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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Zuckerman Dispute Resolution LLC, Founder, Chicago, IL, Sept. 2021 – Present

- Provide professional, third-party neutral mediation and arbitration services for civil disputes including contract, tort, property/real estate, small claims, insurance, employment and general commercial.

Zuckerman Law Firm LLC, Lawyer, Chicago, IL, Aug. 2019 – Present

- Represent clients in civil matters, including settlement negotiations, litigation, and transactions; consultant to law firms on legal strategy, briefing and court procedure; maintain active *pro bono* practice.

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, Chicago, IL, July 2019 – Sept. 2021 (offered contract extension)

- Taught communication and legal reasoning; served by Dean's appointment on clerkship committee; research activity included civil procedure, access to justice, civil rights, legal education, and ethics.

Jones Day, Associate, Issues & Appeals and Investigations & White Collar Defense, Chicago, IL, Nov. 2012 – Oct. 2017

- Practice focused on complex trial and appellate litigation; drafted motions, memoranda, and appellate briefs; coordinated discovery and took depositions; argued motions and appeals; defended class actions; counseled clients on legal strategy; participated in mediations and arbitrations; and negotiated settlements.
- Supervised nationwide team of 25+ for client facing uptick in consumer credit litigation relating to credit reporting practices involving debts discharged in bankruptcy; handled hundreds of credit reporting cases.
- Conducted internal investigation into third-party fraud resulting in a criminal prosecution; activities included presenting case to federal prosecutors and supporting FBI investigation.
- Supported global internal investigation into alleged FCPA violations; work included leading dozens of witness interviews, drafting internal legal memoranda, and preparing materials for meetings with the DOJ.
- Assisted *pro se* litigants with settlement as appointed *pro bono* counsel; recognized by federal judge for "outstanding and selfless efforts on behalf of the plaintiff" that "make one proud to be a lawyer."

Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, Summer Associate, Chicago, IL, Summer 2008 (offer extended)

Discovery Docket, LLC, Founder & CEO, Chicago, IL, Oct. 2017 – Aug. 2018

- Created innovative cloud-based docketing platform to solve practical problems in discovery.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Hon. Amy J. St. Eve, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit

- *Judicial Law Clerk*, Chicago, IL, Aug. 2018 – June 2019

Hon. Amy J. St. Eve, U.S. District Judge, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

- *Judicial Law Clerk*, Chicago, IL, Oct. 2011 – Oct. 2012

Hon. Eric L. Clay, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

- *Judicial Law Clerk*, Detroit, MI, Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2011

Hon. Cheryl L. Pollak, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

- *Judicial Law Clerk*, Brooklyn, NY, Sept. 2009 – Sept. 2010

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY

J.D., *cum laude*, 2009; GPA 3.64 (public law concentration)

- *Cornell Law Review* (note editor); *Supreme Court Bulletin* (editor)

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

B.S., Industrial and Labor Relations, 2006; GPA 3.96

- Senior Class President (delivered graduation speech)

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR) ACTIVITIES

ADR Certifications / Activities

- Mediator, AAA Roster of Mediators, Panel Member
- Mediator, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Western Div.)
- Mediator, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Law Division
- Mediator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Probate Division
- Mediator, 12th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Small Claims Division (Will County)
- Mediator, 19th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Eviction Claims (Lake County)
- Mediator, 19th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Small Claims Division (Lake County)
- Mediator, 21st Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Civil Claims (Kankakee and Iroquois Counties)
- Mediator, Chicago Bar Association Mediation Service
- Arbitrator, Circuit Court of Cook County, Mandatory-Court Annexed Arbitration Program
- Arbitrator, 12th Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Mandatory-Court Annexed Arbitration Program
- Arbitrator, Better Business Bureau of Chicago and Northern Illinois
- Arbitrator and Mediator, DeMars & Associates, Panel Member
- Arbitrator and Mediator, National Center for Dispute Resolution, Panel Member
- Arbitrator and Mediator, Resolute Systems, Inc., Panel Member
- Hearing Officer, National Arbitration and Mediation (NAM), Panel Member

Training (Selected)

- Certificate of Completion, Northwestern University School of Professional Studies, 40-Hour Mediation Skills Training Program, 2021
- Training, Mandatory Arbitration Training, Circuit Court of Cook County, 2021
- Training, Center for Conflict Resolution, Evictions and Court Adapted Mediation, 2021

PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

- *Law Professor Makes a Case Against Automating Legal Writing in Law School*, ABA Journal (2021)
- *The Ethics of a Gig*, Lawyer's Forum, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin (2020)
- *Legal Ethics Apply on LinkedIn, Too*, Silicon Valley Business Journal (2020)
- *Thanks for Nothing: When Should Lawyers End an Email with 'Thank You'?*, ABA Journal Online (2020)
- *One Gig Too Many*, Guest Post, Legal Profession Blog (2020)
- *More from the #Jury Box: The Latest on Juries and Social Media*, 12 Duke L. & Tech. Rev. 64 (2014) (co-authored with Hon. Amy J. St. Eve and Hon. Charles P. Burns)
- *Ferrets and Truffles and Hounds, Oh My: Getting Beyond Waiver*, 18 Green Bag 2d 77 (2014) (co-authored with Andrey Spektor)
- *The Forgotten Pleading*, 7 Fed. Cts. L. Rev. 152 (2013) (co-authored with Hon. Amy J. St. Eve)
- *Legal Writing as Good Writing: Tips from the Trenches*, 14 J. App. Prac. & Proc. 303 (2013) (co-authored with Andrey Spektor)
- *Expert Case Management*, At Sidebar, 60 Fed. Lawyer 4 (2013)
- *Ensuring an Impartial Jury in the Age of Social Media*, 11 Duke L. & Tech. Rev. 1 (2012) (co-authored with Hon. Amy J. St. Eve)
- *Judicial Recusal and Expanding Notions of Due Process*, 13 U. Pa. J. Const. L. 977 (2011) (co-authored with Andrey Spektor)
- *Constitutional Clash: When English-Only Meets Voting Rights*, Essay, 28 Yale L. & Pol'y Rev. 353 (2010)
- *Lack of Leadership in the Immigration Debate*, CBS News (May 2010)
- *Inconsistent Pleading After Twombly and Iqbal*, New York Law Journal (Jan. 2010)
- *Yes, I Destroyed the Evidence – Sue Me? Intentional Spoliation of Evidence in Illinois*, 27 J. Marshall J. Comput. & Info. L. 235 (2009)
- *The Offshoring of American Government*, Note, 94 Cornell L. Rev. 165 (2009)
- *Keep Stimulus Money at Home*, Syracuse Post-Standard (May 2009)
- *The Court of Congressional Contempt*, Note, 25 J. L. & Pol. 41 (2009)

LEADERSHIP, AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (Selected)

Presentations / Speaking Engagements

- Moderator, Association of Attorney-Mediators, Mediators in Robes: Mediation Tips from Federal Magistrate Judges (scheduled for 2022)
- Panelist, ABA Section on Dispute Resolution, The Many Roads to ADR: The Volunteer Experience, Doing Well by Doing Good (scheduled for 2022)
- Panelist, ABA Tech Show, Top Insights from Analyzing AI Tools in Legal Writing Instruction (scheduled for 2022)
- Speaker, Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners, Best Practices for Reports (2021)
- Participant, Podcast: Technically Legal, AI and Legal Writing (2021)
- Panelist, Ethics 2020, Law Bulletin Seminars, Social Media/Review Websites (2020)
- Panelist, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Diversity and Being Out in the Legal Community (2019)
- Panelist, Chicago Bar Association, Federal Practice and Discovery Disputes (2018)
- Panelist & Speaker, Numerous Firm Events About Clerkships and Career Advancement (2012-2017)
- Speaker, ABA Federal Procurement Institute, Offshore State Government Contracting (2009)
- Speaker, Law & Society Association, The Intersection of Public and Private Work (2008)
- Speaker, Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Offshoring in the Public Sector (2008)

Volunteer Activities

- Court-Annexed Mediation Throughout Illinois (2021 – Present) (small claims, eviction, other)
- Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. (2013 – Present) (*pro bono* work)
- Parkinson's Foundation of Greater Illinois (2020 – Present) (advisory board)
- National Student/Parent Mock Election (2015 – Present) (board)
- National Young Leadership Cabinet, Jewish Federations of North America (2017 – Present)
- Cornell University (2006 – Present) (various roles including Law School Dean's Advisory Committee)

Awards

- *Excellence in Pro Bono Service*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2016)
- *Outstanding Young Lawyer*, Chicago Lawyers' Community for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc. (2014)
- *Burton Award for Distinguished Legal Writing*, Library of Congress & Burton Foundation (2009)
- *First Place, Public Contract Law Writing Competition*, American Bar Association (2009)

Professional Associations

- American Bar Association
- Association of Attorney-Mediators
- Federal Bar Association
- Association for Conflict Resolution, Chicago Chapter
- Seventh Circuit Bar Association
- Illinois State Bar Association
- Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago (LAGBAC)
- Chicago Bar Association
- Lake County Bar Association

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- State of Illinois
- Supreme Court of the United States
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois
- U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin