Profile

Highly accomplished leader with policy, legal and education expertise. Proven track record in building coalitions mobilized around outcomes, working with clients, government officials and agencies, impacting policy/legislation and achieving results.

Employment History

Managing Attorney

Stout Law LLC, Denver, CO

May 2019-Present

- Conducted legal research, drafted legal documents, and provided legal analysis in support of cases related to public interest law, with a focus on education, criminal, and public policy issues.
- Represented clients in administrative hearings, negotiations, and court proceedings, including drafting pleadings, motions, and briefs.
- Conducted client interviews, maintained case files, and prepared clients for hearings and trials.
- Participated in pro bono programs, led educational trainings, and contributed to policy advocacy efforts to impact systemic change.

Senior Counsel for Public Policy and External Affairs DSST Public Schools, Denver, CO

June 2016-

March 2023

- Provided legal counsel for largest charter school network in Colorado.
- Created advocacy grant requests and administered grant-funded initiatives.
- Conducted strategic planning concerning public policy, local, state, and federal laws.
- Led analysis and completion of mandatory waivers, CORA requests, charter school renewals, new school applications, and supported successful State Board of Education appeal.

Elementary Team Lead Teacher Tulsa Public Schools, Tulsa, OK

June 2012-June 2016

- Taught 6th Grade Reading and Social Studies at a Title 1 School in Northeast Tulsa.
- Directed Indian Education Program for Northeast Tulsa.
- Chaired Regional Textbook Committee.
- Served on Superintendent's Advisory Council.
- Twice nominated for Teacher of the Year.
- Served on Department of Education-recognized District Assessment Committee.
- Served as Teacher Mentor for New Teacher Training.

Office of Innovation Fellow

Metro Nashville Public Schools, Nashville, TN

June 2015-Aug. 2015

- Consulted for Metro Nashville Public Schools in implementing a coordinated roll-out of universal prekindergarten and related wraparound services.
- Coordinated logistics of a \$25 million federal grant roll out.
- Redesigned and submitted district accountability tool.

City Council Policy Fellow Tulsa City Council, Tulsa, OK

May-August 2014

Oversaw implementation of grant to connect service organizations with civic partners.

- Developed and presented analysis on improving student outcomes in Tulsa.
- Delivered Tulsa TedX Talk on plan to reduce chronic absenteeism for students in Oklahoma.

Civil Rights Legal Intern

Goodwin and Goodwin, Tulsa, OK

Aug 2012-May 2013

Served as Legal Intern for Civil Rights Law Firm in Tulsa.

Special Projects Administrator and 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher De La Salle Blackfeet School, Browning, Montana

May 2010-May 2011

- Taught 7th Grade Social Studies Part-Time at a 5th-8th Grade school on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation.
- Managed School Culture Initiatives.

EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

Colorado Bar

Passed Uniform Bar Exam, Attorney Number 53276, Colorado Bar Association, Civil Rights Section

Juris Doctorate: University of Montana (Phi Delta Phi) – May 2013

Chairman of the Montana Public Interest Law Coalition, Phi Delta Phi, Awarded Burton K. Wheeler Scholarship for Public Interest Law Work, Montana Innocence Project Legal Clinic

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History (Cum Laude): Gonzaga University-May 2010

Four Letters in Varsity Track and Cross Country, Phi Alpha Theta, US Senate Intern

Volunteer and Community Experience

Denver Civil Service Commission (Commissioner Appointed by Denver City Council)
Montbello Organizing Committee (Board Member)
Denver Public Schools District Accountability Committee
Denver Public Schools Office of Family Community Engagement Subcommittee
Montana Innocence Project
African Leadership Group Legal Clinic
Equity Network United for Denver (Board Member)
10th Circuit Federal Pro Se Clinic
2020 Presidential Election Legal Observer