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Dedicated attorney and educator, committed to defending the rights of Florida's children through advocacy, education, and outreach.

EDUCATION

Florida State University College of Law
Juris Doctor, April 2021

Tallahassee, FL

University of Florida
Bachelor of Science, Psychology, Summer 2018
Minor in Business Administration

Gainesville, FL

INVOLVEMENT

Professional Involvement

Member of the Public Interest Law Section of the the Florida Bar
Member of the Clinical Legal Education Association

EXPERIENCE

Florida State University Public Interest Law Center

Tallahassee, FL

Children's Advocacy Clinic, Clinical Professor

August 2023- Current

Advocated for young clients with special and diverse needs. Supervised student advocates in their representation of the Clinic's clients, both in and out of the courtroom. Provided feedback on skills training exercises such as mock direct examinations. Assisted students in putting on webinars on topics impacting Clinic clients. Taught students about the myriad legal systems that impact children. Guided students through successful legislative advocacy. Engaged in community outreach efforts. Collaborated with school administrators, social workers, and guardian ad litem in furtherance of client goals.

Public Defender's Office, Florida's Second Judicial Circuit

Tallahassee, FL

Assistant Public Defender, Juvenile & Appellate Divisions

August 2021-August 2023

Explained complex legal concepts to juvenile clients. Represented juvenile clients at trial, in hearings, and through motion practice. Researched and drafted appellate briefs. Participated in oral arguments. Supervised certified legal interns throughout court proceedings, during client interactions, and in drafting court documents. Collaborated with social workers, investigators, case managers, and other professionals to provide wholistic solutions for clients.

FSU College of Social Work, Institute for Family Violence Studies

Tallahassee, FL

Legal Intern

October 2020-July 2021

Assisted Professor Karen Oehme in creating an online training course for judges on intimate partner violence and its interaction with the legal system. Conducted research on compassion fatigue, vicarious trauma, and burnout to create a resource bank for university faculty/staff in furtherance of a trauma-informed campus.

SERVICE

Academic Service – Florida State University

FSU College of Social Work, Guest Lecturer (2024-present)

FSU College of Law House of D'Alemberte, Advisor (2025-2026)

The Community

Sisters Mentoring Sisters, Mentor & Presenter (2023-2024)

Capital City Youth Services, Community Outreach Partner & Presenter (2023-2025)

Florida's 2nd Judicial Circuit's Dependency Court Reunification Celebration, Keynote Speaker (2025)

AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education Child Advocacy/Education Workgroup, Facilitator (2026)