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Experience **City Prosecutor**
City of Sedona
Sedona, AZ
May 2020 to present

Currently serving as the City Prosecutor. Responsible for prosecuting violations of local ordinances and state law. Participate in all stages of litigation. Prepare disclosure, negotiate plea agreements, present cases at trial. Argue motions before the court. Appear at bond review hearings, pre-trial conferences, evidentiary hearings, change of plea hearings, and restitution hearings. Comply with victim rights. Work with court staff to improve efficiency through the implementation of new procedures. Regularly advise law enforcement officers on investigations and changes in the law. Discuss with staff code enforcement issues.

Adjunct Professor
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University
Prescott, AZ
January 2024 to present

Responsible for teaching course covering criminal procedure, evidence, and trial advocacy. Specific attention is given to the investigative process and to the gathering of evidence within Constitutional limitations. Landmark US Supreme Court cases are studied and applied to investigations. Students gain hands on experience applying what they have learned by gathering evidence at a mock crime scene, conducting investigations, and presenting their cases at a mock trial using the Rules of Evidence.

Deputy County Attorney
Yavapai County Attorney's Office
Prescott, AZ
September 2007 to June 2013; April 2015 to May 2020

CHARGING UNIT

Reviewed and charged numerous cases. Drafted plea agreements. Regularly presented cases before the Yavapai County Grand Jury. Discussed charging decisions with law enforcement officers and victims. Answered questions

posed by law enforcement officers regarding active investigations.
Reviewed search warrants.

CRIMINAL TRIAL GROUP

Initially managed a heavy misdemeanor caseload in multiple justice courts. Became misdemeanor lead attorney. Later, joined the felony trial group. Responsible for managing a substantial caseload of complex matters. Drafted and responded to motions, managed discovery, and discussed cases with law enforcement officers and victims. Negotiated plea agreements with defense counsel in an effort to reach sound, well-balanced, non-trial resolutions. Received recognition for work with crime victims.

CIVIL DIVISION

Initially represented the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. Appeared before the Yavapai County Merit Commission to resolve employment issues. Also, represented the Health Department, Long-Term Care, the Public Fiduciary, and Development Services. Often appeared in court for Title 36 proceedings seeking involuntary commitment. In addition, regularly reviewed contracts and intergovernmental agreements. During the second assignment to the Civil Division, litigated land use issues in Superior Court and the Court of Appeals. Regularly advised and represented Development Services, the Public Fiduciary, the Elections Department, the County Recorder, the Flood Control Special District, and the Medical Examiner. In addition, represented petitioners for adoptions, pursued guardianships and conservatorships, pursued the forfeiture of appearance bonds, and litigated the civil forfeiture of assets related to criminal matters.

Assistant Attorney General

**Office of the Arizona Attorney General; Healthcare Fraud Unit
Prescott, AZ**

July 2013 to April 2015

Prosecuted healthcare fraud and abuse cases throughout Arizona. Advised detectives during investigations. Reviewed cases for charging and presented cases to grand juries. Managed cases through all phases of litigation. Negotiated plea agreements. Regularly performed public outreach to increase the visibility of the Office among law enforcement agencies and the public.

Volunteer

Town of Prescott Valley Board of Adjustment

- October 2020 to present
- Quasi-judicial role deciding municipal zoning ordinance appeal disputes

- Upon application, grant use permits and variances as per Town of Prescott Valley Zoning Ordinances

Yavapai County Veteran Stand Down

- October 2018
- Participated in program providing veterans with comprehensive services including legal assistance

Licenses

State of Arizona

- Admitted to practice in November 2005. Member of the State Bar of Arizona.

U.S. District Court for the District of Arizona

- Admitted to practice in September 2008

Education

University of Arizona Tucson, AZ

- Juris Doctor, 2003
- While attending law school in 2001, participated in an internship with the **Defense Intelligence Agency**. Assigned to the Inspector General's Office. Assessed the Agency's compliance with federal law.

University of Wisconsin Madison, WI

- Bachelor of Arts, 1991
 - Political Science and International Relations

Lecturer

Northern Arizona University Flagstaff, AZ

- "Role of the Prosecutor," Criminology and Criminal Justice Course 101 – Introduction to Crime and Justice; March 24, 2025