

MICHAEL BERNARD POTERE



EDUCATION

Northwestern University School of Law

Chicago, Illinois

JURIS DOCTOR *cum laude*

2012

- GPA: 3.74
- *Northwestern University Law Review*, Coordinating Articles Editor
- Julius A. Polikoff Scholarship Recipient
- Harold Washington Leadership Award (peer-nominated and -elected), 2011
- Research Assistant to Professor Lee Epstein, Judicial Elections Data Initiative, Summer 2010
- Teaching Assistant – Communication and Legal Reasoning (legal writing), 2010 – 2011
- Co-Chair – Student Admissions Committee, 2010 – 2011

The London School of Economics and Political Science

London, United Kingdom

MASTER OF SCIENCE, PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION *with distinction*

2009

- Dissertation (*with distinction*, mark: 80/A+) – statistical analysis finding a positive correlation between the presence of field offices for presidential candidates and vote share in 2004 and 2008

University of Rochester

Rochester, New York

BACHELOR OF ARTS, POLITICAL SCIENCE *magna cum laude*

2007

- GPA: 3.84, GPA in major: 3.96, class rank: top 7%
- *Phi Beta Kappa*
- Helen S. Jones Prize for Achievement in the Social Sciences, 2007
- Undergraduate Writing Colloquium, Best Social Science Research Paper (out of 9 majors), 2007
- Writing Fellows – (peer writing tutor; Teaching Assistant for writing tutor training course)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fulbright Scholar

Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia

ENGLISH TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP

2007 – 2008

- Taught eleven classes per week, each with 20 to 30 students ranging in age from 13 to 17 years old.

PUBLICATIONS

Who Will Watch the Watchmen?: Citizens Recording Police Conduct, Note, 106 NW. U. L. REV. 273 (2012)

- Arguing that the First Amendment's protection against prior restraint renders any attempts by police to prevent citizens from recording and disseminating footage of their conduct unconstitutional.
- More than twenty-two academic citations, including in the *California Law Review*, the *Columbia Law Review*, the *American Law Reports* treatise, and the *American Jurisprudence* treatise.

Killing the Patient to Cure the Disease: Medicare's Jurisdictional Bar Does Not Apply to Bankruptcy Courts, with Samuel R. Maizel, 32 EMORY BANKR. DEV. J. 19 (2015)

- Arguing that plain language in the Medicare Act and the Bankruptcy Code permits federal bankruptcy courts to rule on Medicare's administrative decisions to the extent those decisions inhibit restructuring.
- Cited approvingly by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in the published decision *In re Bayou Shores SNF, LLC*, 828 F.3d 1297, 1313, 1349 n.9 (11th Cir. 2016).

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

Chicago, Illinois

HON. VIRGINIA M. KENDALL

September 2013 – February 2014

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EXPERIENCE¹

Retail Sales and Management

ASSISTANT MANAGER; KEYHOLDER; SALES

Natick, Massachusetts
September 2018 – present

- Apple Store (Sales); UNTUCKit (assistant manager); Roots and Tommy Bahama (keyholder).

Dentons US LLP

LITIGATION ASSOCIATE

Los Angeles, California
March 2015 – June 2017

- On a *pro bono* basis, successfully: represented a U.S. Army Veteran in two family law matters; and negotiated settlements in a home foreclosure matter and an entertainment law matter.

Illinois Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Division

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Chicago, Illinois
May – July 2014

- Represented the State of Illinois in federal habeas corpus proceedings, Illinois habeas corpus proceedings, and sexually violent persons proceedings.

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

LITIGATION ASSOCIATE

Chicago, Illinois
October 2012 – September 2013

- On a *pro bono* basis, successfully: argued and won an appeal before the Social Security Administration, which resulted in receiving the “Volunteer of the Year” award in that category from a Chicago-based legal assistance organization (called “LAP”); and negotiated a favorable settlement for a client in an employment discrimination matter.

Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth, Northwestern Bluhm Legal Clinic

PILI FELLOW (LEGAL INTERN)

Chicago, Illinois
Summer 2012

- Drafted three motions for criminal postconviction relief filed in Illinois appellate courts.
- Drafted an appellate brief filed in Wisconsin on behalf of Brendan Dassey (of *Making A Murderer*).

Kirkland & Ellis LLP

SUMMER ASSOCIATE

Chicago, Illinois
Summer 2011

- On a *pro bono* basis, successfully represented a client in a U-Visa application.

Hon. Ruben Castillo, U.S. Dist. Court, Northern District of Illinois

EXTERNS

Chicago, Illinois
Spring 2011

Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration

LAW CLERK, CHIEF COUNSEL’S OFFICE

Washington, District of Columbia
Summer 2010

Monroe County District Attorney

INTERN

Rochester, New York
Fall 2006

United States Senator John Kerry

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Washington, District of Columbia
Summer 2006

- Conducted research for Senator Kerry’s Legislative Director and co-wrote parts of several speeches.

INTERESTS

The Boston Red Sox, gourmet cheeseburgers, improvisational comedy (The Groundlings in Los Angeles)

¹ Unemployed: March – April 2014; August 2014 – February 2015; June 2017 – January 2018; and August 2018.