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WORK EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITÄT WIEN, Department of Innovation and Digitalisation in Law, Vienna, Austria

Research Associate, March 2019 – Present

University Department focused on cutting-edge questions in IP/Technology Law (especially Data Protection/Privacy Law)

Department Head: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Nikolaus Forgó

- Co-leading research on European Union commissioned Projects addressing the GDPR and medical research, patient records, other healthcare, biometric and private data

SEYFARTH SHAW, LLP, San Francisco, CA

Associate, April 2018 – January 2019

Practice focuses on Construction Law and Government Contracts practice

- Recruited to join Seyfarth based on industry reputation and client results
- Second-chaired arbitration and recovered almost \$1 million for our client, a general contractor building a multi-structure research park in Silicon Valley
- Prepared a multi-million dollar satellite technology case for trial including selection of exhibits, preparation of witnesses
- Represented firms in the procurement and award of large infrastructure projects funded by the United States government (e.g., satellite propulsion technology, nuclear weapon research and development)
- Represented owners of construction projects (e.g., museums, hotels, and University research parks) and construction firms in negotiating contracts, drafting construction specifications, and purchase agreements and resolving disputes through bid protests, litigation and arbitration
- Coordinated and helped develop and implement policy objectives for a non-profit organization called Defense Industry Initiative (DII) comprised of firms that routinely provide goods and services to the United States Government such as defense contractors

OLES MORRISON RINKER & BAKER LLP, Oakland, CA

Associate, December 2015 – April 2018

Practice focuses on Construction Law

Instructor for ABA seminar on False Claims Act cases and trends

- Second chaired multi-million dollar arbitration involving False Claims Act allegations, differing site condition and change in character of work allegations
- Represented large construction firms in bid protests and negotiated with federal and California public project owners
- Led trial preparation efforts including selection of exhibits, impeachment exhibits, witnesses, preparation of motions in limine (pre-trial motions to exclude evidence from trial or to establish specific rules the parties must follow during trial), preparation of a team of experts for trial including civil engineers, geotechnical engineers and financial experts, and prepared trial presentations
- Drafted district court and state court briefs related to a variety of dispositive and discovery motions including motions for summary judgment, motions to compel, motions for protective orders
- Successfully represented general contractor against San Francisco Unified School District and subcontractors in stop payment notice proceedings
- Successfully led settlement negotiations and resolved 3 construction cases involving design and construction defects
- Argued several motions including demurrers, motions to compel and *ex parte* motions
- Conducted and defended depositions of fact and expert witnesses
- Led mediation efforts, drafted mediation briefs and presentations
- Conducted negotiations with opposing counsel to resolve discovery disputes
- Worked with regulatory agencies to investigate and submit evidence of subcontractor embezzlement
- Conducted document review and preparation for depositions
- Drafted complaints and cross-complaints
- Drafted and provided guidance to junior associates in drafting discovery requests

ROBBINS, GELLER, RUDMAN & DOWD LLP, San Francisco, CA

Associate, September 2012 – December 2015 (Summer Associate, 2011)

Practice focuses on Securities Litigation and Shareholder Derivative Litigation

- Member of litigation team preparing for class action securities litigation trial: drafted jury instructions, Daubert motions (to exclude expert witnesses from trial on the basis of their lack of scientific qualifications), motions in limine, selected trial exhibits, and designated deposition testimony for trial
- Member of litigation teams representing institutional investors and private individuals in securities fraud class actions and shareholder derivative actions
- Drafted district court briefs in opposition to motions to dismiss and in opposition to motions for summary judgment in cases brought under §§ 11 (anti-fraud law relating to American IPOs) and 12 of the Securities Act and §10(b) of the Exchange Act (anti-fraud law protecting shareholders against misleading or false statements made in company documents)
- Drafted mediation brief for multi-million dollar construction disputes
- Drafted district court and state court briefs analyzing Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act's effect on state courts' jurisdiction to hear §11 cases
- Drafted Rule 56(d) declaration in opposition to motion for summary judgment
- Deposed former defendant employee in anticipation of trial
- Drafted numerous discovery requests and motions to compel
- Conducted negotiations with opposing counsel to resolve discovery disputes
- Helped investigate and draft §10(b) complaints
- Worked with experts in preparation of damages/loss causation reports

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW, GARRETT & DUNNER LLP, Palo Alto, CA

Law Clerk, Summer 2010 (Electrical Engineering Group)

EDUCATION / HONORS / VOLUNTEERING

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS COLLEGE OF LAW, Champaign, Illinois

Juris Doctor *magna cum laude*, May 2012, GPA: 3.53/4.00

- Harno Scholar (Top 10%), Spring 2012
- Dean's List, Fall 2011
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award (awarded for highest grade), Patent Litigation, Fall 2011
- Illinois Business Law Journal Articles Editor, 2011-2012; Staff Writer 2010 -2011
- Co-author of Bloomberg Law Reports Article, Vol.4, No.48; November 29, 2010, Claiming Misdemeanors and Felonies: Crimes to Avoid in Drafting Patent Claims.
- Bankruptcy Moot Court, Fall 2010
- ABA Client Counseling Competition Semi-Finalist, Fall 2009
- Recipient of ABA Diversity Scholarship for 2016 Fall Regional Meeting on Construction Law

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Urbana, IL

Intern, Spring 2012

HONORABLE DAVID G. BERNTHAL, MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS,

Urbana, IL

Law Clerk, Spring 2011

LAWYER'S COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, San Francisco, CA

Volunteer Attorney, Winter 2015 – January 2019

- Helped financially disadvantaged clients with a variety of legal concerns including drafting motions to dismiss past convictions

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, Champaign, Illinois

Bachelor of Science: Psychology and Minor in Computer Science, May 2009

- SAT and ACT instructor for Principal's Scholars Program and Kaplan Test Prep, Inc., 2005-2006
- Private tutor in Mathematics (Linear Algebra, Calculus) and Greek language (reading, writing, speaking), 2006-2009
- Activities: Illini Skydiving Club, Hellenic Student Association, UNICEF

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Dual Citizenship: Greek, United States

Languages: Fluent in English, Greek, and Spanish; basic French, basic German

Bar admission: Admitted to practice law in California, December 2012