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LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Clinical Assistant Professor
Southern Illinois University School of Law
Juvenile Justice Clinic Director
Carbondale, Illinois (June 2011 - present)

Circuit Court of Williamson County
Marion, Illinois (January 2006 - June 2011)
Contract public defender for neglect and abuse matters

Law Office of Joanna Wells
Marion, Illinois (March 2004 - June 2011)

Rhode & Jackson, P.C.
Carbondale, Illinois (August 2002 - December 2003)

Law Office of Terry Sharp, P.C.
Mt. Vernon, Illinois (November 2000 - August 2002)

Office of State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor
Fifth District, Mt. Vernon, Illinois (2000)

The Honorable J. Phil Gilbert
United States District Court for the Southern District of
Illinois (September 1998 - September 2000)

Admitted to Illinois bar - November, 1998

EDUCATION:

Southern Illinois University School of Law
Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude* - 1998

University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana
Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, 1971

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale (1994 - 1995)
Educational Psychology and Behavior Analysis & Therapy-
three semesters' course work towards a Master of Science

**PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS:**

Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council - Member
Illinois State Bar Association Child Law Section Council -
Vice-Chairman
Illinois Balanced and Restorative Justice Project -
Participant
First Circuit Juvenile Justice Council - Member
Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council Mental Health,
Trauma and Substance Abuse Work Group - Member
Illinois Juvenile Justice Research and Information
Consortium - Participant

**ADDITIONAL WORK
HISTORY:**

Traffic Director - WSIU-TV
Carbondale, Illinois (1995)

Supervisor - Illinois Department of Public Aid
Marion, Illinois (1988 - 1991)

Caseworker - Illinois Department of Public Aid
Marion, Rock Island & Sterling, Illinois (1975 - 1988)

News reporter/Sales/Traffic Director - WGGH Radio
Marion, Illinois (1973 - 1975)

Director/Continuity & Broadcast Standards - WLS Radio
Chicago, Illinois (1972 - 1973)

Continuity Director/Copywriter - WQAM Radio
Miami Beach, Florida (1971 - 1972)

**ADDITIONAL
EXPERIENCE:**

Tutor for learning disabled students - SIU Achieve Program
(1994 - 1995)
Parent Educator/graduate assistant - SIU Project 12-Ways
(1991)

COMMUNITY:

Past Vice-President, Williamson County Bar Association
Past Board member, Williamson County Child Advocacy
Center
Jackson County Bar Association - Member
Marion Soccer Association - Coach
Past-president - Marion Parents' Chapter of the Illinois

Association for Gifted Children
Past-treasurer - PTA, Washington School, Marion, Illinois
Tutor for underprivileged children - University of Illinois