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EXPERIENCE

Fait & DiLima, LLP; Rockville, MD

3/10-

Associate Attorney

- Represent clients in a variety of family law matters
- Prepare pleadings
- Prepare and argue motions
- Draft discovery requests, oversee discovery production
- Negotiate and draft separation agreements, custody agreement, payment agreements
- Prepare cases for trial
- Serve as second chair in complex trial matters

Virginia Campaign for Change; Roanoke, VA

10/08-11/08

Deputy Field Organizer

- Coordinated Get Out the Vote efforts from regional field office in southwest Virginia
- Trained volunteers on how to canvass door to door and make phone calls for the campaign
- Performed research on local voting laws and procedures

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Washington, DC

6/07-8/07

Summer Law Clerk for Administrative Judge Abigail Coleman

- Drafted “Orders to Compel Discovery”, “Decisions Without a Hearing”, and class certifications
- Conducted research on a federal agency’s duties and obligations to its employees
- Facilitated mediations resolving EEO disputes within the federal sector

Research Study Headed by Professor Suzanne Tomkins; Buffalo, NY

9/06-4/07

Research Assistant to Associate Clinical Professor Suzanne Tomkins

- Reviewed clinical studies, commentary and analysis on Coordinated Community Response
- Prepared a literature review on the clinical studies

Queens County District Attorney’s Office; Kew Gardens, NY

6/06-8/06

Summer Law Intern in the Intake Bureau and Computer Crime Unit/Special Proceedings Bureau

- Researched statutory and legislative histories
- Prepared evidence for grand jury investigations and trials

Forrest Edwards Temporary Staffing; New York, NY

1/04-7/05

Temporary Administrative/Legal Assistant

- Black Rock, Inc., Private-Client Sales Division
 - Prepared paperwork to facilitate department purchase requests meet compliance standards
 - Trained salespeople on how to document their expenses using new accounting system
 - Reviewed files to determine whether clients received updated sales contracts
- Michael Neff, P.C.
 - Drafted correspondence, motions, orders of adoption and orders for parental terminations
 - Helped foster parents understand court procedures

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- DoubleClick, Inc., Legal Department
 - Tracked accruals from outside counsel and logged contracts into database
 - Corresponded with Accounts Receivable from domestic and international law firms

Fat Cat Productions; New York, NY

2/02-4/04

Production Associate/Editing Assistant on Strike Dice! Betting on My Father

- Assisted in the creation of the story-outline
- Conducted research on gambling trends in Jewish communities

Welcome Change Productions Inc.; New York, NY

9/01-9/03

Associate Producer/Outreach Coordinator

- Coordinated film production for documentary scenes
- Coordinated documentary screening events
- Produced company website, and discussion guides for educators and community activists
- Improved outreach plans for non-organizations helping the disabled

EDUCATION

University at Buffalo Law School, State University of New York

Juris Doctor May 2008

- Class Rank: Top 25%
- *Buffalo Human Rights Law Review*: Casenote Editor, Articles Editor
- International Law Students Association: Vice President of Academic Affairs and Faculty Liaison
- National Environmental Moot Court Competition
- Research projects: medical advertising regulations; law governing foreign direct investment

Syracuse University; Syracuse, NY

College of Arts & Sciences/SI Newhouse School of Communications

Bachelor of Arts in History and Television-Radio-Film, May 2000; *Cum Laude*

- Phi Beta Sigma Honor Society, Golden Key National Honor Society

ARTICLES

The Merits of and Problems with Presumptions of Joint Custody, MARYLAND BAR JOURNAL, January 2012, Co-Authors Dorothy R. Fait, Esq. Vincent M. Wills, Esq. and Sylvia F. Borenstein, Esq.

HONORS

SuperLawyers *Maryland Rising Star* 2014-2018

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Maryland State Bar Association - Legislative Volunteer for the Family and Juvenile Law Section

Montgomery County Bar Association - Legislative Liaison for the Family Law Section

D.C. Bar Association

New York State Bar Association

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- Maryland 2011, District of Columbia 2011, New York State 2010

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CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Bender JCC Early Childhood Education Center

9/17 -

- Room Parent Volunteer

Takoma Park City Council Safe Roadways Committee

11/13-9/14

- Committee Member
- Attended monthly meetings to work with like-minded individuals interested in improving the road safety in Takoma Park, MD
- Conducted research on data gathering and data sharing
- Helped to revise position papers on issues regarding road safety

FilmFest DC; Washington, DC

4/2013

- Theater Volunteer

Buffalo Public Interest Law Program; Buffalo, NY

9/05-4/07

- Participated in fundraising efforts for public interest fellowships
- Recruited corporate in-kind donations for a community service event assisting residents of a local domestic abuse shelter

New York Women in Film and Television; New York, NY

2/01-5/01

- Intern for a non-profit group supporting women in film and television
- Helped plan and coordinate the 2001 Muse Awards annual event

Harlem Live; New York, NY

3/01-5/01

- Volunteer, helped student reporters with plan, research and edit articles for their on-line newspaper

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Reading, hiking, biking, cooking, snowboarding, documentary film, and travel