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## CHRISTOPHER NEAL OAKLEY'S RESUME

### EDUCATION

**QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Hamden, CT 2001-2004

*Juris Doctor*

Honors: Academic Scholarship

**UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE**, Knoxville, TN 1994-2000

*Bachelor of Arts, Economics Minor, Business*

Honors: *G L Herrington Scholarship*

Semi-Finalist, Poetry Scholarship Contest

Work Published: *The Best Poems and Poets of 2002*

Activities: Alpha Tau Omega

Scholastic Chairman

House Kitchen Manager

### CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

**CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER** 2017  
*Legal Ethics Training*

**CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION**, New Britain, CT

*Advanced Family Law* 2006

*Bankruptcy Law* 2006

*Court Ordered Evaluations – Dr Humphrey* 2017

*Drafting Your Client's Will* 2007

*Drug and Alcohol Testing and Monitoring 101 - Steven Paymer* 2018

Keeping Kids and their Families Safe.

*Fair Housing Litigation* 2007

*Family Law 101* 2006-2007

*Lawyers for Children in America* 2007

*Psychological, Psychiatric, and Custody Evaluations* 2011

*Raising the Bar: A Bench-Bar Symposium on Professionalism* 2017

Panelist Speaker for Juvenile Break out session

*School Expulsion Hearing* 2007

**HARTFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION**, Hartford, CT

<u>Tax Issues in Family Law Cases</u>	2007
<b><u>NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY</u></b>	
<u>Supporting Military Families</u>	2008
This presentation discussed various Department of Defense initiative for children, youth and families. The prevention programs focus on multiple delivery approaches.	
<b><u>NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CONFERENCES</u></b>	
<u>Appellate &amp; Respondent Briefs</u>	2011
<b><u>NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY</u></b>	
<u>Trial Advocacy for Child Advocacy</u>	2011
<b><u>STATE OF CONNECTICUT</u></b>	
<u>Connecticut Judicial Branch</u>	
Concurrent Permanency Planning Theory and Practice	2011
Middletown Family Short Calendar – Pilot Program	2010
New Detention Rules	2017
Visitation program for reunification and therapeutic family time	2015
<u>Connecticut Legal Research and Courthouse Resources</u>	
Connecticut Legal Research, Judicial Branch Law Library Services, E-Services and Web-Based Court Information, and Court Service Centers	2007
<u>Commission on Child Protection</u>	
AMC/GAL Family Matters	2010
Appellate Advocacy in Child Protection Proceedings	2008 & 2010
Conduct and Behavioral Disorders in the Foster and Adoptive Child	2007
Child Development and the Impact of Removal	2008
DCF Treatment Plan and Specific Steps	2008
Direct and Cross Examination of an Expert Witness	2008
Federal Child Welfare Legislation HR 6393	2008
Educational Stability Act: Educational Decision – Making	2011
GAL Representation in Delinquency Cases	2007
Juvenile Court Rules, effective January 1, 2009	2008
K.I.D.S. Time Tracking Training	2009
Litigating Termination of Parental Rights Cases	2008
Psychological Evaluations: Fact or Fiction	2011
Pre-Service Training presented by the Center for Children's Advocacy	2007
Significant Developments with the DCF Federal Court Consent Decree	2008
Strategy and Evidence in Child Protection Cases	2008
Sustaining Safety and Well Being of Children	2011
<u>Department of Children and Families</u>	
Considered removal	2013
DCF Permanency for Adolescents Training	2017
Permanency Teaming Practice, DCF Open Floor Collaborative	2015
Substantiation Appeal Process	2008
<u>Department of Children and Families, DMHAS, and Court Operations in collaboration with CCPA</u>	
Connecticut Collaboration for Safe and Healthy Families	2008

Office of the Public Defender

Children Exposed to Trauma Julian Ford, Ph.D.	2013
Child Welfare Law Symposium	2017
Revised Performance Guidelines and Expectations for Lawyers for Children, Update on Services and Procedures for Victims of Human Trafficking, Older Youth- How to Advocate for Young People	
Transitioning to Independence, & Changes to Delinquency Detention Process	
Family Engagement through Child and Family Team Meetings	2013
Impact of Childhood Trauma	2015
Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children	2012
Mediation in Child Protection Cases	2014
Placement Options for Children and Youth	2012
Polyvictimization and Trauma among Court-Involved Children and Youth: Resources and Strategies Attorney Eva Klein	2013
Role of the Child's Attorney and Guardian ad Litem	2012
State v. Kitchens	2011
Strategies for Engaging Families and Maintaining Family Connections	2012
Talking to Children and Youth in a Trauma Informed Way	2013
Erin Cushing, Clifford Beer Clinic	
Tow Institute for Youth Justice:	2015
A New Resource for Child Welfare Policy	2015
What Will Become of Me?	2014
Kids who are transitioning out of DCF care without a permanent family, Panelist	
When a Family Matter Becomes a Juvenile Matter: How the Two Work Together	2015

**URBAN INSTITUTE**

<u>Building Better Children's Programs</u>	2011
<u>Children, the Recession, and the Economic Recovery Plan</u>	2009
<u>Fostering Connections Act: What You Need to Know</u>	2011

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY**

July 2013-Present

Acted as presenter during training seminar for the new juvenile Court attorneys regarding Permanency Planning and Termination of Parental Rights

Acted as presenter for training seminar on the topic of Representing Incarcerated Parents/Parents Under Criminal Investigation 2016

**OAKLEY LAW OFFICES, LLC in Middletown, CT**

October 2015-Present

We have performed title searches for other attorneys. We have represented clients in family matters including areas such as divorce, custody, visitation, child support, and paternity. In family Court, we have acted as the guardian ad litem for children and adults. The family Court has appointed us as the attorney for the minor child. We have represented juvenile clients in child protection and delinquency cases including areas such as order of temporary custody, uncared for specialized needs, neglect, abuse, termination of parental rights, adoption, and emancipation. We have accepted appointments to represent parents in child protection matters and we have represented parents as a private attorney in child protections matters. The firm includes four full time attorneys, a paralegal, and periodically a part time law clerk.

**OAKLEY & CHIZINSKI LLC** in Middletown, CT

July 2010-October 2015

We performed title searches, performed residential closings, represented clients in family matters, represented social security clients, represented juvenile clients in child protection and delinquency cases, and provided legal research for other attorneys. My firm includes three full time attorneys, a paralegal, and a part time office assistant.

**JUVENILE APPELLATE CONTRACT** in CT Feb 2009-July 2010

*Commission on Child Protection*

Through a state contract, I performed an appellate review of a juvenile case to determine if there were any appealable issues. I presented three appeals to the Connecticut Appellate Court.

**MENTOR IN JUVENILE COURT MATTERS** in CT 2008-Present

*Commission on Child Protection/Public Defender's Office*

Acted as mentor for five new contract attorneys representing parents and children in Juvenile Court.

**AMC/GAL IN FAMILY MATTERS** in CT Dec 2008-Present

*Commission on Child Protection/Public Defender's Office*

Through a state contract, I have been appointed as the minor children's attorney and/or as the Guardian Ad Litem in Hartford, Meriden, Middletown, and New Britain.

**PROBATE MATTERS** in CT Jan 2008-Present

*Office of the Probate Court Administrator*

Through Probate Appointments, I have represented parties involving a conservator hearing and removal hearings.

**JUVENILE CONTRACT ATTORNEY** Oct 2007-Present

in Middletown, Waterbury, & New Britain, CT

*Commission on Child Protection/Public Defender's Office*

Through a state contract, I have acted as the father's attorney, mother's attorney, children's attorney, and Guardian Ad Litem. I have acted as a mentor for new State Contract Attorneys.

**SOLO PRACTITIONER** in New Britain, CT June 2006-July 2010

*Oakley Law Offices*

I performed title searches, performed residential closings, represented clients in family matters, represented social security clients, represented juvenile clients in child protection and delinquency cases, and provided legal research for other attorneys. My office staff included a full time paralegal, a part time attorney, and a part time law student.

**ROCKVILLE SUPERIOR COURT** in Rockville, CT Jan 2005-June 2006

*Temporary Assistant Clerk – Complex Litigation*

*Supervisor: Flora Pizzoferrato*

I clerked complex litigation cases, motor vehicle cases, assisted counsel, public relations, swore in witnesses and jurors, issued state subpoenas, marked exhibits, performed legal research with LoisLaw, drafted legal memorandums for Judge Sferrazza, coded motions & opinions in CATER, and used Edison.

**KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** in Brooklyn, NY June 2003-Aug 2003

*Summer Intern—Gun Parts Unit*

*Supervisor: Sue Ellen Bienenfeld*

I prepared discovery material, contacted police officers, and drafted sentencing memorandums.

**JUDGE CLARANCE JONES** in Middletown, CT Spring Semester 2003  
*Law Clerk for Family/Civil Cases*  
*Supervisor: Judge Clarence Jones*  
I performed research and drafting.

**NEW BRITAIN SUPERIOR COURT** in New Britain, CT June 2002-May 2003  
*Temporary Assistant Clerk – Criminal Clerk’s Office*  
*Supervisor: Lisa Groody*  
I clerked criminal and infraction cases, assisted counsel, public relations, swore in witnesses and jurors, marked exhibits, prepared the next day’s docket, and worked with JISCL.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

***STATE/FEDERAL BARS***

**CONNECTICUT BAR** October 31, 2005-Present  
**NEW YORK STATE BAR** April 20, 2005-Present  
**U.S.D.C. FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT** January 3, 2006-Present

***STATE/FEDERAL ATTORNEY ASSOCIATIONS***

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION** 2001-Present  
Family Section Member 2006-Present  
**CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION** 2001-Present  
Family Section Member 2006-Present  
Child Welfare & Juvenile Law Section  
Member 2010-Present  
Executive Committee Member 2010-Present  
The purpose is to discuss and consider issues impacting children and parents who become involved in the legal process as it pertains to child protection and juvenile justice and to promote the continuing education of CBA members and the general community with respect to such issues.  
Legislative Liaison 2012-2015  
Chair 2017-Present  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN** 2008-Present  
Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist 2010-Present  
**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION** 2001-2008

***LOCAL ATTORNEY ASSOCIATIONS***

**HARTFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION** 2006-Present  
**JUVENILE MATTERS TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, INC** 2008  
**MIDDLESEX BAR ASSOCIATION** 2007-Present

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**AMERICAN RED CROSS** 2007  
Blood donor

**DURHAM LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM SPONSOR** 2016- Present  
Alternating years between baseball & softball

**LEGAL AID OF CONNECTICUT** 2006-Present  
I represented indigent persons in various legal situations.

**MIDDLETOWN LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM SPONSOR** 2007-2012  
High School Girls Softball

**NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY** 2007-2008  
I participated in a 25 mile MS bike ride to raise money and awareness for the cause.  
Team Lorenzo, the team that I joined, raised almost ten thousand dollars in donations.

**PORTLAND LIBRARY BOARD** 2010-2013  
The Portland Library Board is a town commission which reports to the Board of Selectmen. In 2011 & 2012, I served as the vice chair.

**PORTLAND LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM SPONSOR** 2007-2008  
Minors Girls softball team (Wildcats)

**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE** 2006-Present  
I proudly serve as part of the United States Coast Guard Reserves as a Petty Officer First Class Machinery Technician.

On August 20, 2006 through September 1, 2006, I attended the Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (REBI) program in Cape May, NJ.

Since September 1, 2006, I have been assigned to the New London Station in New London, CT. I drill there one weekend every month. Since joining the station, I have been involved in survival swims, Navy submarine escorts, a research & development mission, search & rescue missions, and law enforcement.

I attended MK "A" school from January to March 2007 in Yorktown, VA. The USCG trained me in the following subject matters: Basic Safety, Plumbing, Motors, Pumps, Hydraulics, Electricity, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Outboard Motors, & Rebuilding and Repairs Diesel Engines.

In April 2010, I attended the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) and graduated from the Boarding Officer Practical Course (BOPC)

On July 5, 2010, the USCG issued my active duty orders in support of Operation Deepwater Horizon. I was assigned as: (1) Contractor Management Team, (2) Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team, and (3) Emergency Response Team. My orders ended on December 2, 2010 and I returned to drilling at Station New London.

In January 2016, I attended the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) and graduated from the Radiation Detection Level II Operators Course.

In June & July 2017, I was mobilized in support of Operation Green Mountain.

I was a qualified 25 boat crew member until the 25 RBSs was retired. I am a qualified 29 boat crew member, boarding officer, law enforcement instructor, and RAD Level II Operator.

**ACTIVITIES**

*INTRAMURAL & RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, AND SOFTBALL*