

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- **Thomas M. Cooley Law School**, Lansing, Michigan. Juris Doctor received May 2006. Graduated Cum Laude. Deans List: 5 terms; Honor Roll: 7 terms; Editor on Thomas M. Cooley Law Review; Editor on Cooley Journal of Practical and Clinical Law; Moot Court Board Member; Mock Trial Board Member; and Certificates of Merit in Family Law, Trial Skills, Pretrial Skills, and Advanced Writing.
- **Central Michigan University**, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. 1996-1999. Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration.
- **Grand Valley State University**, Allendale, Michigan. 1994-1996.
- **John Glenn High School**, Bay City, Michigan. Diploma earned June, 1994.

EXPERIENCE

- **The Nichols Law Firm, PLLC**; East Lansing, Michigan. Associate Attorney; October, 2007 - present. Specializing in litigation of criminal cases – including a concentration on drunk driving defense; family law cases – including divorce and child custody; and collection cases. Successfully defended an alleged Cedar Fest Rioter resulting in not guilty verdicts on all three charges.
- **The Law Office of Basiga and Phillips**; Lansing, Michigan. Partner; April, 2007 – October, 2007. Specializing in litigation of criminal cases, divorce cases, custody cases, and landlord/tenant cases.
- **Washtenaw County Office of the Public Defender**; Ann Arbor, Michigan. Student Attorney; January, 2006 – April, 2006. Specialized in litigation of criminal cases.

- ***Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Brennan Law Library***; Lansing, Michigan. Reference Assistant; September, 2005 – June, 2006. Provided extensive and thorough legal research for law library patrons, reference librarians, and law school faculty.
- ***IEG, Inc.***; Chicago, Illinois. Finance Assistant; September, 2000 – December, 2003. Specialized in daily, monthly, and yearly accounting and financial reporting and requirements including: accounts payable, accounts receivable, collections, month-end financial statements, year-end financial statements, account and bank reconciliations, and general journal entries.
- ***Frankenmuth Mutual Insurance Company***; Frankenmuth, Michigan. Rater; November 1999 – September, 2000. Processed all levels of personal insurance applications and alterations to policies including: automobile insurance, home-owners insurance, and personal umbrella insurance. Performed customer service as primary contact with independent agents with applications, questions, or modifications to personal insurance policies.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

- WKAR Community Advisory Board
- State Bar of Michigan Criminal Law Section
- State Bar of Michigan Family Law Section
- Ingham County Bar Association
- Eaton County Bar Association
- Women's Lawyers Association of Michigan
- Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

ADMITTED

- State Bar of Michigan – November, 2006

AUTHORED

- "Michigan Court of Appeals Upholds Grandparents Visitation Statute," BRIEFS, November 2007.
- "Reverse Mortgages: Friend or Foe?" BRIEFS, May 2008.

LECTURED

- Women's Center of Greater Lansing