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Niles McDonald

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Thurston County District Court, Olympia, WA — Judge Pro Tem

July 2022 - Present

- Perform all duties of a judge in criminal and civil hearings over dozens of calendars and hundreds of cases.

DSHS ALTSA Adult Protective Services, Lacey, WA — Legal Benefits Advisor

July 2022 - Present

- Review investigations and advise as to if evidence met RCW definitions of abuse.
- Act as agency attorney in hearings against abusers of vulnerable adults.
- Review wills and estates to determine presence of abuse.

Thurston County Public Defenders, Olympia, WA — Staff Attorney

Summer 2019 (Rule 9 Intern) and August 2021 - July 2022

- Defended clients in over 200 misdemeanor criminal cases
- Represented 100% indigent clients along every step of their legal journey

Island Defense, Coupeville, WA — Staff Attorney

October 2020 - August 2021

- Defended clients in over 100 misdemeanor criminal cases
- Represented 100% indigent clients along every step of their legal journey

Disability Rights Louisiana, New Orleans, LA — Law Clerk

December 2018 - April 2020

- Handled, examined, and studied thousands of documents, including complex data sets and hand-written prisoner notes, to find evidence of systematized torture
- Interviewed and provided legal aid for hundreds of people living with disabilities in state and federal prisons as well as mental health facilities, attended Federal district court hearings
- Aided with collection of data and development of cases for children living with disabilities in cases against school districts regarding failure to provide necessary services

Tulane Juvenile Law Clinic, New Orleans, LA — Clinician

August 2019 - April 2020

- Researched legal policy, learned treatises, and general data regarding inequities and disparities at the intersections of law, policing, race, class, and gender identity
- Performed full duties of defense and civil attorney, under supervision, for impoverished juveniles in Louisiana juvenile and district court (Louisiana's general jurisdiction courts)
- Liaised in person with incarcerated youth in jails and prisons throughout Louisiana

EDUCATION

Tulane University Law School — Juris Doctor

2017-2020, New Orleans, LA

The Evergreen State College — B.A. Political Economy and Political Science

2010-2014, Olympia, WA