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Education

10/ 2017 – present

Ph.D. Candidate

University of Passau, Passau, Germany

Dissertation (working title): *Balancing Patients' Rights and Patient Safety: How the Paradigm Shift Toward a Systemic Approach to Medical Error Prevention Forces the United States and Germany to Rethink Organizational Negligence in Medical Malpractice Cases*

08/ 2005 – 05/ 2008

Juris Doctor - G.P.A. 3.1

University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Honors and Activities:

Holderness Moot Court – Moot Court Executive Board; Best Brief for Environmental Plaintiffs in the 2008 Pace Law School Environmental Moot Court Competition, Published in Pace Environmental Law Review; Elected to Order of the Barristers; Selected to participate in the UNC – Middle Temple First Annual Moot Court Competition; Dean's List; Recognized by North Carolina Bar Association and Pro Bono Program for performing over 75 hours of pro bono work; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity – Secretary (06-07); Death Penalty Project – Vice President (05-06); Innocence Project – Reviewed and researched criminal cases involving claims of innocence; 2007 New Orleans Winter Break Pro Bono Trip – Assisted Orleans Public Defender with prisoner interviews; Community Legal Project – Researched legal issues for women in the community; Street Law – Taught courses in law and government to high school students

08/ 2007

International Summer School on Alternative Dispute Resolution

Tulane Law School Study Abroad, Berlin, Germany

09/ 2001 – 05/ 2005

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science - G.P.A. 3.8 magna cum laude

Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, Louisiana

Honors and Activities:

Honors Scholar; Dean's List – 11 quarters; Social Science Department Outstanding Student Award; Association of Women Students Sophomore Woman of the Year; Outstanding Student Scholarship Recipient; Outstanding Spirit Group Leader Award; Golden Key Honors Society (top 15% of class); Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society (top 10% of class); Student Government Association – Member at Large, Junior

Senator, Liberal Arts Senator; University Cheerleaders – Captain;
Student Orientation Leader; Student Initiatives (spoke at local schools
to encourage college attendance.)

Bar Admissions

11.06/ 2008

Illinois State Bar Admission

Bar Number 6297308

2010 – Admission to Federal Northern District of Illinois

05.05/ 2011

Louisiana State Bar Admission

Bar Number 33618

2011 – Admission to Federal Eastern District of Louisiana

2014 – Admission to Federal Middle District of Louisiana

Professional Experience

1/ 2018 – present

Ph.D. Research Assistant, Lecturer

Chair of Common Law, University of Passau, Passau, DE

Lecture students in the areas of legal research and writing, civil procedure, and health law, provide research assistance in the areas of tort law, constitutional law, and technology in law; provide brief editing and coaching assistance to moot court teams

10/ 2017 – present

Remote Bond Team Volunteer Attorney

Southern Poverty Law Center - Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative

Draft bond motions and bond appeals for detained immigrants

08/ 2016 – 12/ 2017

German Chancellor Fellow

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Host: Professor Dr. Jörg Fedtke, Chair of Common Law

University of Passau, Passau, DE

08/ 2016 – 9/2016 German language fellowship

IFS Institut für Sprachvermittlung und internationalen Kulturaustausch

Conducted a comparative study of medical malpractice and healthcare risk management in the United States and Germany; conducted extensive legal and policy literature review of patient safety and error prevention research, development of error reporting and learning systems, risk management regulations and guidelines, liability of healthcare organizations, and patients' rights; interviewed key players in Germany's healthcare industry, including hospital risk managers, legislators, attorneys, physicians, and policy makers

04/ 2015 – 07/ 2016
04/ 2012 – 04/ 2014

Attorney
Burglass Tankersley, Metairie, LA, USA

Represented defendants in civil litigation involving personal injury and medical malpractice at both the trial and appellate levels; drafted pleadings; drafted and argued discovery and pre-trial motions; deposed fact and expert witnesses, including medical doctors, economists, life care planners, and various industry experts; represented clients in mediations and trial; drafted appellate pleadings; represented clients in appellate oral argument; obtained defense verdict as solo-chair in personal injury trial; obtained defense verdict as first chair in medical malpractice trial

04/ 2014 – 04/ 2015

Attorney
Galloway Johnson Tompkins Burr & Smith, New Orleans, LA, USA

Represented defendants in all aspects of civil litigation at both the trial and appellate levels; defended medical professionals in medical malpractice litigation; drafted medical review panel submissions; drafted and reviewed contracts; analyzed insurance coverage and issued coverage opinions; conducted motion practice; took and defended depositions; attended court hearings

10/ 2011 – 04/ 2012

Attorney
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Baton Rouge, LA, USA

Represented the Department in administrative proceedings involving Medicaid violations by healthcare providers; handled all aspects of the administrative process from discovery through the evidentiary hearing; interpreted and enforced regulatory statutes

05/ 2011 – 04/ 2012

Attorney
Nunez Law, New Orleans, LA, USA

Practiced as a solo-practitioner representing both plaintiffs and defendants in civil litigation; obtained favorable verdict in bench trial for plaintiffs in a contract dispute; obtained summary judgment dismissal of defendant in a personal injury action

06/ 2010 – 05/ 2011

Attorney
Segal McCambridge Singer & Mahoney, Chicago, IL, USA

Represented clients at discovery and evidence depositions in toxic tort cases nationwide; evaluated cases and developed litigation strategy; reviewed and summarized medical records; drafted responsive pleadings; drafted case dispositive and pre-trial motions; drafted appellate pleadings; attended court calls

08/2008 – 05/2010

Attorney

Parrillo Weiss & O'Halloran, Chicago, IL, USA

First-chaired over fifty personal injury jury trials to verdict; drafted and argued motions at every stage of litigation; drafted jury instructions; negotiated favorable settlements; responded to written discovery requests; took and defended discovery and evidence depositions; represented clients at mandatory arbitration and mediation; handled daily court calls

Writings, Speaking Engagements, and Notable Verdicts

Repurposing the Affirmative Defense of Comparative Fault in Medical Malpractice Cases to Improve Patient Safety

Indiana Health Law Review (accepted for publication in Volume XVI to be published in November 2018)

Filling Voice Promotion Gaps in Healthcare through a Comparative Analysis of Error Reporting and Learning Systems and Open Communication and Disclosure Policies in the United States and Germany

American Journal of Law and Medicine (accepted for publication in the 44.4 issue to be published in Winter 2018)

MedRisk Report Blog

www.medriskreport.com

Research blog focused on the prevention and resolution of medical malpractice claims

2018 International Academy of Comparative Law's XXth International Congress - Younger Scholars' Forum

Fukuoka, Japan (July 2018)

Presentation of conference paper: *Repurposing the Affirmative Defense of Comparative Fault in Medical Malpractice Cases in the United States to Improve Patient Safety*

American Society of Comparative Law - Younger Comparativists Committee Global Conference 2018

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio (April 2018)

Presentation of conference paper on the Privacy and Intimacy Panel: *Filling Voice Promotion Gaps in Healthcare through a Comparative Analysis of Error Reporting and Learning Systems and Open Communication and Disclosure Policies in the United States and Germany*

Panel Moderator: Challenges to Europe

Can Amazon, Chase, and Berkshire Help Medical Malpractice Victims?

The Health Care Blog (April 2018)

<http://thehealthcareblog.com/blog/2018/04/03/can-amazon-chase-and-berkshire-help-medical-malpractice-victims/>

German Chancellor Fellow Project Marketplace and Round Table Discussion

Berlin, Germany (July 2017)

Group Presentation: Justice for some? Rights, Administration, and Legal Practices

Institute of Patient Safety Research Colloquium

Bonn, Germany (April 2017)

Presentation: Balancing Patients' Safety and Patients' Rights

Direct Actions in Louisiana and Social Media in Claims Investigation

Presentation at Allied World, New York, NY, USA (September 2015)

Medical Malpractice Bench Trial, \$0 Verdict

Brown v. State of Louisiana, et al., 22nd Judicial District Court, No. 101197 consolidated with 103585, Judge William J. Knight *presiding* (October 2013)

Personal Injury Jury Trial, \$0 Verdict

Jason Smith v. Canal Indemnity Co., 9th Judicial District Court, No. 240,267, Judge Gregory C. Metoyer Jr. *presiding* (July 2013)

"IPAD for Lawyers"

Burglass & Tankersley Law and Technology Seminars, Metairie, LA, USA (April 2013)

Future

Católica Graduate Legal Research Conference 2018 - "The Future of Health Law"

Lisbon, Portugal (October 2018)

Presentation of conference paper: *Are You My Doctor? Defining the physician-patient relationship in the age of e-health*

8th Bonn Humboldt Award Winners' Forum "Between handcraft and confession, empiricism and normativity: Self-determination in international jurisprudence"

Bonn, Germany (October 2018)

Short publication in conference materials: *The Impact of Medical Liability on Patient Safety: Why the law must thoughtfully hurry to align with modern medical error prevention science*

Rijeka Doctoral Conference

Rijeka, Croatia (December 2018)

Presentation of conference paper: *Using the German Model to Improve the Reliability of Medical Malpractice Litigation Outcomes in the United States*