

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **McDermott Will & Emery, Chicago, IL**

*Partner, Trial Department, January 2013 – present*

*Associate, Trial Department, September 2007 – December 2012*

*Summer Associate, Trial Department, Summer 2005*

Supervise and handle all aspects of a wide assortment of complex litigation matters in trial and appellate courts at the state and federal level; led or actively participated in a dozen trial teams that have gone to verdict; serve on national coordinating counsel team for Fortune 100 company's mass tort litigation managing multiple local counsel in a thirteen state territory containing a substantial docket of claims involving multifaceted medical and scientific issues; act as firm-wide Partner-in-Charge for LGBTQ Diversity & Inclusion and as Chicago Hiring Partner.

### **High Court of American Samoa, Pago Pago, American Samoa**

*Law Clerk, August 2006 – August 2007*

Served as legal counsel to the Chief Justice and Associate Justice on all pending criminal and civil matters; drafted opinions for the Appellate, Trial, and Land Divisions of the High Court; edited High Court opinions and created case notes for publication in American Samoa Reports.

### **Institute for Shipboard Education, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA**

*Resident Director, Spring 2003 Semester at Sea Voyage, January 2003 – May 2003*

Provided student counseling and general residence life assistance to 640 undergraduate students for the shipboard community; responded to residential emergency situations; acted as in-country trip leader for various sized groups while traveling to eleven ports in ten countries.

### **Community Living & Learning Center, The George Washington University, Washington, DC**

*Director, Office of Selection, Training & Development, June 2001 – December 2002*

Administered human resource related activities for department of forty-five professional staff members; supervised Assistant Director, Executive Assistant, and nine student staff members; organized six separate selection processes to hire and employ 350 paraprofessional staff.

*Assistant Director, Housing Services, June 2000 – May 2001*

Coordinated housing assignments for 4,600 residents in twenty-two residence halls on two campuses; supervised Executive Assistant and twenty student staff members; directed the daily operation of a high volume traffic service area.

*Community Director, June 1999 – May 2000*

Managed two residence halls; supervised six Community Facilitators and ten Office Assistants; responded to residential emergency situations during evening and weekend hours; enforced University regulations and conducted judicial conferences.

### **Office of Admissions, The George Washington University, Washington, DC**

*Assistant Director of Admissions, September 1998 – May 1999*

Represented the university to prospective students and families; managed recruitment territories of three high feeder counties.

## **Office of Undergraduate Admission, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL**

*Admissions Counselor*, July 1997 – August 1998

Counseled applicants regarding academic programs; managed recruitment territories.

## **EDUCATION**

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### **Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL**

Juris Doctor, May 2006, *cum laude*

GPA: 3.604      Rank: 29/192 (15%)

Loyola University Chicago School of Law Leadership and Service Award

Loyola University Chicago Law Journal

Executive Editor, Student Articles

Philip H. Corboy Fellow in Trial Advocacy

Team Captain, 2005-2006

### **The George Washington University, Washington, DC**

Master of Arts, Higher Education Administration & Human Resource Development, May 2001

Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs, May 1997

Semester at Sea, Study Abroad Program in South Pacific, Summer 1996

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE & HONORS**

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Family Defense Center, Board of Directors

*President*, November 2015 – present

*Board Member*, July 2012 – present

Equality Illinois PAC, Board of Directors

*Board Member*, November 2011 – June 2015

Shortlisted by *Chambers* as LGBT+ Equality Lawyer of the Year (2019)

Named to Inaugural List of *Crain's Chicago Business* Notable LGBTQ Executives (2018)

*Excellence in Pro Bono Service Award*, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (2016)

Minority Corporate Counsel Association's *Diversity & The Bar* "Rising Star" (2015)

*Illinois Super Lawyers* "Rising Star" (2011-2016)

McDermott's Outstanding Achievement & Commitment to *Pro Bono* Award (2010)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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*The Territory Federal Jurisdiction Forgot: The Question of Greater Federal Jurisdiction in American Samoa*, 17 PAC. RIM. L & POL'Y 325 (2008)

*Uncertainty Maintained: The Split Decision over Partisan Gerrymanders in Vieth v. Jubelirer*, 36 Loy. U. CHI. L.J. 1273 (2005)

## **ADMISSIONS**

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State of Illinois

U.S. Territory of American Samoa

U.S. Circuit Court for the Third, Seventh, and Tenth Circuits

U.S. District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Illinois

U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado and Eastern District of Michigan