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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of Illinois College of Law

Champaign, IL

Clinical Assistant Professor; Director, First Amendment Clinic, January 2023 – Present

- Design and develop all aspects of a new clinic where students represent clients to advance the freedoms of speech, press and assembly.
- Provide classroom instruction to introduce students to First Amendment law and build litigation skills.
- Oversee and support students in weekly supervision meetings.
- Conduct policy research, resource development, and community outreach and education on issues related to the First Amendment.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Chapman Spingola, LLP

Chicago, IL

Senior Litigation Associate, April 2021 – January 2023

- Counsel business and individual clients primarily in the areas of complex commercial, intellectual property, and technology-related litigation, including from pre-litigation strategy and counseling through trial and appeal. Additional experience includes matters involving the CFAA, ITSA, CAN-SPAM, BIPA, TCPA and the UVTA.
- Supervise junior associates in case management tasks including written discovery (including electronic discovery), legal research, and motion practice.
- Take a lead role on briefing motions and handling related oral arguments in all stages of litigation, ranging from discovery disputes to summary judgment.

Swanson, Martin & Bell, LLP

Chicago, IL

Litigation Associate, September 2015 – March 2021; Summer Associate, 2014

- Counseled and represented clients in litigation on a variety of issues including tortious interference, shareholder disputes, corporate formation and breach of contract. Additional experience in consumer fraud, deceptive trade practices, consumer class actions, and entertainment and media litigation and transactional matters.
- First- and second-chaired over 15 trials to verdict in both federal and state, civil and criminal courts.
- Conducted and defended over 150 depositions, including company employees and experts.
- Other litigation experience included preparing and responding to written discovery, drafting pleadings, working with experts on reports, drafting and arguing dispositive motions as well as motions *in limine*, participating in pre-trial mediations.

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law

Champaign, IL

Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 2015

Honors: Honors, Legal Writing and Analysis
Nominee, Paul Lisnek Trial Advocacy Excellence & Ethics Award
CALI Excellence for the Future Award, Federal Civil Rights Clinic
Winner of the Frederick Green Honorary Round, Moot Court

Activities: Moot Court - Chief Justice, National Team competitor, Editor
Federal Civil Rights Clinic - Provisionally admitted to the Central District of Illinois to represent *pro se* litigants in §1983 lawsuits; First-chaired two trials to verdict; achieved a successful outcome for a client after mediation
Illinois Trial Team (undergraduate mock trial) – Head Coach

Clerkships/ Internships: Circuit Court of Cook County, Criminal Division, *Law Clerk to Hon. Paul P. Biebel, Jr.*, May 2013 – August 2013
Federal Public Defender, Central District of Illinois, *Law Clerk*, September 2013 – May 2014

University of Illinois, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Champaign, IL

Bachelor of Arts, Economics, Political Science May 2012

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- Russian (reading, writing, conversational; native speaker – born in Kiev, Ukraine)

ADMISSIONS

- Illinois
- United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Member of the Trial Bar)
- United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois

MEMBERSHIPS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS

- Super Lawyers, Illinois Rising Star: 2020 – 2023, Business Litigation
- Best Lawyers of America: Ones to Watch 2021 – 2023, Commercial Litigation
- Chicago Bar Association, Judicial Evaluation Committee