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Work Experience

Erie County District Attorney's Office
Assistant District Attorney
Erie, Pa

August 2003 – present

- Tried over 120 cases to verdict the vast majority involving Felony jury trials
- Practiced in front of 11 of the 12 judges who have been on the Bench in Erie County since 2003
- Prosecuted 15 homicide cases
- Successfully prosecuted a 15 year old rape case after the victim was deceased and while the suspect was a fugitive from justice
- Specialized in sexual assault and domestic violence prosecutions from charging decisions to trial
- Provided training to police officers in the area of domestic violence investigation and law
- Created a process for streamlining Protection from Abuse order violations through the system
- Responsible for prosecuting indirect criminal contempt hearings
- Wrote numerous Appellate Court briefs
- Researched, briefed and argued petitions under the Post-Conviction Relief Act
- Wrote argument to uphold homicide conviction in Federal Court
- Responsible for all legal appeals under the Right to Know Act
- Mentored new prosecutors in and outside of the courtroom
- Drafted and reviewed hundreds of search warrants
- Wrote motions, responses and conducted pretrial hearings in hundreds of cases
- Conducted countless interviews with victims, witnesses and defendants in criminal cases
- Conducted pretrial litigation in a capital murder case
- Authorized consensual interceptions pursuant to the Wire Tap Law
- Provided prosecutorial advice and guidance to various agencies throughout Erie County
- Conducted interviews with doctors, nurses and various other professional witnesses in anticipation and preparation of trial
- Conducted sexually violent predator hearings under Megan's Law

- Practiced in front of all Magisterial District Judges in Erie County since 2003
- Thoroughly familiar with the Pennsylvania rules of criminal procedures and evidence and their practical application in the courtroom
- Resolved thousands of criminal cases prior to trial

Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General

May 2000 - May 2003

Legal Intern

Pittsburgh, Pa

- Civil litigation
- Research and wrote federal briefs regarding prisoner litigation and state employment plans

Allegheny County District Attorney's Office

January 2003 - May 2003

Juvenile Section

Certified Legal Intern

- Observed and conducted hearings in Allegheny County juvenile court

Office of General Counsel

Summer 2002

Department of Corrections/ Department of Education

Legal Intern

Harrisburg, PA

- Researched and analyzed legal issues for both departments

In the Community

- Coaching Mercyhurst University's mock trial team
- Attorney coach for Ft. LeBoeuf High School's mock trial team
- Organized and coached Strong Vincent High School's first mock trial team
- Participated in Wills for Heroes
- Mentor in AKT Programs
- Volunteered for various Cystic Fibrosis fundraisers
- Books for Kids (reading to children at Wayne Elementary monthly)
- Fundraising for Safenet and Therapy Dogs
- Participated in and spoke about sexual assault at Take Back the Night rallies

Committees/Boards

- PFACS (Protection from Abuse Coordinated Services) board member
- Member of SART (Sexual Assault Response Team)
- STOP Violence Against Women Grant Program committee member

Awards

- Crime Victim Center (2004)
 - Reducing the impart of crime in the community
- Strong Vincent Alumni Award (2012)
 - Generational award recipient and recognition of noteworthy achievement

Education

Duquesne University School of Law 2003
Law degree
Pittsburgh, Pa

Indiana University of Pennsylvania 1999
Bachelor of Arts: Criminology
Magna Cum Laude
Indiana, Pa

Strong Vincent 1995
High School Diploma
Erie, Pa