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EDUCATION

Belmont College of Law, Nashville, Tennessee

Juris Doctor, May 2014

Honors: **Awarded merit based tuition scholarship**
Awarded Upper Cumberland Trial Lawyers Association scholarship
Awarded Belmont College of Law Best Performance Award

Activities: **License to Practice Law in the state of Tennessee**

Chosen as a member of the 2013 Tennessee Bar Association Diversity Leadership Institute

Selected as a blog contributor for the Tennessee Bar Journal for the years of 2013 and 2104.

Selected as Belmont College of Law upper class representative for Belmont University College of Law American Inn of Court

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Bachelors of Art in Political Science, December 2010

Honors: Dean's List

EXPERIENCE

Law Office of Fry, Fry, Knight, and Murphy Cookeville, TN

Lawyer, August 2015 – Present

- Private Practice Attorney.
- Criminal Defense
- Civil legal actions.
- Corporate and Business legal services.
- Contracts, mediations, and negotiations.
- Family Law.

Volunteer State Community College Cookeville, TN

Adjunct Professor, August 2016 – Present

- Criminal Law.
- Evidence and Criminal Procedure
- Investigative Report Writing.

District Attorney's Office, 13th Judicial District

Assistant District Attorney General, September 2014 – August 2015

- Prosecutor for the State of Tennessee in the 13th Judicial District.
- ADA in charge of all criminal prosecution for the county.
- Coordinate and supervise cases with law enforcement, probation, and other governmental agencies.
- Negotiate with defense attorneys and defendants to resolve cases.

District Attorney's Office, 13th Judicial District

Intern and legal assistant, January 2013 – September 2014

- Drafted multiple applications for the interception of communications, including all follow up reports to the court during the duration of the intercept.
- Drafted search warrants, motions, and applications for orders.
- Assisted in investigations and evidence gathering obtained through electronic surveillance, search warrants, and physical surveillance.
- Assisted in trials, hearings, victim interviews, fact gathering, negotiations, trial strategy, and coordination with law enforcement, court announcements and pleadings.

Belmont College of Law, Nashville, Tennessee

Research Assistant for Professor Jeffrey Usman, May 2012 – May 2014

- Conducted legal research and technical creator for a digital collection of Tennessee Supreme Court cases and commentary in addition to two articles to be submitted for publication.
- Received "by line" acknowledgment in two peer reviewed and published law articles in which I assisted with research.

Background prior to Law School:

Regional Applications Manager, October 2008 – February 2012

Manager of Information Technology, April 2004 – October 2008

- Head technical expert for 50+ sales teams in a 5 state region.
- Delivered 1,000+ presentations to key business personnel including; CEO's, CFO's, CIO's, department managers, owners, and partners of many organizations including individually owned and fortune 500 companies.
- Created individual document management systems for organizations including; municipal governments, courts, law offices, hospitals, insurance companies, education facilities, and members of the music industry.
- Maintained departmental budget and technical project budgets.
- Managed information technology projects, including a multi-million dollar project which was completed on time, within budget and in scope.
- Recruited, hired, trained and promoted technical staff.

Certification and Awards

I have authored 13 certification exams as a Subject Matter Expert for CompTIA, the world's largest provider of vendor-neutral certifications for the Information Technology industry.

I was awarded the Contribution to the Technology Industry award in 2007 for my work in adapting technical training to new industry demands. I have served as a charter member of the Executive Advisory Board for CompTIA for 4 years. I have received 11 computer certifications.