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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Cohen & Hertz, P.C.**

**Bethesda, MD**

October 2015-present, Associate Attorney; July 1, 2024-present, Parter  
Primary areas of practice are family law and probate law. Practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia. Experience with drafting and arguing motions, handling trials for all aspects of domestic matters independently, well as appeals to *en banc* panels, the Maryland Court of Appeals, and the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Certified Child Privilege Attorney and Best Interest Attorney. Trained as a mediator and mediates/co-mediates domestic matters through Court appointments and privately through *A Smarter Divorce*.

### **LPP Law**

**Rockville, MD**

October 2014-October 2015, Associate Attorney  
First-year associate with solo practitioner handling small contract claims, employment matters, and small business litigation and transactions.

### **Montgomery County Circuit Court – The Honorable Joseph M. Quirk**

**Rockville, MD**

August 2013-August 2014, Judicial Law Clerk  
Prepared Orders and Opinions on behalf of the Court primarily for the Juvenile docket, Family Law docket, Criminal docket and Drug Court. Handled communications with attorneys and pro se litigants and advised the Court how to proceed on matters based on legal research.

### **Montgomery County Circuit Court – The Honorable Joseph M. Quirk**

**Rockville, MD**

September 2012-April 2013, Judicial Intern  
Assisted Judge Quirk and law clerk in both administrative and research capacities.

### **Columbus School of Law Washington, DC**

August 2012-December 2012, Research Assistant  
Assisted clinical professor, Stacy Brustin, with compiling research and summarizing records from roundtable conference held in Summer 2012 entitled *Strengthening the Link Between Child Support Enforcement and Employment Assistance: Model Programs and the DC Landscape*.

### **Columbus Community Legal Services – Families and the Law Clinic**

**Washington, DC**

August 2011-May 2013, Certified Student Attorney  
Certified by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals to appear on behalf of clients with a supervising attorney. Assisted pro bono clients in resolving domestic disputes by seeking protective orders and pursuing contempt charges thereof, securing divorce, and ensuring enforcement of child support orders. Drafted legal memos, prepared and submitted pleadings to the District of Columbia Superior Court, attended numerous meetings with clients as well as opposing attorneys. Sought U-Nonimmigrant Status on behalf of non-citizen victim of domestic violence.

### **Anne Arundel County Circuit Court – Office of Case Management**

**Annapolis, MD**

May 2011-August 2011, Legal Intern  
Drafted Orders, reviewed family dispute and divorce files to determine proceeding action, observed civil trials and complex motions hearings.

## **EDUCATION**

### **The Catholic University of America – Columbus School of Law**

**Washington, DC**

Juris Doctor, May 2013  
Recipient of the 2013 Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award  
Exceptional Pro Bono Service Hours Certificate (75+ hours of pro bono required)  
Cumulative GPA – 3.233  
Highest grade in Family Law course taught by the Honorable Ann Sundt (A+)

#### **Activities:**

*CommLaw Conspectus* Journal  
Columbus Community Legal Services – Families and the Law Clinic  
Peer Mentor  
Research Assistant

### **University of South Carolina**

**Columbia, SC**

Bachelor of Arts, History, May 2010 Minor – Criminal Justice Cumulative GPA – 3.477

#### **Honors:**

McKissick Scholarship, Recipient  
Capstone Scholars, Member  
Sigma Alpha Lambda Honors Society, Member  
National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Member

#### **Activities:**

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Risk Management Chair, Ritual Chair, Standards Committee, Philanthropy Committee

## **ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS**

Montgomery County Bar Association, Family Law Section  
Maryland State Bar Association, Family Law Section  
District of Columbia Bar Association, Family Law and Probate Sections