

# **Katherine A. Dornelas**

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## **Experience**

**Oakley Law Offices**, Middletown, CT

*Associate Attorney*, Fall 2017-Present

Represent children and parents in child protection and juvenile delinquency cases.

**Greater Hartford Legal Aid**, Hartford, CT

*Justice in Our Community Fellow*, Fall 2016-Spring 2017

Researched and wrote memoranda on family, housing, and employment law issues. Drafted motions and complaints. Shadowed attorneys in court. Provided legal information to prospective clients on family, housing, and employment law at community outreach events.

**Matthew Dallas Gordon LLC**, West Hartford, CT

*Law Clerk*, Summer 2016

Researched and wrote memoranda on legal issues relating to employment, insurance, personal injury, and estate planning law. Drafted motions and complaints. Observed client meetings and shadowed attorneys in court.

**University of Connecticut School of Law Mediation Clinic**, Hartford, CT

*Legal Intern*, Spring 2016

Mediated employment discrimination cases pending before the Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities. Drafted legal memoranda. Engaged in pre-mediation contacts with attorneys and pro se litigants.

**Domestic Assistance Program**, Hartford, CT

*Volunteer*, Fall 2015

Assisted pro se litigants in completing motions and affidavits in the Court Service Center at the Hartford Family Court.

**The Children's Law Center**, Hartford, CT

*Legal Intern*, Summer 2015

Provided information on family law matters to the public on a legal hotline. Shadowed attorneys in court. Provided case management support, interviewed clients, assisted in preparing court documents, and observed mediations.

## **Education**

**University of Connecticut School of Law**, Hartford, CT

J.D., May 2017

Honors: University of Connecticut Scholar, Class of 1978 Scholar, Neil Jaffee '74 Public Interest Law Group Fellow, Justice in Our Community Fellow

Journal: *Connecticut Law Review*, Competition Editor

Activities: Latino Law Students Association, Treasurer, 2015-2016, Public Interest Law Group, Women Law Students Association

**Clark University**, Worcester, MA

B.A., *magna cum laude* in Psychology, Minor in Political Science, May 2014.

## **Bar**

Admitted to the Connecticut Bar in 2017.

## **Professional Memberships**

- Connecticut Bar Association
  - Family Section Member
  - Child Welfare & Juvenile Law Section
    - Member
    - Executive Committee Member
      - 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

## **Continuing Education**

- Understanding the Impact of Child Trauma
- Court Ordered Evaluations
- Drug and Alcohol Testing and Monitoring 101
- Administrative Hearings for Treatment Plans
- State of the Juvenile Court from the Judge's Perspective
- State of Juvenile Court from the AAG's Perspective
- Intersection of Juvenile and Probate Law
- Present State of the Law and Programs Available to Juvenile Delinquency Court
- Adoption Assistance Program