

Kelsey Leopold

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Education

University of Iowa College of Law

Juris Doctor

Honors: Full Tuition Merit Scholarship

Activities: Research Assistant for Professor Emily Hughes, Van Oosterhout-Baskerville Moot Court Competitor, Appellate Advocacy Finalist, Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Violence volunteer, Pro Bono Society, Citizen Lawyer Program, Crisis Center volunteer

Iowa City, IA

May 2018

University of Kentucky

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, *Cum Laude*

GPA: 3.8

Honors: Dean's List; Director's List, honoring Dean's List students who are also employed through the University

Activities: Resident Student Association, Kentucky K Crew team leader, UK 201 Peer Instructor, UK Children's Hospital Ronald McDonald Family Waiting Room assistant, Special Olympics volunteer

Lexington, KY

December 2013

Experience

Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc.

Milwaukee, WI

Staff Attorney

May 2018 - Present

- Provide civil legal representation to individuals over sixty who are victims of crime and survivors of human trafficking, including representation in divorces, restraining orders, small and large claims financial exploitation cases, real property disputes, evictions and victim rights advocacy in criminal cases
- Serve individuals who have been victimized with cleaning up their credit report and defending against consumer debt collection actions related to the fraudulent activity
- Assist human trafficking survivors with criminal record cleanup by filing pardons and vacaturs
- Coordinate victim service delivery with community partners through Coordinated Community Response teams to improve access to services and fill the gaps for any service needs
- Educate the community on their rights and the services that Legal Action can provide

The University of Iowa Dean of Students Office

Iowa City, IA

Spring 2018 Law Extern

January 2018-May 2018

- Investigated sexual misconduct allegations, prepared notice of complaint letters, conducted witness interviews, drafted final Title IX investigative reports, and facilitated formal hearings

University of Iowa College of Law Moot Court Board

Iowa City, IA

Administrative Director

August 2017- May 2018

- Managed the Moot Court traveling teams and arranged travel for competitions
- Coordinated appellate advocacy competitions, graded student briefs and judged oral arguments

Kid's First Law Center

Cedar Rapids, IA

Fall 2017 Extern

August 2017- December 2017

- Drafted and submitted joint pretrial statements, stipulated modifications, requests for temporary relief and other divorce related legal documents
- Facilitated workshops for children of divorce

Waterloo Juvenile Public Defender

Waterloo, IA

Summer Intern

May 2017-August 2017

- Assisted attorneys with juvenile misdemeanor cases, as well as Children in Need of Assistance proceedings

Muscatine Legal Services

Muscatine, IA

Summer Intern

May 2016-August 2016

- Drafted and submitted legal documents relating to juvenile law, family law and defense work

University of Iowa REACH

Iowa City, IA

Mentor

September 2015- May 2017

- Met weekly with young adults with intellectual, cognitive and learning disabilities, helped to empower them, gain their independence and become engaged members of the community

American International Group

Stevens Point, WI

Resource Pool Specialist

February 2014- July 2015

- Coordinated repatriations, evacuations and medical transfers
- Collaborated with the AIG International Service Provider Network to provide care and resources for travelers experiencing medical situations while traveling