant Corporation Counsel, Special Municipal Prosecutions Division

Represented the local liquor control commissioner and Mayor's License Commission in license-related litigation. Responsibilities included prosecuting liquor and other business license revocations at administrative hearings; defending liquor license revocations and denial of license applications before the License Appeal Commission; representing the City in administrative review cases in circuit court; providing legal advice to Revenue and Police Departments. Experience included drafting pleadings and briefs; drafting and arguing motions; answering discovery; training Law and Police Departments in liquor licensing law and investigative techniques; reviewing and editing pleadings and briefs. Wrote appellate brief successfully defending liquor licensing ordinance against constitutional challenge.

Prosecuted ordinance violation and misdemeanor criminal cases in municipal branch courts. Drafted and argued motions, negotiated pre-trial settlements, answered discovery, prosecuted criminal and quasi-criminal bench and jury trials.

Edited training manual on First Amendment issues, used by Chicago Police Department and Corporation Counsel's office, for 1996 Democratic National Convention. Served as team leader, supplying legal advice to Police Department, at designated and spontaneous protest areas during convention.

1991-94

Illinois State Medical Society, Chicago, Illinois
Senior Programmer for state medical society and malpractice insurer.

1984-91

Analysts International Corporation, Schaumburg, Illinois
Consultant for a national software consulting firm.

1981-84 MCC Powers, Northbrook, Illinois
Software Quality Engineer for a building control system manufacturer.

1980-81 Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Research Assistant for a group conducting research in medium-energy nuclear physics.

EDUCATION Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology
Juris Doctor with High Honors, June, 1994
Order of the Coif
Kent Legal Scholar
Class Rank 3 / 319; G.P.A. 3.859 / 4.0

Law Review Executive Articles Editor & Survey Editor, 1992-93
Staff Member, 1991-92

Honors Dean's List; West Publishing Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement,
1992, 1993, 1994; Chicago-Kent Class Awards in Justice & The Legal System,
Property, Legal Drafting, Professional Responsibility, Commercial Law 2
(Commercial Paper); Recipient of Honor Scholarship, 1990-94.

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
Bachelor of Arts, Physics and Astronomy, August 1979
Graduate work in Physics, 1979-80

PUBLICATIONS Editor, City of Chicago Municipal Law Enforcement Guide to Demonstrations,
Protests and First Amendment Issues (1996)

Note, Clean Sweep or Witch Hunt? Constitutional Issues in Chicago's Public
Housing Sweeps, 69 CHI.-KENT L. REV. 505 (1993-94)

Book Review, Just When You Thought It Was Safe To Go Back Into the Bluebook:
Notes on the Fifteenth Edition, 67 CHI.-KENT L. REV. 275 (1992)

LICENSURE Illinois Bar; Northern District of Illinois (Trial Bar).