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Education and Achievements

Osgoode Hall Law School, York University - Toronto, Ontario

Bachelor of Laws - 2006-2009

- Charles Edward Woodrow Award (2007)
- Honourable Ronald E. Sobier Entrance Award (2006)

University of Western Ontario - London, Ontario

Bachelor of Arts Honours (Scholar's Electives Program)

Sociology and Criminology - 2002-2006

- Graduated with distinction (2006)
- Sociology Award (Undergraduate) (2005)
- Marlene Lee Scholarship (2004-2005)
- University of Western Ontario In-Course Scholarships (2004-2005)
- G.E. Ebanks Scholarship (2004)
- Dean's Honor List (2002-2005)

Relevant Work Experience

Ministry of the Attorney General - Toronto, Ontario

Per-Diem Assistant Crown Attorney - 2012- 2017

- Appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice as agent of the MAG in criminal proceedings and provided oral submissions
- Conducted bail hearings and negotiated release of accused persons
- Conducted guilty pleas, sentencing hearings and a trial

Cooper, Sandler, Shime & Bergman LLP - Toronto, Ontario

Partner - July 1, 2019 - Present

Associate - June 16, 2010 - June 30, 2019

Articling Student - August 2009 – June 2010

- Representation of clients on a variety of matters before all levels of courts in relation to charges under the Criminal Code and the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, including in relation to murder, driving offences, all levels of

assaults, sexual assault, small and large-scale frauds, drug possession and trafficking, theft, criminal harassment, weapons offences, breaches of conditional sentences and long term supervision orders as well as regulatory offences under the Income Tax Act, the Occupational Health and Safety Act, the Highway Traffic Act and the Police Services Act

- Representation of clients before Commissions of Inquiry
- Representation of Indigenous clients, young persons and clients with mental health and substance abuse issues
- Assisting Lead Counsel on systemic review in relation to Toronto Police Services Missing Person Investigations
- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memos, motions and facts relating to a variety of criminal and quasi-criminal matters
- Representation of clients in relation to background checks and record suspensions
- Representation of clients before administrative tribunals and professional bodies, such as the College of Massage Therapists of Ontario

McCarthy Tétrault Barristers & Solicitors - Toronto, Ontario

Summer Law Student - May 2008 – August 2008

- Assisted in representation of clients on a variety of civil and quasi-criminal matters
- Conducted legal research
- Drafted legal memos, motions and facts

Osgoode Hall Law School - Toronto, Ontario

Research Assistant to Associate Professor Alan Young - May 2007 – January 2008

- Researched various topics of law
- Assessed legal situations of potential clients and arranged appointments
- Edited and assisted in preparation of academic written work

Volunteer and Extra-Curricular Activities

Courtrooms and Classrooms - Toronto, Ontario

Volunteer - Defence counsel - 2019 – 2020

- Panel member along with Judges and Crown Counsel to engage with and answer questions from students about working in the criminal justice system

The Diaper Bank - Toronto, Ontario

Volunteer and Drop off Location - 2017 – Present

- Accept donated baby items including diapers, wipes, formula and other necessities and deliver them to community organizations to provide to local families in need

Criminal Lawyers Association - Toronto, Ontario

Women's Committee Member - November 2015 - November 2019

- Assisted with planning of conferences and strategized with other committee members regarding various issues facing women in criminal defence practice

Anup Cup and Soyinka Cup Competitions - Toronto, Ontario

Co-Coach for University of Toronto Faculty of Law - January 2015 – Present

- Providing advice and guidance regarding advocacy skills to students preparing for the mock criminal trial competition

University of Toronto Faculty of Law - Toronto, Ontario

Adjunct Professor Trial Advocacy - September 2015 – December 2019

- Provided feedback to students during small group practice sessions on advocacy skills and trial preparation

Adjunct Professor GPLLM Program - May – August 2016

- Taught criminal law course to students along with colleague

Pro Bono Students Canada – PROS - Toronto, Ontario

Lawyer Supervisor - October 2012 – 2020

- Supervised and vetted Public Education materials produced by students at University of Toronto Faculty of Law and Osgoode Hall Law School
- Provide general supervision and guidance to students in providing legal information to clients on various criminal and quasi-criminal issues

Mentoring - Toronto, Ontario

Informal Mentoring - 2012 – Present

- Providing general mentoring and advice to various law students and young lawyers practicing in the field of criminal law

Upper Year Volunteer - September 2007 - April 2008

- Planned events designed to orient first year students with school and campus
- Provided advice and leadership

Community and Legal Aid Service Programme (CLASP) - Toronto, Ontario

Duty Counsel and Caseworker (Criminal and Youth Division) - September 2006 – April 2007

- Conducted intake and screened clients for eligibility and to make referrals
- Accompanied clients to court and provided legal advice from supervising legal counsel
- Researched volunteer opportunities for clients

Osgoode Hall Law School Women's Caucus - Toronto, Ontario

Second Year Co-Chair - September 2007 – August 2008

- Co-chaired a variety of meetings and events

Member - 2006-2009

- Aided with drafting concerns regarding campus safety presented at University-wide meeting
- Attended community safety meetings

Osgoode Hall Law School Criminal Law Society - Toronto, Ontario

First Year Representative and Member - 2006-2009

Osgoode Lerner's Cup Mooting Competition - Toronto, Ontario

Participant - 2006

Memberships

- Law Society of Ontario
- Ontario Bar Association
- Criminal Lawyers' Association
- Canadian Bar Association
- Toronto Lawyers Association