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### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Attorney at Law**

*Blaske & Blaske, P.L.C., Ann Arbor, Michigan*

November 2004 - present

Attorney at small, state-wide firm specializing in legal and medical malpractice and complex personal injury cases. Responsibilities include work in all aspects of case handling, including case intake and client consultation to writing briefs, mediation and arbitration statements, oral advocacy, negotiations, and trial and appellate work. Tier 1 ranking of Best Law Firms in America. Best of Business Award for Place to Work. Law Firm 500 Award.

#### **Legal Clerk**

*Blaske & Blaske, P.L.C., Ann Arbor, Michigan*

Summers 1996-1999, 2001-2004; Winters 1996-2003

Responsibilities included trial assistant, research, drafting and editing mediation and arbitration statements, case summary memoranda and other pleadings. Other duties included new client, client and witness interviews, correspondence, and fact-gathering, investigative work.

#### **Teaching Assistant**

*University of Wisconsin, Department of Political Science, Madison, Wisconsin*

January 2004 - June 2004

Teaching assistant for an undergraduate criminal law class. Responsibilities included instructing four small-group discussion sections weekly and writing and grading exams.

#### **Legal Clerk**

*Gingras, Cates & Luebke, S.C., Madison, Wisconsin*

September 1999 - May 2001

September 2003 - December 2003

Duties included new client interviews, research, drafting pleadings, and general office work.

## **EDUCATION**

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2004, University of Wisconsin Law School

B.A., Political Science, with honors, May 2001, University of Wisconsin

## **CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES**

- Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States
- State Bar of Michigan
- American Bar Association
- American Association for Justice
- Michigan Association for Justice
- Washtenaw County Bar Association
- Washtenaw County Trial Lawyers Association
- Wisconsin Alumni Association
- Wisconsin Historical Society
- 2015 State Bar of Michigan Pro Bono Circle of Excellence
- Volunteer, mock trial scoring judge, Michigan High School Mock Trial Tournament (Michigan Center for Civic Education)
- Volunteer oral advocacy judge, University of Michigan Law School
- Volunteer client counseling competition judge, University of Michigan Law School
- Volunteer scoring judge, American Association for Justice National Student Trial Advocacy Competition
- Volunteer guest lecturer for two classes at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School (re: April 2015 Supreme Court oral argument at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School)
- Member, The National Trial Lawyers, Top 100 Trial Lawyers
- Volunteer judge, Henry M. Campbell Moot Court Competition, University of Michigan Law School

## **PAST ACTIVITIES & HONORS**

- Top-ranking law student in Professional Responsibilities (legal ethics), awarded by the Wisconsin Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, Spring 2004
- Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin, Department of Political Science (“Criminal Law & Justice”)
- Member, Dean’s List (law school)
- Member, National Dean’s List (undergraduate)
- Volunteer, Salvation Army, Red Cross, UW Children’s Hospital, Habitat for Humanity, Meriter Retirement Center, and others
- Member, Motor City Badgers (Michigan’s chapter of the Wisconsin Alumni Association)
- Young Alumni Chair and Web Design Chair, Motor City Badgers
- Chief Justice, Greek Judicial Board, University of Wisconsin

- Representative, Associated Students of Madison (student government), College of Letters & Science, University of Wisconsin
- Representative, Interfraternity Council, University of Wisconsin
- Member, Acacia Fraternity, University of Wisconsin
- Mock trial volunteer judge, Prof. Donald Downs's Political Science 695 seminar, University of Wisconsin

### **PUBLICATIONS**

1. Blaske, T. and Turck, J., "Plaintiff's Final Argument", 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 2003
2. Blaske, T. and Turck, J., "Plaintiff's Final Argument", 4<sup>th</sup> ed., Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 2006
3. Practical Problems in Evidence, Michigan State University College of Law, February 2007
4. Blaske, T. and Turck, J., "Hard Times and Happy Endings: Firing Your Clients Without Getting Burned", Institute of Continuing Legal Education, November 2009
5. Blaske, T. and Turck, J., "Ethics of Starting Your Own Law Practice: What You Need to Know", Institute of Continuing Legal Education, January 2011
6. Blaske, T. and Turck, J., "Plaintiff's Perspective in Medical Malpractice", University of Michigan Health System GME Scholars Program, January 2011
7. Turck, J., "Tail Coverage: What You Don't Know About Your Malpractice Insurance Policy Might Just Bite Yours", Res Ipsa Loquitur (Washtenaw County Bar Association), March/April 2011; Vol. 41, No. 2

### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Phi Alpha Delta, University of Michigan, January 2007
2. Practical Problems in Evidence, Michigan State University College of Law, February 2007
3. Undergraduate University Research Opportunity Program, University of Michigan, March 2007
4. "The Art (and Science) of Cross Examination: Gleanings from the Wisdom & Wit of Yogi Berra", Michigan State University College of Law, September 2007
5. "Hearsay: This Stuff Really is More Interesting Than it Sounds", Michigan State University College of Law, October 2007
6. Undergraduate University Research Opportunity Program, University of Michigan, March 2008
7. Don't Be a Defendant: Top Risk Management Issues in a Plaintiffs' Practice: (Including Some Thoughts on Law Practice and Life, But Not Necessarily In That Order)", Michigan Association for Justice Rapid-Fire Seminar; May 9, 2014

### **INTERESTS & HOBBIES**

History of the University of Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin athletics, soccer, music, American history, computers, chess, and spending time with my wife Stacy and our children.

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