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– EDUCATION –

Southern Illinois University – Simmons Law School | Juris Doctor, May 2025

- Joseph R. Bartylak Fellow (2024) | Full-Tuition Merit Scholarship (2022-2025)
- CALI Award in Advanced **Constitutional Law** (Spring 2024)
- **Relevant Coursework:** Evidence, Criminal Procedure, Advanced Constitutional Law, Medical Malpractice, Bioethics, Intellectual Property, Trusts & Estates, Negotiations, Transactional Skills.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign – Bachelor of Science, *Molecular and Cell Biology* (May 2011)

GPA: 3.53 | Dean's List (Fall 2010) | Two-time Illinois General Assembly Legislative Scholarship Recipient

– LEGAL EXPERIENCE –

Institute for Reforming Government – Delafield, WI | *Hamilton Roddis Court Watch Fellow*, May 2025–Present

- Conduct legal research and draft comprehensive Wisconsin Supreme Court opinion Primers for IRG's Court Watch
- BRIEF OF AMICUS CURIAE IN SUPPORT OF THE U.S. AGAINST THE DEFENDANT MOTION TO DISMISS, *United States v. Dugan*, No. 2:25-cr-89 (E.D. Wis. June 9, 2025).
- Court Watch: *Judicial Immunity in Wisconsin Has Limitations Attached to the Role of a Judge*, Institute for Reforming Government, May 28, 2025.

Crossroad Legal, LLC – Glen Carbon, IL | *Legal Intern*, Feb 2025–April 2025

- Drafted successful FOID appeals documents, achieving client reinstatements
- Conducted comprehensive case research, contributed articles on Second Amendment rights & Illinois firearm policies

Jackson County State's Attorney's Office – Murphysboro, IL | *711 Legal Intern*, March 2024–Dec 2024

- Drafted legal documents for misdemeanors and felonies, aiding successful prosecution in Illinois 5th District Court
- Managed and organized substantial evidence portfolios; assisted actively in courtroom proceedings

Southern Illinois University – Carbondale, IL | *Course Instructor*, Project Upward Bound (Introduction to Law), 2024

- Designed and taught a 6-week syllabus, introducing foundational legal concepts to 13 diverse high school students.

Lesar Law Library Research Assistant (Prof. Artie Berns), Jan 2024–May 2024

- Developed instructional Bluebook citation videos; streamlined research resources for first-year law students
- Earned multiple Thomson Reuters Legal Research Certifications (Basic to Advanced)

– LEADERSHIP, ENGAGEMENT, PUBLICATIONS, AND CERTIFICATIONS –

Student Liaison, Criminal Law and Procedure Practice Group, *The Federalist Society* (Sept 2024–Present)

Chapter President, The Federalist Society, Southern Illinois University (May 2024– May 2025)

- Increased active membership by 4,000%; FEDI Award for Most-Improved Chapter, Runner-Up
- Organized and hosted prominent events featuring Illinois Supreme Court Justice David Overstreet, Devon Westhill (Assistant Secretary U.S. Department of Agriculture), Casey Mattox (Americans for Prosperity), Zack Smith (Heritage Foundation), and Daniel R. Suhr (Center for American Rights).
- Drafted organizational constitution, established executive committees, and oversaw branding efforts.

Law School Ambassador (Jan 2023–May 2024)

- Mentored prospective law students; facilitated alumni engagement and admissions outreach

Panelist, "A Critical Lens on Current Issues," Simmons Law School, Spring 2024

- Presented expert insights on the Illinois SAFE-T Act alongside Jackson County State's Attorney Joe Cervantes, Jackson County's Chief Public Defender Celeste Korando, Hon. Jonathan Mitchell, Associate Judge First Judicial Circuit, and Carbondale Police Chief Stan Reno.

Publications

- "SCOTUS Clarifies Scope of RICO's Civil Cause of Action," The Federalist Society, April 15, 2025.
- "When Silence Counts as Violence: *United States v. Delligatti*," The Federalist Society, April 1, 2025.
- "What to Do With Dewberry?: *Dewberry Group v. Dewberry Engineers*," co-authored with Professor Zvi Rosen, The Federalist Society, February 28, 2025.
- "SAFE-T for Whom? Legislative Overreach Transformed Criminals into Victims," SSRN, January 19, 2024.

Certifications:

- Litigation Certification (March 2025), Legal Research & Writing Certification (Feb. 2024) Advanced, Intermediate, & Basic Legal Research Certifications (Feb. 2023) | Issuing Organization: *Thomson Reuters*.