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Education

University of Missouri – Columbia

Juris Doctor, December 1999

Dean's List, Robert's Scholar, Weinstein Scholarship, Phi Alpha Delta

Master of Business Administration, December 1999

Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Economics, August 1996 (Honors)

Dean's Honor List, American FFA Degree, Curator's Scholar, Bright Flight Scholar

Experience

President/Owner, A.L.M. Business & Legal Services, L.L.C., Hartsburg, Missouri. Advise and counsel clients on business formation and strategy, technology commercialization, contracting, negotiating, licensing, and taxation matters. Preparation of business plans, feasibility analysis/studies, marketing plans, legal documents, and grant proposals for technology and value-added agriculture projects. 01/03 – Present.

Executive Director, Center for Entrepreneurship & Outreach and Adjunct Assistant Professor School of Management & Information Systems, University of Missouri – Rolla. Development of University and external technology via commercialization process through business formation, market research and analysis, capital acquisition, grant applications, licensing, and business plan development. Coordination of University of Missouri Extension with School of Management and Information Systems to inject the University curriculum with entrepreneurial and business principles for accelerating student career success and University-driven economic development. Lecture on Entrepreneurship, Business Law and Business Planning. 01/03 – 05/05.

Project Director, Missouri Agricultural Product Utilization and Incubation Center, University of Missouri-Columbia. Incubate new technologies for Missouri enterprises by conducting financial analysis, market research, reviewing intellectual property, composing grants, targeting industry applications, and preparation of business and marketing plans to commercialize new products, communications with industry leaders, agricultural producers, and educational institution directors, and management of research and clerical staff. 10/01 – 12/02

Legal Counsel, Missouri Department of Revenue, Jefferson City, MO. Researched and analyzed current and proposed Missouri laws, drafted fiscal notes, court pleadings, and memoranda of law, analyzed, negotiated and advocated departmental policy and procedures with taxpayers and departmental employees, financial analysis for business and tax purposes, and supervision of support staff. 02/00 - 10/01.

Law Clerk, Missouri Attorney General, Governmental Affairs Division, Jefferson City, MO. Advocated for government at administrative hearings, researched diverse legal issues and drafted complaints, motions, settlement agreements, appellate brief and legal memoranda on professional licensing and administrative agency regulations, including special assignment with the agricultural council designee. 05/99 – 08/99.

Law Clerk, Riner, Turnbull & Walker, P.C., Jefferson City, MO. Researched legal issues and drafted court documents for trial and appellate courts in contract, employment, estate planning, personal injury, and criminal law. 04/98 – 02/99.

Course Administrator/Teaching Assistant, Management Department, University of Missouri - Columbia, Columbia, MO. Assisted in teaching of undergraduate Management course of 600 students and advising students on principles of leadership and management, writing, coordinating and supervising examinations and grades. 08/98 – 12/99.

Teaching Assistant, University of Missouri - Columbia, Agricultural Economics Department. Columbia, MO. Graded essays on analysis of market systems and advised students in an upper level, writing intensive agricultural economics course which introduced students to commodity futures markets. 08/97 – 05/98.

Student Assistant, Missouri Farm Service Agency, USDA, Columbia, MO. Assisted administration in drafting communications to state employees and participating farmers, computerized record management, and provided telephone support to 100 offices in state. 02/96 – 04/98.

Law Clerk, Robert J. Brundage, Attorney at Law and Missouri Ag Industries Council, Inc., Jefferson City, MO. Conducted environmental law research on various non-point source pollution and water quality issues, prepared motions and suggestions of law. 06/97 – 01/98.

Intern, Missouri Cattlemen's Association, Columbia, MO. Conducted industry public relations through public presentations and mail correspondence, membership development programs and young farmer education. 05/95 – 01/96.

Activities

The Missouri Bar, Member of Committees on Business Law, Patent/Trademark Law, and Agricultural Law
Association of University Technology Managers (AUTM)
U.S. Association of Small Business & Entrepreneurship
University Economic Development Association
MU Alumni Association
Missouri Farm Bureau
Friends of Southern Boone County Library
Boone County Republican Women
Southern Boone County Chamber of Commerce