

Nevada Senate Seat- Senate District 10 Interest Application

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Residency Requirement:

NRS 218A.260 (2) requires that any applicant must have actually, as opposed to constructively, resided in the district for at least 30 days immediately preceding the date in which this application closes.

You can verify that you live within the boundaries of Senate District 10 by referring to the map on the legislative website: <http://bit.ly/2XxVvRm>. Or, you may do an address/elected official search on the Clark County website: <http://maps.clarkcountynv.gov/ow/?@782884,26762114,6>.

Required Additional Information:

You are required to submit a resume and a statement of interest. At a minimum, your resume and statement of interest should contain political activities, community work, and memberships, in various organizations.

General Information:

Full Name (First, Middle, Last): Jonathan Christopher Norman

Home Street Address: 2021 Peyton Dr.

Home Address City/State/Zip Code: Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Mailing Address: 2021 Peyton Dr.

Mailing Address City/State/Zip Code: Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

Employer: Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada

Occupation: Attorney

Best Daytime Contact Phone: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Declaration of Eligibility:

For the purpose of applying to fill the vacancy in the office of a Legislator in the following legislative district, Senate District 10, I, the undersigned Jonathan Norman, do swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at 2021 Peyton Dr. Las Vegas, Nevada 89104, in the City of _____

Las Vegas

_____, County of Clark, State of Nevada; that, as required by NRS 218A.260, my actual, as opposed to constructive, residence in that legislative district began on a date at least 30 days immediately preceding the date established pursuant to NRS 218A.262 for the close of filing of applications to fill the vacancy; that I am registered as a member of the Democratic Party; that I am a qualified elector pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; that if I have ever been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have been restored; that I will otherwise qualify for the office if appointed thereto, including, but not limited to, complying with any limitation prescribed by the Constitution of this State concerning the number of years or terms for which a person may hold the office; that I understand that knowingly and willfully filing a declaration of eligibility which contains a false statement is a crime punishable as a gross misdemeanor; and that, as required by NRS 218A.200, I will have been an actual, as opposed to constructive, citizen resident of this State for 1 year immediately preceding the date of my appointment and that, during such period, I will have resided at the following residence or residences:

2021 Peyton Dr.

Street Address

Las Vegas

City or Town

Nevada

State

From June 1, 2018 To **Present**
Dates of Residency

Street Address

City or Town

State

From _____ To _____
Dates of Residency

Street Address

City or Town

State

From _____ To _____
Dates of Residency

Street Address

City or Town

State

From _____ To _____
Dates of Residency

(Attach additional sheet or sheets of residences as necessary.)

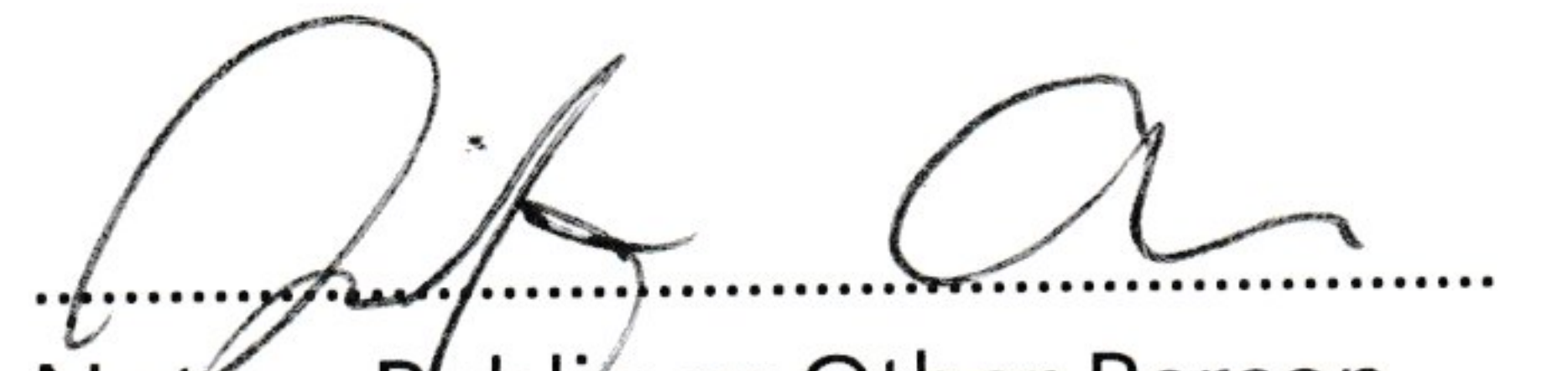
Jonathan C. Norman

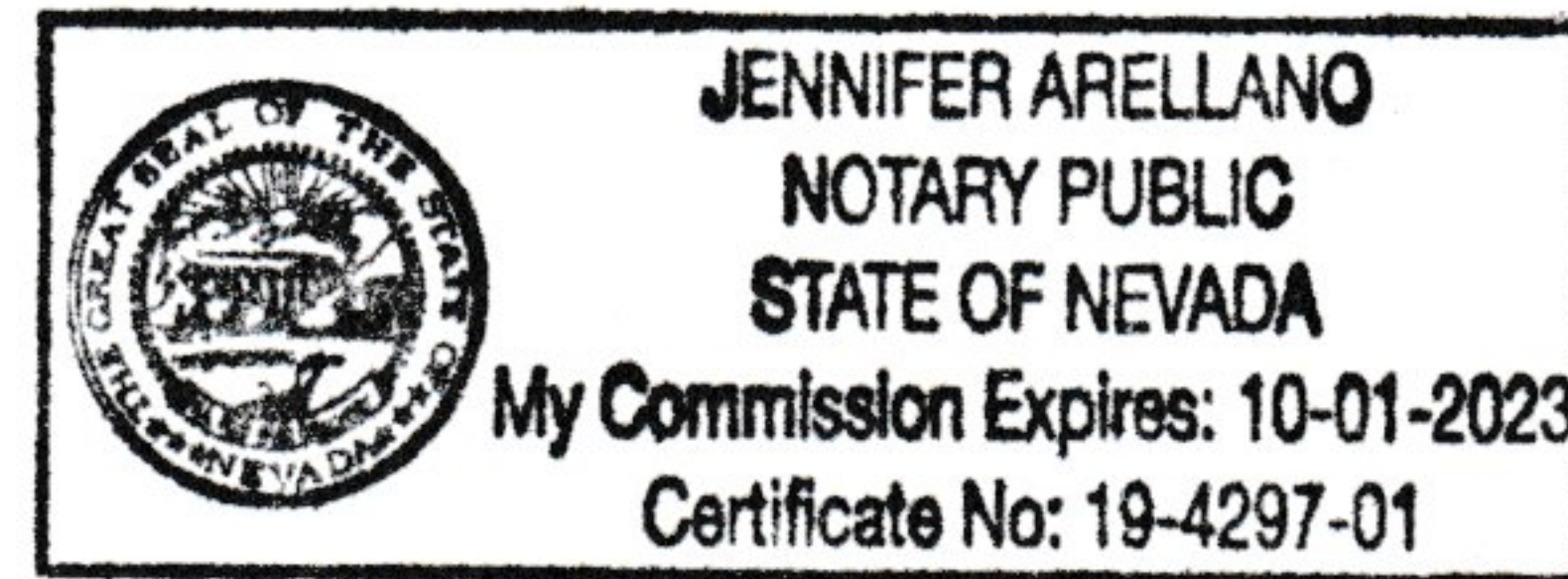
Name of Applicant


Signature of Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me

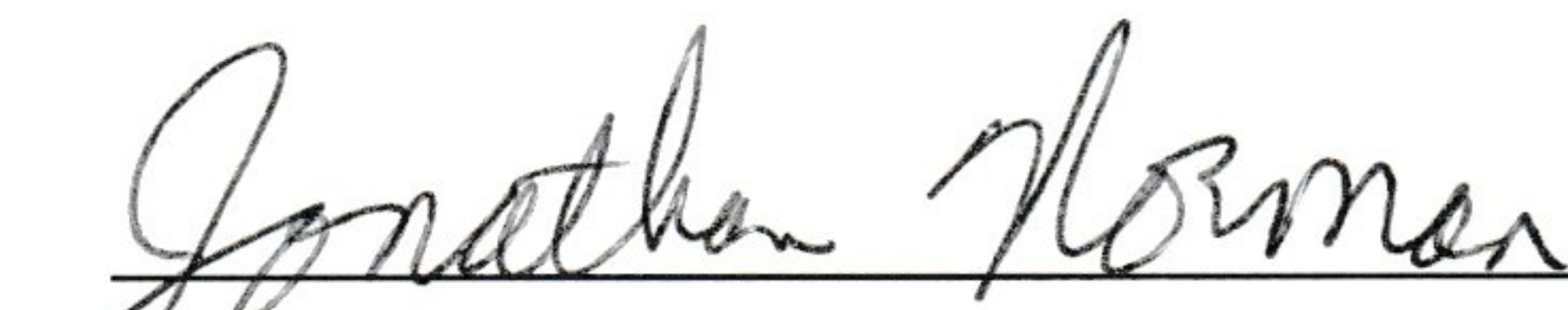
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Notary Public or Other Person
Authorized to Administer an Oath



Certification:

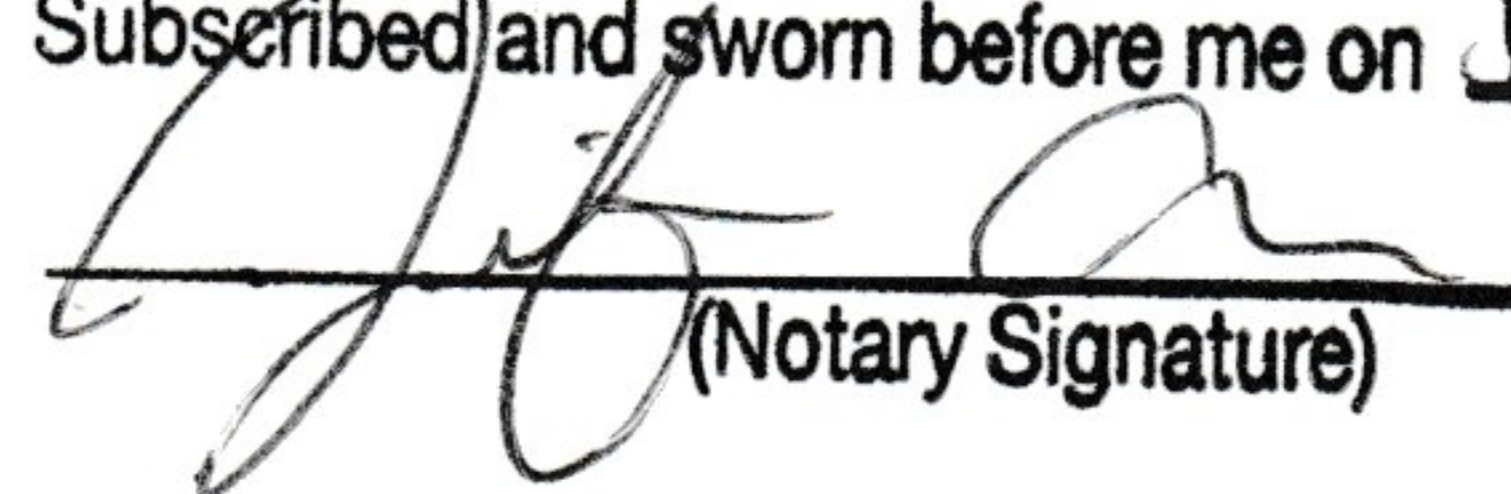
I verify by my signature below that all statements made on this application, as well as any information attached hereto, are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that an electronic signature has the same weight and effect as a handwritten signature. Furthermore, I understand that an incomplete application and any modifications to this application will not be considered.

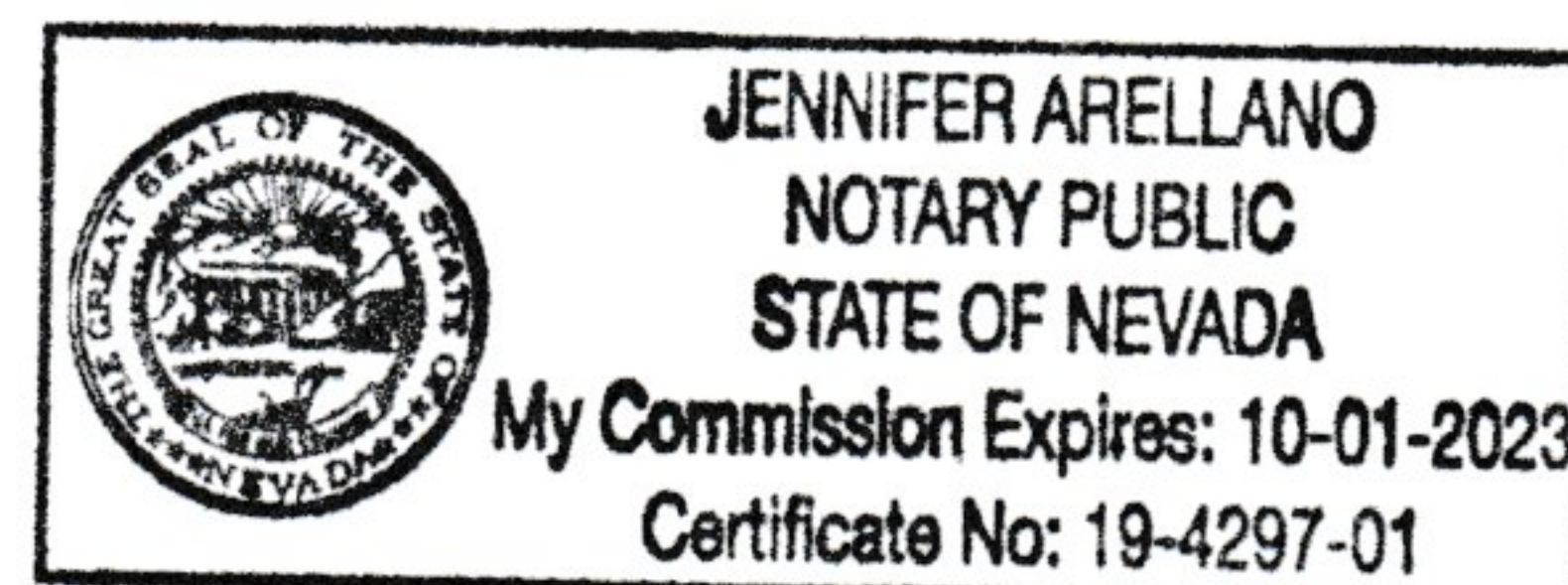

Signature

1-15-2021
Date

Submitting Application:

Your signed application and supporting documents must be received no later than **NOON, January 19, 2021**. You may email your completed application packet to Katie Walpole, Kathleen.Walpole@ClarkCountyNV.gov, or deliver the same in-person to the County Manager's Office, 6th Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas.

State of Nevada County of CLARK
Subscribed and sworn before me on JAN 15 2021

(Notary Signature)



Clark County Commissioners:

I am interested in being considered for appointment to the Nevada State Senate for District 10. I have lived in this District since 2018 and am a registered Democrat. I am an attorney at the Children's Attorneys Project at the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. I grew up in southern Ohio, where my parents modeled a life of service within our community. That sense of service is something I see fixed in my life and the lives of my siblings to this day.

I graduated from Xavier University and then the University of Cincinnati College of Law. Law school was not a natural fit for me. I had never met a lawyer prior to entering law school; my family is full of teachers and auto-workers.

While in law school, I was a fellow at the Ohio Innocence Project, fighting for claims of actual innocence. I then had the opportunity to intern at Dinébe'íiná Náhiilna be Agha'diit'ahii which means, "attorneys who work for the economic revitalization of the Navajo People." (DNA-People's Legal Services.) DNA is the largest provider of civil legal service to Native communities in the United States and covers the Navajo Nation and Hopi tribe. I was overwhelmed by both the injustice I saw while working at the Innocence Project and the harsh economic conditions of the communities that DNA served.

I graduated from law school unsure if the law was the right path for me, and instead of taking the bar exam, I took a position teaching at a school in Arusha, Tanzania. The people I met there reminded me of my parents, and the principle that for those who have been given much, much is expected. I had an American law degree and there I was, a poor imitation of a teacher. At the end of the school year, I moved to New Mexico, took the bar exam, and started working for DNA-People's Legal Services. After four years at DNA, my partner and I moved to Las Vegas, which we now call home. I began working as a children's attorney in 2017, and I have learned the ins and outs of the struggles and strengths of our community.

I believe I would be an excellent appointee, because I've worked with diverse communities that face diverse and complicated problems. I also believe in the power of the law to make changes in individual's lives, because I have seen the impact that active and consistent advocacy can have on the life of our community. In my job, I try to bring a spirit of collaboration to my day-to-day, because the kids I represent have better outcomes when all of the stakeholders work together for a common solution. I promise I would bring that same work ethic and spirit of collaboration to the Nevada State Senate, and I would be honored to do so.

I would love the opportunity to meet with you, and I am available by phone, video conference, or even socially-distanced in-person.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jonathan C. Norman
2021 Peyton Dr.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89104

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada

Children's Attorneys Project (CAP), November 2017-Present

- As a CAP attorney I represent children who are in foster care. My clients range from infants all the way up to 21 years of age and every age group in between. I work with my clients to make sure their voice is heard, to advocate for the things they want and to help them achieve permanency. In addition to representing my clients I have:
 - Collaborated with our partners at UNLV so that CAP would become a practicum site for students receiving their Masters in Social Work.
 - Worked on a team to overhaul and publish our pre-teen booklet informing children about their rights as a foster child.
 - At the office I am a part of a committee that organizes events centered on team building and self-care.
 - Teach Continuing Legal Education classes in CAP Basics, Indian Child Welfare Act, and Advocating for Child Clients with Mental Health Concerns.
 - Member of the National Association of Counsel for Children and have attended their annual conference, as well as conferences that touch on consumer issues including the 25th Annual Consumer Financial Services Institute Conference, and Representing the Pro Bono Client: Consumer Law Basics Conference.
 - I attended a public speaking course, *Beyond the Expected – Learning The Zen Speaker System* by Amy Ayoub.

DNA-People's Legal Services, Farmington, New Mexico

Legal Team, December 1, 2013-November 10, 2017

- As a staff attorney I provided legal services to members of our community living at or below Federal Poverty Guidelines and represented clients on issues such:
 - Violations of the Truth in Lending Act, Federal E-signature Act, the New Mexico Unfair and Deceptive Trade Practices Act, and fraud.
 - I worked to keep families in their homes by litigating foreclosure defense cases, from response through summary judgement.
 - I represented tenants who were the victims of unlawful self-help eviction.
 - I worked under a grant funded by Violence Against Women Act to obtain protection orders for victims of domestic violence.
 - I represented victims of domestic violence in family law issues to ensure there was a fair split of all assets accrued during the marriage.

- I represented disabled members of our community who had tried on their own to get Social Security Disability and for one reason or another had been denied.
- As an attorney at DNA I had numerous opportunities to help my community in clinics or indirect legal service:
 - In both 2015 and 2016 I volunteered at the San Juan County New Mexico Homeless Veterans Stand Down, which really showed the best of our community as over 30 agencies came together to provide assistance with everything from housing to a haircut, somewhere in there we had a table to triage legal issues with legal information and if it was an issue where we could assist with direct representation we scheduled an intake at our office.
 - In a team of about 6 lawyers and 30 law students we conducted a 3 day Tribal Will Drafting Clinic, and drafted over 150 wills to ensure that Native Americans who owned mineral rights and/or land rights would be able to pass those on to their children.
 - I led legal clinics on divorce and custody to assist self-represented litigants with legal forms and information so they could take the steps they needed to move forward with their lives. This is also where we would identify those people who were especially vulnerable because their spouse had hired an attorney, or they were the victim of domestic violence, or there was a literacy issues, and we would route them to an intake for full representation.
 - Volunteered at the 6th Annual San Juan County Legal Fair by providing legal advice to pro se litigants.
 - Coordinated DNA-People's Legal Services pro bono outreach program for San Juan County New Mexico to connect litigants we could not assist with attorneys from the San Juan County Bar Association.
 - I represented DNA at periodic meetings with the San Juan County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force which included victim advocates from the police department, Family Crisis Center and other community partners.
 - I represented DNA at a monthly community partner round table hosted by the San Juan County United Way, designed to keep local government and the host of non-profits all working together to meet the needs of our community.
 - I went to Navajo Chapter Houses to give presentations on finance, lemon laws, TILA, the Fair Debt Collections Practices Act, repossession laws, and other consumer issues plaguing the Navajo Nation.

- While at DNA I had numerous opportunities to participate in trainings to be a better advocate for my clients:
 - I attended the National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Public Service Trial Advocacy Trial Program in Boulder, CO.
 - National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Trial Advocacy in Window Rock, AZ.
 - Advocacy in Action Conference, a conference focusing on VAWA, and Victims of Violent Crime. I was able to meet community partners, who I would be able to call on for their expertise when trying to connect a client to non-legal resources that can make all the difference.
 - Yearly I would attend the Legal Services Provider Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This served not only as a training and to collect CLE credit but provided the chance to collaborate with Legal Aid attorneys around the state, get new ideas, hear how they are helping their communities and bring those ideas back to San Juan County.

San Juan College, Farmington, New Mexico

- Adjunct Professor American Indian Law, Spring Semester. This class was part of an associates program designed for aspiring paralegals and also served as a jumping off point for Navajos who wanted to become attorneys for the Navajo court system. These attorneys/tribal court advocates play a pivotal role in justice on the Navajo Nation, self-determination of the Navajo people, and are the bedrock of those communities.

Edmund Rice Secondary School, Arusha, Tanzania

Special Programs Facilitator, Fall 2012-Summer 2013

- Helped develop and implement a program to boost student confidence in using the English language (often their third language). Designed curriculum, planned field trips, worked with a wide variety of student abilities from those fluent in English to those that were starting from the beginning. English is important in Tanzania because their entrance exams for university are conducted in English.

DNA People's Legal Services, Navajo Nation, Chinle AZ

Summer Intern 2010

- Primarily intake interviewer and research.
- I was able to interview tribal Elders whose historical land or the land their family had lived on since, "time immemorial," was inside of Monument Valley.
- Spent two weeks on the Hopi Reservation, creating a first draft of pro se legal forms and instruction for divorce and custody.

Ohio Innocence Project, Cincinnati, OH

Fellow, May 2009-May 2010

- Under supervision of a Staff Attorney we represented Ohio inmates with ongoing claims of innocence. Worked in conjunction with a partner to investigate cases of actual innocence. Wrote post-conviction legal briefs and motions on behalf of clients.
- Stayed in regular contact with our clients in prison, interviewed their family members, traveled to see clients in prison.

EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati College of Law, Cincinnati, OH

Juris Doctorate, May 2011

Honors & Activities:

- Leo J. Breslin Memorial Scholarship
- Mediation Competition Regional Competitor
- Public Interest Law Group - President
- Advocates for Children - Board Member
- 2011 Outstanding Leader in Public Interest Law

Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, December 2006

Honors & Activities:

- Dean's List & *Magna Cum Laude*
- Edward C. Gasiewicz Award for outstanding achievement in Political Science
- Xavier Center for Adult Students Scholarship