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BAR ADMISSIONS:

Maryland State Bar, 2003
United States District Court for the District of Maryland
District of Columbia Bar, 2004
United States District Court for the District of Columbia

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Law Offices of David C. Gardner, Rockville, MD, 2005-present

Associate Attorney, 2005-present

Engaged in general practice, with focus on family law (litigating all aspects of family law disputes, including but not limited to divorce, custody, child support, economic disputes, contempt proceedings, domestic violence proceedings, etc).

Reed Smith LLP, Washington DC

Associate, 2003-2005; **Summer Associate**, 2002; **Law Clerk**, May 2001-2002

Emphasis upon employment law and complex civil litigation, duties included legal research; advised superiors and clients; drafted pleadings, motions, opinion letters, discovery, etc; conducted and participated in depositions and court proceedings; and participated in attorney recruitment and firm mentoring program (as mentor).

Law Offices of David C. Gardner & Patrick J. Hoover, Rockville, MD

Law Clerk, January 2000-August 2001

Clerk for general practice firm, duties included drafting pleadings, motions, settlement demands and correspondence for personal injury, family law, and criminal cases and conducting and editing legal and title research.

Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office, Domestic Violence Unit,
Rockville, MD

Intern/Screeners, August 1999-December 1999

Functioned as screener to interview and subpoena witnesses, officers, and victims; requested and analyzed case evidence and conducted background checks; attended and recorded dispositions issued by the Circuit Court; provided prosecutors with recommendations on sentencing.

Virginia Probation and Parole Unit 39, Harrisonburg, VA

Intern, August 1998-December 1998

Engaged in preparing sentencing reports for county, state and federal court and assisted probation officers with interviews, parole hearings, and home visits. Monitored assigned caseload of probationers.

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

Child Counsel Training, Administrative Office of the Courts Family Administration, 2007

The Columbus School of Law, The Catholic University of America, J.D., 2003
GPA: 3.28
Member American Bar Association, Law Student Division

James Madison University, B.A, 1999
Major in Political Science; Double Minor in Criminal Justice and Psychology;
Member of Criminal Justice Association

VOLUNTEER (in Law):

Guest Attorney Speaker, Father's United for Equal Rights Foundation, 2011
Clinic Attorney, Montgomery County Bar Association Pro Bono Program, 2008; 2010
Certified Victim Advocate Volunteer, Citizens Against Sexual Assault, 1999