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Objective

To obtain a position as that will utilize and enhance my experience and knowledge, as well as, offer opportunities for personal contribution and professional growth among a group of team oriented legal professionals.

Education

Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City , Oklahoma

Juris Doctor - May 2003

Admitted to Texas Bar - November, 2003; also admitted in Federal District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Bachelor of Science – Criminal Justice – August 1999

Experience

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| 11/09 to
Present | 258th Judicial District Attorney's Office – Groveton, Texas
Elected District Attorney from 1/1/13 to present. Assistant District Attorney from 11/01/09 through 12/31/12. Responsible for all felony criminal cases in the Judicial District from intake to final jury trial and appeal. Job duties involve not only the prosecution of felony cases, but assisting law enforcement in the investigation of these cases. I am also responsible for the budget of the office and oversight of employees. Additionally, I serve on the board of the Kalin's Center, a child advocacy center for abused children. |
| 08/08 to
Present | Sam Houston State University – Huntsville, Texas
Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice (2008- Present); Adjunct Professor of Business (2016- Present) As an adjunct professor I have taught courses in White Collar Crime, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Legal Aspects of Corrections and Business Legal Environment. I am responsible for the planning of the course including course study material, a syllabus, lesson plans, power points, exams and grades. My goal is to engage the student by making the material relevant and interesting to them as well as relating material to real world experiences I have through my past and current employment. |

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- 02/08 to 11/09 **Walker County District Attorney's Office** – Huntsville, Texas
Worked in all phases of criminal cases. Tasks included intake, discovery, plea negotiations jury trial, and appeal. In addition, I assisted in preparation of warrants for searches and arrests at the request of law enforcement. Other duties included bond forfeiture, protective orders, mental warrants, juvenile cases and CPS cases. Additionally, I would advise the commissioners courts on legal issues and requesting of legal opinions from the Attorney General's office.
- 10/06 to 09/08 **State Counsel for Offenders** – Huntsville, Texas
Job duties include all phases of civil litigation including 1st chair jury trial experience. In addition to litigation, I drafted both civil and criminal appeals. Additionally, I have conducted evaluations of offenders for possible relief in deportation proceedings instituted by the U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement.
- 2/06 to 10/06 **Fulbright & Jaworski** – Houston , Texas
Large profile document review associated with refinery explosion. Assisted lead attorneys in reviewing discovery materials for relevance and privilege using Attnex and Ringtail Software. In addition to normal duties I also worked on several additional specialized projects as required including redaction and hard copy document review of sensitive documents.
- 9/04 to 2/06 **Regent & Associates, L.L.P.** – Houston , Texas
Associate Attorney – Represented major creditors and debt buyers primarily in consumer collection litigation. Experience with National Banking Act, Truth in Lending Act, Fair Credit Billing Act, Fair Debt Collections Act, Texas Debt Collection Act, and Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act. I participated in all phases of litigation including discovery, mediation, motion hearings, trial and post-judgment collections. My experience also includes first chair trials as well as successful appellate experience. My job duties also included supervising and hiring support staff, coordinating with client, and settlement negotiations.
- 11/03 to 4/04 **Ahn Law Firm** – Houston, Texas
Associate Attorney – Heavy litigation oriented law firm with frequent court appearances, depositions, and negotiations. I have experience as first chair counsel at trial. My experience is primarily in commercial litigation; however I have gained experience in many other fields of law including real estate, personal injury, and consumer law.
- 08/03 to 11/03 **Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw, L.L.P.** – Houston, Texas
Contract Attorney/Paralegal – My duties included assisting lead attorneys in large scale discovery production using ringtail and summation software, preparing reports and memorandums for lead attorneys, and managing a team of paralegals to ensure timely task completion.