

## James A. Hiller

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### Residence

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**Current Employment:** Private civil law practice and economic/community development nonprofit management

**skills and abilities:** contract negotiations, community development, strategic planning, fund development including writing grant proposals and progress reports, nonprofit management/operations; providing leadership to management, staff, volunteers; develop public and private collaborations; maintain effective working relationships with professional peers, support staff and management officials; ability to multi-task in a fast moving environment; manage heavy caseloads and meet deadlines; excellent communication, problem solving, critical thinking and interpersonal skills.

**Personality**—energetic, entrepreneurial, flexible, results driven person with a high degree of initiative.

**Significant Accomplishment**--More than \$2.6 million raised in corporate/foundation/city/county/state/federal grants between 2000-2018 for Burleigh Street Community Development Corporation operating/special projects.

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

**Burleigh Street Community Development Corporation** June 1999-**current employment**  
6815 W. Capitol Drive Suite 214 visit the website at: [www.burleighstreet.org](http://www.burleighstreet.org).  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53216

**Job Description:** Founder and current Executive Director of Nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation whose mission is to serve as a catalyst for real estate ventures, economic development activities, and business technical assistance in the Sherman Park neighborhood, Milwaukee. Responsible for day to day operational activities; volunteer recruitment/development/retention, soliciting development and operation funds from individuals, corporations, foundations, and political entities; project manager, real estate development projects including multi level financing; supervision duties. More than \$2.8 million raised in corporate/foundation/city/county/state/federal grants between 2000-2016 for operating/special project needs.

### Law Offices of James A. Hiller

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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53216

March 1994-**current employment**

**Job Description:** Active Milwaukee/Southeastern Wisconsin area sole practitioner general civil practice in areas of trial litigation and discovery (large claims and small claims experience), administrative tribunals, real estate (landlord/tenant, litigation, foreclosure, lease negotiation tenant and buyer relationships), personal injury, wills/powers of attorney, commercial and business collections, business and commercial contract drafting/reviewing/negotiating, corporate/llc formation, non-profit, bankruptcy, business organization and discrimination matters.

**Currently retained as Wisconsin state wide of counsel for The Sayer Law Group, P.S. Waterloo, Iowa, representing lenders in default services, litigation, collection, bankruptcy, evictions, title curative and foreclosure matters. <https://www.sayerlaw.com>.**

### PAST EMPLOYMENT

#### Milwaukee County Community Justice Council

c/o Public Policy Forum visit the website at: [www.milwaukee.gov/cjc](http://www.milwaukee.gov/cjc).  
633 W. Wisconsin Ave. Suite 406  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

July 2010-March 2013

Job Description: **First hired Coordinator of the Council.** The mission of the Council is to efficiently and collaboratively coordinate county wide criminal justice services with the goal of improving public safety and reducing crime. Served as the Director of the Council-responsible for its operation and management. Assisted the Council in planning and implementing system wide improvements in Milwaukee County's criminal justice system. Duties include event management; maintain records, liaison to standing committees, board minutes, project implementation. Current Initiatives: Evidence Based Decision Making; Justice Reinvestment. Member: Governor's Statewide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee-appointed by Executive Order; Community Advocate's Public Policy Institute Community Justice Reinvestment Project.

**Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Company (MGIC, Milwaukee)**  
270 E. Kilbourn Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

October 2009-July 2010  
Long term temporary position

Job Description: Claims Administrator responsible for providing expertise in reviewing, researching and adjusting mortgage insurance claims in continental United States and all U.S. territories. Authority to pay claims and/or refer claims to investigators for further review. Monitor and assess claim loss mitigation activities by servicers and lenders. Familiarity with claims administration software and systems navigation. Ability to multi-task including ability to understand multiple mortgage loan products and multiple levels of adjustments within each product.

**Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc**  
230 W. Wells St Room 800  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53203

December 2008-October 2009

Job Description: Senior Staff Attorney responsible for policy research, development of litigation strategies and community wide/collaborative initiatives which result in increased access to job training and entry into the job market and more fair and affordable housing for low/moderate income individuals and families in the Greater Milwaukee area; knowledge of Federal laws and practices relating to housing, workforce development, HUD and other fair housing, equal opportunity matters. Position terminated due to loss of federal grant funding.

**Hiller & Frank, S.C.**  
111 E. Wisconsin Ave.  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211  
Immediate Supervisor: Firm dissolved

January 1980-March 1994

Job Description: Junior Partner - general practice firm. Experience in all areas of trial litigation including real estate, fair housing, equal opportunity, personal injury, commercial and business collection, bankruptcy, landlord/tenant, and discrimination matters. Prosecution of cases and appeals before State Administrative Tribunals including, State of Wisconsin, Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, Equal Rights Division; State of Wisconsin Worker's Unemployment Compensation Bureau.

**Plotkin and Saltzburg SC**  
nka Saltzburg, Ray & Bergman LLP  
12121 Wilshire Blvd. # 600  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

June 1976-January 1980

Job Description: Senior Associate responsible for housing, landlord/tenant, civil litigation, pleadings and motion practice; personal injury, commercial and corporate cases.

**Economic Development Administration,  
U.S. Department of Commerce**  
Washington, D.C.

June 1975-June 1976

Job Description: Legal Assistant to Assistant Chief Counsel, Litigation and Liquidation Division. Provide legal service to the Office of Business Development in connection with the servicing, liquidation or other disposition of EDA loans and working capital guarantees. Prepared briefs for regional offices of the U.S. Attorney's Office.

## **Admission To Practice**

State Bar of California-June 1977 (currently inactive)

U.S. District Court, Central District of California-August 1977

State Bar of Wisconsin-December 1979

U.S. District Court, Eastern District and Western District of Wisconsin-January 1994

State Bar of New York-August 1999 (currently inactive)

## **Professional Organizations**

State Bar of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Bar Association, Lawyer Referral and Information Service Committee;

## **Volunteer Legal Experience**

Past and Present: Instructor/lecturer for the Milwaukee Bar Association, Milwaukee Young Lawyers Association, American Institute for Paralegal Studies, Inc.; Judge, 1997 National Native American Law Student Moot Court Competition, U.W.-Madison; Judge 1998 Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition, Marquette University Law School; volunteer attorney, Marquette University Law School Volunteer Legal Clinic.

## **Community Experience**

Past and Present: Board member of Sherman Park Community Association, Grasslyn Manor Neighborhood Association; Treasurer of Village of Shorewood Association of Commerce; Member, Sherman Park Jewish Initiative, Board member of several religious non-profit community organizations; Member, AFS Foundation of Greater Milwaukee, Inc.; Member, Washington Park Library Steering Committee; Sherman Park Association of Religious Communities; Interfaith Older Adults Programs (Sherman Park Bd. of Directors)

## **Nonprofit Organization Membership**

Past and Present: Urban Economic Development Association (UEDA), Commercial Revitalization Affinity Group (CRAG), Business Assistance Caucus of Milwaukee (BACOM), National Congress for Community Economic Development (NCCED); President, Business Improvement District #27 (BID); presiding chairperson, Citywide Milwaukee BID Council; former chairperson, Greater Milwaukee Rescue & Restore Coalition., board member, Non Profit Center of Milwaukee; Milwaukee Housing Trust Fund Advisory Board; Wisconsin Nonprofit Association; member; Coalition for Access to Legal Resources; M-LINC Advisory Board; Torah Academy of Milwaukee; Yeshiva Elementary School; Wisconsin Institute for Torah Study; RUACH; participant, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago- Milwaukee Community Development Forum; Mayor's Mortgage Foreclosure Partnership Initiative/Court Appointed Mediation Program; Milwaukee Coalition for Advancing Transit; Wisconsin NonProfit Association; Wisconsin Association of Business Improvement Districts.

## **Certificates/Awards**

Certificate of Excellence in Nonprofit Leadership and Management by The Learning Institute for Nonprofit Organizations; Finalist, Navigator Award 2002 and 2003 Annual Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development and Innovations (MANDI); Certificate, 2001 Leader Circle, The Greater Milwaukee Nonprofit Institute; Certificate of Appreciation, Judge, 2002 Academic Olympics, Marquette University, Institute for the Transformation of Learning.

## **EDUCATION**

### **The National Law Center, George Washington Univ.**

Washington, D.C.

J.D., May 1976

Van Vleck Moot Court Honor Board, 1975-76

Journal of International Law & Economics 1975-76

### **Northwestern University**

Evanston, Illinois

B.S. Speech, June 1973

Dean's Graduating Honor List (3.78 GPA)

Junior & Senior Men's Honorary