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Work Experience

September 2004 to Present – Associate, Cooper, Sandler Shime & Bergman LLP

- Criminal defense counsel representing clients in a variety of matters, with a particular focus on: large-scale fraud, conspiracy, defense of quasi-criminal charges and serious driving offences
- Appellate counsel representing clients at the Ontario Court of Appeal and Superior Court of Justice
- Act as part-time assistant Crown Attorney and court appointed “amicus curiae”.

May 2002- July 2004 – Student-at-Law and Summer Student, Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP

- Performed legal work in the fields of restructuring and insolvency, litigation and securities law
- Guest lecturer of a first year Osgood Hall Law School class regarding the treatment of equality rights under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Undertook the representation of youth in various criminal, Charter and education matters as a seconded student with Justice for Children and Youth

January 2000 - July 2000– Communications Intern, Office of Information and Press, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Brussels, Belgium

- Participated on two selection committees for International Calls for Bids
- Responsible for the strategic development of the NATO web site and created a multimedia CD for visiting groups to NATO

Education & Academic Achievements

- 2000 to 2003– Bachelor of Laws, Osgood Hall Law School, York University (graduated in the top 3% of the 2003 Osgood Hall Law School graduating class)
- 2002– Awarded the Fraser Milner Cassegrain LLP Prize for excellence in academic studies and contributing to the Moot Court Program
- 2001– Awarded the Harry R. Rose Criminal Law Prize for obtaining the highest standing in Criminal Law, Section C
- 2001– Awarded the McMillan Binch Scholarship for academic excellence

Volunteer Work & Extracurricular Activities

Fall 2009 to Present -- Canadian Bar Association, Criminal Justice Section Reform Committee

- Review and respond to proposed amendments to the Criminal Code
- Appear before and provide submissions to the Justice Committee of Parliament regarding proposed amendments to the Criminal Code

Spring 2009 to Spring 2011 - Legal Aid Ontario Criminal Law Advisory Committee Member

- Provide expert advice for the Legal Aid Ontario Board of Directors on criminal law issues
- Assist Legal Aid Ontario Board with the criminal law panel planning process

June 2008 to Present – Ontario Bar Association (OBA) – Criminal Justice Section Executive

- Public Affairs Liaison assisting in developing and communicating the Section's position on criminal law policy and legislation to the OBA, the public and the provincial government

January 2003 to June 2003 – Worker's Rights Advocate, Parkdale Community Legal Services

- Successfully appealed a decision of an Employment Standards Officer in front of the Ontario Labor Relations Board
- Acted as an advocate for workers on a variety of matters including dismissal without cause, constructive dismissal, and discrimination

April 2002 to May 2003 – Co-Chair, Osgood Hall Law School Mooting Society

- Created awareness and encouraged participation in the Osgood Mooting Society through various communications and marketing initiatives
- Responsible for the selection of competitive mooting teams at Osgood Hall and the coordination of the Lerner's Cup (internal Osgood competition)

May 2001 to September 2003 – Executive Committee Member, CANFAR AIDS beat Fundraiser

- Responsible for the marketing, co-ordination and event planning of AIDS beat, a fundraiser for the Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research (CANFAR)
- Worked as an advocate and lobbied on behalf of CANFAR to help raise \$250,000 from private businesses and local government

Memberships

- Law Society of Upper Canada
- Criminal Lawyers Association
- Ontario Bar Association
- Toronto Lawyers Association