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SUMMARY

- Policy and legislative analyst with experience on municipal and state levels of government
- Accomplished presenter capable of communicating complex concepts in an easily digestible manner
- Researcher experienced in legal, legislative, and social scientific –including qualitative and quantitative– methods

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Appeals Court

Boston, MA

November 2020 – August 2021

Procedures Specialist

- Requested by the Clerk to serve as an independent contractor, based on prior experience, acting as relief for clerk's office staff
- Evaluated conformity of appellate briefing and took appropriate action to correct any errors
- Conducted statistical analysis of workflow and caseload and produced projections based on trends

Office of Boston City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu

Boston, MA

March 2020 – May 2020

Policy Fellow

- Drafted reports outlining the historical and contemporary roots of the racial wealth gap, previous attempts to close the gap, and potential future solutions
- Produced recommendations for initiatives to address the racial wealth gap, including establishing a municipal bank and direct cash payments as Universal Basic Income or "Baby Bonds"
- Researched state and local regulations related to potential mechanisms to facilitate recovery from the COVID-19 crisis
- Reviewed public records to provide clarity on the positions of stakeholders regarding topics such as Boston's cannabis licensing processes, and approval and oversight of new surveillance technologies utilized by the Boston police department
- Recommended new policy focuses and project proposals within the context of the COVID-19 crisis and recovery, including housing support, expanded testing, and subsidies for small businesses

Office of Boston City Councilor At-Large Michelle Wu

Boston, MA

August 2019 – November 2019

Policy Fellow

- Cite and fact checked revolutionary plan to abolish and replace the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) and drafted case studies to highlight key areas for improvement
- Produced numerous policy memoranda including on the status of liquor licensing in Boston and the proposed project to rebuild the Long Island Bridge, which involved liaising with community stakeholders and providing information on the ability of the Boston City Council to address these issues
- Drafted hearing orders and ordinances on a variety of current major issues affecting the City of Boston including for a face surveillance technology ban and for a community benefits ordinance

Office of Senator Eric P. Lesser

Boston, MA

March 2019 – May 2019

Legal Intern

- Produced memoranda recommending co-sponsorship of legislation, attended and reported on legislative briefings, observed and summarized the proceedings of committee hearings, and drafted letters of testimony for committee review
- Assisted with constituent services including receiving and responding to comments, requests, and advocacy

GLBT Legal Advocates and Defenders (GLAD)

Boston, MA

August 2018 – November 2018

Legal Intern

- Conducted extensive legal research, and drafted memoranda, on the issues of LGBT and elder discrimination in housing, LGBT discrimination in public accommodations, and the rights of LGBT immigrants
- Assisted staff attorneys with casework by drafting demand letters and legal memoranda, investigating and analyzing judicial decision history, and conducting intake interviews to assess possible claims for potential clients
- Researched and summarized proposed legislation and the legislative history of current statutes on the State and Federal level

Massachusetts Appeals Court

July 2015 – August 2017

Boston, MA

Case Coordinator

- Docketed filings, performed administrative tasks, and assisted the public with navigating the appellate process
- Tested, and assisted with the implementation of the court's electronic filing system, performed statistical analysis, and produced reports related to the court's broader initiative to modernize the filing process

Massachusetts Land Court

June 2013 – July 2015

Boston, MA

Case Specialist

- Docketed new cases, performed administrative tasks, assisted the public with the land registration, servicemembers civil relief, and tax foreclosure process, and assigned tax cases to Title Examiners for review and maintained records of assignment

EDUCATION**Northeastern University***Juris Doctor*

2020

Concentrations: Poverty Law & Economic Justice;
Law & Development; Health Law & Policy

Activities: Drug Law and Policy Society, Co-Chair

Master of Science, Criminal Justice

2014

Bachelor of Science, cum laude, Criminal Justice

2012

Minors: Law, Policy, and Society; Sociology