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**EDUCATION** **Georgia State University College of Law**, Atlanta, GA

*J.D. (expected Spring 2010), GPA: 83*

- Moot Court Board
  - Best Appellee Brief in Giles Sutherland Rich 2008 Southern Regional
  - Advanced to the final four in both 2008 and 2009 Southern Regional oral competitions
- Twice elected to the Intellectual Property Law Society Board

**Georgia Southwestern State University**, Americus, GA

*B.S. in Computer Science (minor in Business Management), Class of 1999*

- Section Editor of school newspaper
- Elected President of the Inter-Fraternity Council

**ACTIVITIES &  
INTERESTS**

- Invited to contribute to a publication covering the state of method patentability in the aftermath of *In Re Bilski*, to be included in the curriculum of the 2009 PLI Patent Litigation seminar later this year.
- Active student member of the Atlanta Bar litigation section, as well as the trial law and appellate practice sections of the Georgia Bar.
- Won the state championship in the High School Mock Trial competition sponsored by the Georgia Bar. Finished first runner-up in the previous year.
- Member of Toastmasters International, with a background in public speaking and teaching.

**LEGAL** **Clayton Circuit Public Defender**, Atlanta, GA

*5/09 to present*

**EXPERIENCE**

- Sitting first-chair on preliminary hearings under the Third-Year Practice Act, conducting direct and cross examinations of witnesses as well as making closing arguments in felony cases. Assigned as second-chair to cases going through full trial. Also responsible for researching pre-trial motions and internal memoranda on case law.
- Negotiating plea agreements with the assistant district attorneys, in some cases requiring discussion with the arresting police officer to first obtain their consent.
- Conducting client and witness interviews involving a broad array of personalities under emotionally-charged circumstances.

**Georgia State University Office of Legal Affairs**, Atlanta, GA

*5/08 to 8/08*

- Responsible for maintaining intellectual property records, tracking patent maintenance fees and prosecution deadlines, and ensuring compliance with Bayh-Dole Act reporting requirements.
- Authored a research memo for pending copyright litigation, on fair use in the context of academic electronic reserve systems.

**INDUSTRY** **Internap**, Atlanta, GA

*11/08 to 05/09*

**EXPERIENCE**

**TRX**, Atlanta GA

*8/07 to 11/08*

**Cox Enterprises**, Atlanta GA

*6/02 to 8/07*

**Palarco Consulting**, Atlanta GA

*7/01 to 7/02*

**Georgia Pacific**, Atlanta GA

*12/99 to 7/01*

- Over twelve years experience in the software consulting industry, in environments ranging from small start-ups to Fortune 500 companies.
- Particular focus on security and privacy measures. Experienced with licensing and service agreements.
- Negotiated buy-in from multiple departments within corporations, when new initiatives were considered adverse to their own agendas.
- Taught training classes in a classroom environment to software developers and business analysts.