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EXPERIENCE

Sanderford & Carroll, P.C.

Associate Attorney, July 2022 - current

Millennium Group at USAA, San Antonio, TX

Relationship Manager, March 2022-June 2022 Senior Contract Advisor, March 2020-February 2022

- Direct line supervisor of >20 employees within various roles and teams.
- Quality review of all low-risk contracts enterprise wide to ensure compliance with enterprise compliance and risk standards and serves as the technical expert regarding compliance laws and regulations.
- Source, draft, and negotiate complex IT related contracts, always minimizing business impact to mitigate future exposure.

Flahive, Ogden & Latson, Austin, TX

Associate Attorney, February 2017-February 2020

- Represent insurance carriers in lawsuits filed in district court, requesting judicial review of an agency decision of the Division of Workers' Compensation.
- Manage complex litigation, including conducting depositions and drafting petitions, briefs, and motions related to all aspects of litigations, from discovery, trial, and appeal.
- Argue motions during hearings and conducts both bench and jury trials.

Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation, Austin, TX

Attorney, December 2015-February 2017

- Represent Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation in hearings and litigation at State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- Prepare briefs, pleadings, and commissioner's orders related to contested cases and hearings.
- Resolve complaints regarding alleged violations of the Texas Labor Code.
- Lead attorney on complex quality of care cases.

DOD, Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer and *Contact Representative*, January 2012-June 2014

• Manage, counsel, and advise service members processing through the Integrated Disability Evaluation System on their benefits, rights, obligations, and financial compensation.

• Liaison between service members and legal counsel, reviewing laws and regulations with service members during each step of the medical evaluation board process.

Judice & Adley, Lafayette, LA

Associate Attorney, August 2005-December 2008

- Represent physicians in medical malpractice lawsuits.
- Manage complex litigation, including conducting depositions and drafting petitions, briefs, and motions related to all aspects of litigations, from discovery, trial, and appeal.
- Argue motions and appeals before district court judges and appellate court judges.

19th Judicial District Court, Baton Rouge, LA

Staff Attorney, August 2003-July 2005

- Assist Judge in researching and analyzing complex state laws and issues, such as whether Department of Education set up appropriate administrative remedies and regulations, appeals from the Louisiana Public Service Commission and Louisiana Tax Commission, appropriateness of compliance orders issued by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, and contractual clauses within oyster leases, including clauses pertaining to Coastal Wetlands Advisory and Environmental Impact Statement, granted by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary.
- Review and summarize motions and positions of parties on weekly docket.

Wray & Pierce, Baton Rouge, LA

Law Clerk, June 2002-May 2003

- Research, analyze, and interpret various state and federal laws and regulations, including the Louisiana Public Bid Law, Federal Acquisition Regulation, etc.
- Research, analyze, and interpret cases and law throughout the United States and other state law precedents for use in memoranda of law and briefs in cases involving highly complex and technical legal issues where Louisiana law precedent is limited and/or nonexistent.

EDUCATION

- Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA Juris Doctorate and Bachelor of Civil Law Average: 3.2/4.0; Class Rank: 23/183, 12.5%
- Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA Bachelor of Science – Elementary Education Average: 3.8/4.0, Magna Cum Laude

LICENSURE

- Louisiana (2003)
- Colorado (2010)
- Texas (2014)