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## EDUCATION

### JURIS DOCTOR (JD)

Loyola University Chicago School of Law  
Chicago, IL 2005  
Managing Editor, Loyola Law Journal

### BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA) HISTORY

Carleton College  
Northfield, MN 1998

## CERTIFICATIONS & LICENSES

**SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS**  
2005

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
(NORTHERN DISTRICT, ILLINOIS)**  
2006

**MEDIATOR CERTIFICATION**  
The Center for Conflict Resolution, 2009

## GOVERNMENT COLLABORATIONS

- The White House Eviction & Foreclosure Prevention Working Group
- National League of Cities Eviction Prevention Learning Lab
- Illinois Supreme Court Committees
- National Center for State Courts Eviction Diversion Initiative
- Chicago Mayor's Housing Stability Community Response Team

## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A recognized leader in developing, implementing, and managing complex legal programs with multiple stakeholders in one of the largest unified court systems in the nation. Experienced attorney, law school faculty member, and certified mediator with a strong background in government relations, litigation, court operations, and legal writing. Broad experience coordinating the needs of multiple internal and external stakeholders to implement successful and collaborative cross-functional programs.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Led an effort to bring remote access software and remote video proceedings to 400 judges during the COVID-19 Pandemic in one of the largest unified court systems in the nation after launching a pilot program in December 2019.
- Launched the Early Resolution Program for Eviction Diversion across six court districts through collaboration with city and county elected officials, government and court agencies, and legal aid providers.
- Successfully developed and managed the nation's most comprehensive Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program for eight years with measurable results and recognition by the U.S. Department of Justice in 2010.
- Collaborated with the Illinois Supreme Court to draft statewide mortgage foreclosure forms.
- Drafted Illinois Supreme Court Rules 99.1, 113, and 114 as a member of the Special Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Mortgage Foreclosures.

## EXPERIENCE

### COURT ADMINISTRATOR/PROGRAM MANAGER

Circuit Court of Cook County / Chicago / June 2019 - Present

Directly supporting the Chief Judge of the Court, and the Presiding Judges of the Chancery, County, and Municipal Divisions of the Court, I work on implementing court-based programs to provide legal aid resources to litigants, improve judicial economy, and manage law clerks and administrative staff. In this role, I earned the Court of Honor Award in 2021 from Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

This role includes:

- Working directly with the Mayor's Office, Board of Commissioners, Illinois Supreme Court, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and legal and community stakeholders to design and implement the Early Resolution Program and re-establish the Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program.
- Coordinating directly with the Illinois Supreme Court, multiple divisions of the Circuit Court, the Clerk's Office, and Information Technology to design and implement a remote video proceedings pilot program and providing on-going support for remote proceedings across court divisions.
- Working across departments within the court system to shepherd new, high-impact initiatives.
- Consulting with and advising the Chief Judge and Presiding Judges about new laws and the changing needs of stakeholders to develop different court procedures and policies.
- Representing the court at cross-functional internal and external meetings.
- Maintaining relationships with practitioners on both sides of litigation to develop an understanding of their needs for new court-based programs.
- Analyzing program metrics and court metrics and preparing reports for stakeholders.
- Supervising 6 administrative professionals and 13 law clerks.

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## AWARDS

### JUSTICE THOMAS L. KILBRIDE PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

The Chicago Bar Foundation &  
The Chicago Bar Association

2023

### COURT OF HONOR AWARD

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services

2021

### LEADERSHIP & SERVICE AWARD

Loyola University Chicago School of Law  
2005

## EXPERTISE

- Project & Program Management
- Program Development
- Strategic Planning
- Inter-Governmental Relations
- Cross-Functional Leadership
- Court Administration
- Eviction and Foreclosure  
Diversion Programs
- Legal Aid & Mediation
- Courtroom Technology
- Legal Writing Education
- Student Mentoring

## SKILLS /

## TECHNOLOGY

- Remote Collaboration
- Mediation
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Adobe Acrobat Pro
- Courtroom Case Management Systems

## EXPERIENCE CONTINUED

### MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE CASE MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR

Circuit Court of Cook County / Chicago, IL / November 2009 - June 2019

Implemented and managed the Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program (MFMP), the most comprehensive program in the nation. In this role, I supported the Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division to implement the MFMP and establish new courtroom procedures for the division to help shepherd over 80,000 foreclosures through the system.

This role included:

- Establishing, designing, and implementing new courtroom procedures for mortgage foreclosure cases.
- Negotiating inter-governmental agreements and other contracts for the MFMP.
- Working directly with County agencies, the legal community, and community stakeholders
- Hiring, training, and managing MFMP staff.
- Analyzing program metrics and preparing progress reports for internal and external stakeholders
- Managing capacity planning and project timelines.
- Representing the court at cross-functional internal and external meetings, including at meetings of the Cook County Board of Commissioners.
- Serving as escalation point for litigants and the legal bar.
- Conducting union grievance hearings and issuing rulings.
- Supervising advisory committees for the Mortgage Foreclosure/Mechanics Lien Section.
- Supervising 28 staff members including all foreclosure administrative staff, law clerks, and MFMP staff.

### ADJUNCT FACULTY

Loyola University Chicago School of Law / Chicago, IL / August 2007 - Present

Instructor and mentor for first-year law students in legal writing: I teach general writing, legal memoranda, legal briefs, proper legal citation, and presentation of oral arguments. I also mentor and guide students on outlining, exam taking techniques, time management, active listening, and critical reading.

### ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY, LITIGATION

Polsinelli Shughart PC / Chicago, IL / December 2006 - November 2009

Represented clients in court for commercial and business litigation, bankruptcy, loan enforcement, commercial foreclosures, and construction issues. In this role, I originated over \$100,000 of business in my first six months with the firm, cultivated relationships with clients and prospective clients to develop and maintain business.

### JUDICIAL LAW CLERK

Circuit Court of Cook County / Chicago, IL / August 2005 - December 2006

In this role, I was a staff attorney and law clerk for the Honorable Dorothy Kirie Kinnaird, then Presiding Judge of the Chancery Division.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research (Safety Office) / Cambridge, MA / January 2000 - July 2002

HD Venture Capital LLC (a/k/a Halpern Denny LLC) / Boston, MA / February 1999 - January 2000