

Laura Brooks

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

- JD** Hamline University School of Law May 2015
Honors: *Cum Laude*; Top 15%
Merit Scholarship (68% Tuition)
Dean's List: Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015
Cali Award for highest grade in Legislation
- Activities: Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy – Production Editor
Mediation Representation Competition Team
Alternative Dispute Resolution Student Group President
- BS** Minnesota State University, Mankato May 2012
Area: Philosophy, Political Science, and Economics
Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- Dougherty, Molenda, Solfest, Hills & Bauer P.A.** 2018-2019
Associate Attorney
Practice experience in corporate law, housing law, family law, and bankruptcy; Draft pleadings, discovery, and motions; File and litigate claims in conciliation court; Conduct initial phone and in-person meetings with prospective clients
- Rajkowski Hansmeier, Ltd.** 2018
Associate Attorney
Practice experience in insurance defense, civil litigation, and family law; Draft pleadings, discovery, and motions; File and litigate claims in conciliation court and Minnesota district court; Argue summary judgment motions; Interview and communicate with clients

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- Minnesota Judicial Branch, Fourth District** 2017-2018
Judicial Law Clerk to Judge Philip Carruthers
Attend court hearings; Perform legal research; Author judicial orders; Correspond with attorneys and litigants; E-file all issued orders

Minnesota Judicial Branch, Seventh District 2015-2017
Judicial Law Clerk to Judge John Scherer
Attend court hearings; Perform legal research; Prepare written memoranda and author judicial orders; Provide research and writing assistance to retired and visiting judges

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Office of Academic Excellence 2019-present
Assistant Teaching Professor and Academic Excellence Specialist
Facilitate online learning via Canvas learning platform
Grade written student submissions
Tutor students preparing for the bar exam
Correspond with students via electronic means
Courses currently teaching:
Legal Methods; Bar Prep Strategies: MPT; Bar Prep Strategies: MBE & MEE;
Criminal Procedure; Arbitration

Mitchell Hamline School of Law 2016-present
Adjunct Professor & Tutor
Provide tutoring to law students in variety of areas: writing, bar exam preparation, legal synthesis and analysis, and torts
Courses instructed:
LARC (2020-21); Constitutional Criminal Procedure; (2019-20, 20-21),
Negotiation (Summer 20); Arbitration (Summer 2020); Legal Reasoning

Minnesota Literacy Council 2014-2015
Teacher (Pre-Beginning English)
Provide age and level-appropriate English instruction to adult Somali learners;
Create and edit individualized lesson plans to meet the needs of a wide variety of students

Minnesota State University, Mankato Spring 2012
Peer Tutor (Econ and English) 2010-2011;
Provide academic assistance to undergraduates in introductory economics courses; Assist undergraduate students with all stages of the writing process

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Professor Ann Tweedy Summer 2014
Assist with research pertaining to marriage equality and land use issues