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EDUCATION

J.D. University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, Illinois

Juris Doctor awarded May 2008

- Executive Editor, THE ILLINOIS BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL (2007-2008)

B.A. Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science awarded May 2005

- Phi Delta Theta History Honor Society
- Dean's List (Fall 2003, Spring 2004, and Spring 2005)
- 2nd Class Cadet, United States Air Force ROTC (2001-2003)

EXPERIENCE

Minelli Law Offices, LLC, Chicago, Illinois and Ottawa, Illinois

Founder and Managing Attorney, November 2008 – Present

- Founded and developed firm based on 21st century virtual law practice principles.
- Focused on representing individuals and businesses in both transactional and litigation matters.
- Firm supports several pro bono matters annually and provides community outreach.

Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, Chicago, Illinois

Chairperson-Arbitrator in Mandatory Arbitration Program, November 2018 – Present

The Singleton Law Firm, P.C., Champaign, Illinois

Law Clerk, Summer and Fall 2007

- Assisted with new business start-ups including corporate law, intellectual property, and LLCs.
- Drafted international sales agreements for heavy equipment exports to South Korea.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Illinois, 2008
- Federal District Court, Northern District of Illinois, 2009
- Federal District Court, Central District of Illinois, 2010

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Recipient, Norma G. Bremer Scholarship
- Recipient, Miami Scholars Scholarship
- Recipient, College of Arts and Sciences Scholarship

LEGAL PRACTICE AREAS

- Business and Commercial Litigation
- Commercial and Residential Landlord & Tenant Law
- Business Planning, Formation, and Venture Capital Financing
- Commercial Law; Transactional Law; International Trade Law
- Commercial Real Estate Transactions and Finance

CONFERENCES AND INVITED LECTURES

Invited Speaker, “Veterinary Malpractice,” sponsored by the ISBA Animal Law Section, Illinois State Bar Association, Springfield, Illinois (September 11, 2014).

Invited Speaker, radio program discussion on business law and copyright, “WYLL” 1160 AM, Elk Grove Village, Illinois (April 7, 2011).

Invited Speaker, “The Legal Side of Authoring and Publishing,” sponsored by Benjamin Williams Publishing, LLC, 2010 Books & Publishing Conference, Chicago, Illinois (November 13, 2010).

Invited Speaker, “WLS Spring Career Panel,” sponsored by the Myra Bradwell Association for Women Law Students, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, Illinois (March 18, 2009).

PUBLICATIONS

The Argument for a Veterinarian-Client Evidentiary Privilege. [In Progress]

Property and the American Spirit: Explaining the Failure of Land Registration in the United States. [In Progress]

The Miami Triad, in *MIAMI UNIVERSITY, 1809-2009: BICENTENNIAL PERSPECTIVES* 48 (Curtis W. Ellison, ed., 2009).

When Animal Owners Attack: Veterinary Malpractice in Illinois, *TORT SOURCE* (ISBA, Springfield, Ill.), November 2008, at 1.

Reinforcing the International Conflicts Regime: A Critical Analysis of the Turkish Attack on the Kurdish Worker’s Party, *THE GLOBE* (ISBA, Springfield, Ill.), March 2008, at 4.

Textualism as a Touchstone for Privately-Focused Treaty Interpretation, *THE GLOBE* (ISBA, Springfield, Ill.), February 2008, at 6.

Contractual Foundations of Universal Human Rights, *HUMAN RIGHTS* (ISBA, Springfield, Ill.), June 2007, at 2.