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#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

# Attorney, Nicolai Law Group, P.C. 2004-Present

Experience in various areas of law including Corporate, Business & Commercial Law, Contracts, Construction, Computer, State and Federal Taxation, Trade Secret, Trademark, Copyright, Merger & Acquisition, Employment, Franchising and Litigation including Arbitration.

# Law Clerk, Kimpel, Gideon and Ventrone, P.L.L.C., Syracuse, NY, May, 2003 -May, 2004

Researched and drafted legal memoranda involving personal injury, wrongful death, medical malpractice, contracts, corporations and other business entities, commercial real estate, tax certiorari, probate, and wills. Researched and drafted motions and oppositions for state and federal court. Conducted discovery. Researched and prepared preliminary and final title policies, commercial lease agreements, and deeds; drafted corporate director and shareholder resolutions.

## Law Clerk, Nicolai Law Group, P.C., Summer, 2002

Researched and drafted legal memoranda involving contracts, warranties, franchise agreements, state and federal environmental issues including hazardous materials and waste dumping, federal criminal, trademarks, commercial real estate, probate, wills and federal rules of evidence. Researched federal appellate motions and oppositions. Researched and answered Opposition in U.S. Patent & Trademark Office; drafted commercial mortgages, corporate director and shareholder resolutions, software development, license agreements, maintained corporate books.

# Intern, City of Springfield Law Department, Springfield, MA, Summer, 2001

Researched and prepared Land Court takings actions for over 60 parcels of land for the Springfield Conservation Commission for FY2002. Researched and answered complaints, researched and drafted motions involving land disputes, wills, deeds, building contracts, union contracts and labor law.

# Intern, Massachusetts Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian, West Springfield & Boston, MA Summer 2000

Communicated with state and local agencies on behalf of constituents. Researched FY 2001 budget development issues for Majority Leader Counsel. Organized events for the Elms College Step Forward Program. Represented the Senate Majority Leader at events.

#### **EDUCATION:**

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 2004, Dean's List, 2003, 2004; Certificates: National Security Law, Global Law and Policy

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, May 2001, Dean's List 2000, 2001. Activities: Women's Rugby Team; Class of 2001 Chair of Social Events.

#### LICENSED TO PRACTICE:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, STATE OF NEW YORK

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

MASSACHUSETTS BAR ASSOCIATION AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

#### **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:**

Member, Institute for National Security and Counter Terrorism; Member, Corporate Law Society; Graduate Assistant, 2003 Syracuse University Vision Grant; New York Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Coordinator 2002-2004.

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

Co-Author, FEE SPLITS REQUIRE UP-FRONT WRITTEN CLIENT CONSENT, Section Review, Massachusetts Bar Association, March 2006.

Attorney Duty to Client is Without End Massachusetts Bar Association Section Review, Vol. 7 No. 2 (2005) co-author with Attorney Paul Peter Nicolai.

Islamic Law and the International Protection of Women's Rights: The Effect of Shari'a in Nigeria. 31 Syracuse J. Int'l L. & Com. 299 (2004).

The Legal Framework in U.S. Law for Sharing Law Enforcement and Intelligence Information (co-author) Spring 2004, available at http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/campbell/Events/ISHS.htm.

# **HONORS:**

Syracuse Journal of International Law and Commerce, Managing Editor; selected for publication in Volume 31:2; Dean's List, 2003, 2004; Who's Who in American Law Students, 2003-2004; Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 2001; Journal of International Law and Commerce Gavel Award, 2004; L. Frederick E. Goldie Publication Award, 2004.