

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

DRAKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctorate with Honors -Granted May 2002

Concentration: Legal Research and Writing, Trial Advocacy

Licensure: Federal District Court of New Mexico, 2004; Federal Court of Appeals Tenth Circuit, 2004; New Mexico Supreme Court, 2003; The Supreme Court of Iowa, 2002.

EDGEWOOD COLLEGE

Bachelor of Arts Granted January 1996

Major: Social Sciences/International Relations; Minor: Spanish

Thesis: The Just War Theory of St. Augustine, 1995

PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- NITA Trial Advocacy Program, Southwest Regional, May 2004 – Concentration: Trial Advocacy
- Estate Planning for Non-Traditional Families, December 2007
- Alternative Dispute Resolution: Angels & Demons, December 2008
- “What Civil Judges Want you to Know,” September 2007
- Ethics Advisory Committee Update, November 2006
- Taking and Defending Effective Depositions, December 2006

EXPERIENCE:

The University of New Mexico

Anderson School of Management/Graduate Studies Program

Lecturer/Faculty

Fall 2008 – Present

Instruct the graduate and undergraduate student body in MGMT 310 – Legal Issues for Managers, MGMT 463 – Employment Law, MGMT 654 – Advanced Legal Topics for Managers, and EMBA 794 – Business Management Law (graduate). Instruction includes topics such as contract law, civil and criminal law, business organization law, anti-trust, general employment law, and structure of American Legal Process. Focus is also on Business Responsibilities, Professionalism, and Ethics.

Rugge, Rosales & Associates, P.C.

Attorney/Consultant

June 2004 – Present

Represent parties with multidisciplinary legal issues in the following fields: contract law, civil litigation, business law, employment law, construction law, insurance and fraud investigation and coverage, and Dispute Resolution. The practice includes representing clients at all phases of litigation, pre and post litigation, and providing complex research of legal issues, motion practice, and detailed, persuasive writing. Further emphasis is placed on pre-litigation investigation of potential fraud and misrepresentation.

The University of New Mexico

Anderson School of Management/Graduate Studies Program

Adjunct Faculty

Fall 2006 – Fall 2008

Instructed UNM and ASM graduate and undergraduate student body in MGMT 310 – Law for Managers, Instruction focused on topics such as contract law, civil law, business organization law, criminal law, general employment law, and structure of American Legal Process.

Center for Civic Values/Manzano High School Mock Trial Team

Instructor/Attorney Coach

2004-2006

Instruct and coach high school students in trial advocacy and presentation, including broad topics on Legal Theory, Rules of Evidence, Professionalism, Legal Ethics, and Trial Performance and Presentation.

Fifth Judicial District Court, State of New Mexico

Judicial Law Clerk

2003-2004

Researched multidisciplinary legal issues and drafted memorandum analyzing legal issues for presiding judges; prepared legal briefs and judicial orders; attended hearings, conferences, and trials; assisted with mediations and administrative hearings.

Ninth Judicial District Court, State of Minnesota

Judicial Law Clerk

2002-2003

Assisted the Honorable David TenEyck with pending cases and administrative matters; researched multidisciplinary legal issues and drafted analytical memorandum; prepared legal briefs, findings of fact and conclusions of law, and judicial orders; attended hearings, conferences, and trials; assisted with mediations and administrative hearings.

Drake University Law School Journal of Agricultural Law

Executive Editor and Editorial Staff

2000-2002

Organized and constructed the Drake Journal of Agricultural Law; researched and confirmed legal premise cited in articles and notes; reviewed and edited articles and notes presented for publication; screened articles and notes to determine selection for upcoming publications.

Drake University Law School, Research Assistant

Research Assistant

2001-2002

Research current criminal law decisions and orders for Professor James A. Adams; drafted case law summaries; assisted with preparation of the Iowa Evidence Handbook, Supplement 2002.

PUBLICATIONS:

Nelson, Amelia P., Note, *Legal Liability in the Wake of StarLink™: Who Pays in the End?*, 7 Drake J. Agric. L. 241 (Spring 2002).

RESEARCH & WRITING IN PROGRESS:

- Legal Article about imposed remedy restrictions and limitations for emergency responders pursuant to the “Firefighter Rule” – Review of *Baldonado, et al. v. El Paso Natural Gas Co.*, No. 29,941 (NM 2007).
- Ethical Conflicts resulting from legal representation – Attorney-Client Privilege in the Tri Partate Forum.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Contractual Requirements for Insurance Policy Exclusions of UM/UIM coverage
- Corporate Veil Protections for Limited Liability Companies in New Mexico
- Professional Business Responsibility, Professionalism, and Ethics

LEGAL PRESENTATIONS:

- New Mexico Law Update, May 2008 (Young America Insurance Company, Dallas, TX).
- New Mexico Law Update, 2007 (Las Vegas, NV).
- Fraud Investigation & Interview Techniques, 2007 (Allstate Insurance Company, Albuquerque, NM).
- Young Lawyers Division, New Mexico Bar Association, Juvenile Judges Symposium (2006 & 2007).

AWARDS & HONORS:

- CALI Excellence – Trial Advocacy, CALI (2002)
- Order of Barristers, Drake University Law School (2002)
- Outstanding Student Written Note, Drake Journal of Agricultural Law (2002)
- Outstanding Editorial Board Member, Drake Journal of Agricultural Law (2002)
- Outstanding Board Member, Drake Journal of Agricultural Law (2002)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

- New Mexico Bar Association
- International Association of Special Investigation Units
- Iowa Bar Association
- American Bar Association
- New Mexico Young Lawyers Division
- National Gay and Lesbian Law Association
- New Mexico Women’s Law Division
- Defense Lawyers Association – New Mexico & National
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy
- ABA National Moot Court Team – Competing Member (2001-2002)
- ATLA Mock Trial – Competing Member (2001-2002)