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Previous Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity, Office of the Michigan Attorney General, Circuit Court of Cook County

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Background

Summary

Skyles Law Group, LLC, Mount Prospect, IL
Principal Attorney

- Principal attorney at a boutique law firm
- Specialties include
- Internet and Digital Media Law
- Real Estate
- Wills, Trusts and Estate Planning, and Probate
- Civil Litigation- Foreclosure, Banking Law

Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity, Chicago, IL
Director of Operations, May 2008 – March 2011

- Drafted key documents for newly formed organizations seeking 501(c)3 recognition including IRS form 1023, articles of incorporation and by-laws
 - Handled intellectual property issues related to common law service mark, service mark registration and corporate branding
 - Conducted legal research and advised Board of Directors in matters concerning association membership, freedom of the press, labor and media law
 - Handled all major responsibilities related to daily operation of the organization, including financial and human resources operations and media monitoring
 - Negotiated and drafted contracts for employment, independent contractors and service vendors
- Office of the Michigan Attorney General, Lansing, MI
Extern, August 2007 – December 2007
- Conducted legal research and drafted memos, briefs and motions for Deputy Attorneys General
 - Assisted attorneys in conducting depositions, client interviews, arbitration and court hearings
 - Clients included the Michigan Supreme Court, Department of Highways, members of the Michigan state police and other government entities and employees
 - Sole intern selected to work on the high profile case Fieger v. Michigan Supreme Court

Specialties: • Author of a manual on 501(c)(3) nonprofit formation

- Formed (from the ground up) 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(6) organizations
- Set up legal department for a major online news agency
- Selected to work on high profile cases for Michigan Attorney General
- Summa Cum Laude at an International Law Academy
- Experienced in non-profit, corporate, copyright and trademark, internet, contracts (drafting and litigation), libel, and First Amendment, EULA