

# CHARLES A. D. HILL

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## EDUCATION

### Drake University Law School

*Juris Doctor*

Des Moines, IA

May 2007

#### Honors:

C. Edwin Moore Oral Advocate Semi-Finalist (Fall 2004)  
Finalist in the Drake's Spring Oral Advocacy Competition (Spring 2005)  
Dean's List Fall 2006 and Spring 2007  
Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Certificate

#### Activities:

Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity

### University of Iowa

*Bachelor Arts, Communication*

Iowa City, IA

May 2002

#### Honors:

Dean's List (each semester 2000 – 2002)

## LICENSURE

### Member Iowa State Bar

- Admitted to practice on September 20, 2007

## EXPERIENCE

### Iowa Legal Aid

*Staff Attorney*

*Volunteer Attorney*

Des Moines, IA

December 2007 – Present

August 2007 – December 2007

- Advising potential clients of their legal rights and possible causes of actions in a wide variety of legal areas including; landlord tenant, debtor creditor, family law, bankruptcy, tort defense, social security, real estate/foreclosure and wills and trusts.
- Working closely with Managing Attorneys to ensure clients are served quickly and fully. Issue identification and case preparation for the staffing of the potential client to another attorney if client needs court filing or additional legal advice. Attending and presenting cases at staffing meetings, exploring additional assistance to be provided. Identifying priority cases according to the guidelines set by Iowa Legal Aid's Board.
- Participated in multiple strategic planning committees including Health and Fitness and chairing the Green Committee on environmental improvements. Currently working on the Plan 9 committee. This committee identifies and engages in the full utilization of partnerships that Iowa Legal Aid has with community partners.
- Complex trial and appellate representation of Iowa Legal Aid clients in many areas of law.
- Supervising of Interns. Including mentoring on trial litigation and supervising student practice attorneys while they provide representation in administrative and judicial actions.
- Supervised and oversaw two different grants: Supportive Services for Veteran's Families and the Health and Law Project.
- Acted as the lead attorney for the Health and Law Project. It is designed to connect patients served through Primary Health Care with Lawyers to address underlying legal issues that are impacting their health status. The goal is to alleviate health problems through legal representation, when traditional medical approach cannot cure the problem due to a legal barrier.
- Acted as the lead attorney for the Supportive Services for Veterans Families program. Representation of homeless or near homeless veterans that have legal barriers to permanent

housing. Oversaw and approved the billing of our staff's hours on this grant prior to submitting it to the lead grantee, Primary Health Care.

- Currently acting as the sole attorney for the Medical Legal Partnership between Blank Children's Hospital and Iowa Legal Aid. This partnership serves the specific legal needs of sick children and their families and has granted people access to: safe and healthy housing, relief from violence, reduction of debt, establishment or termination of guardianships as medically necessary, and access to education by establishing Individual Education Plans and 504 disability plans for students.

### **Representative Cases**

- EQCE073786 - The city of Des Moines attempted to evict homeless people from public land during life threatening conditions. The case was heard first by an administrative hearing officer before being appealed to District Court. The homeless were successful each time. The city was stayed from evicting the clients for over one year. The case was argued in front of the Iowa Court of Appeals. The Court of Appeals ruled against the clients. The case did establish the position that the defense of necessity is available in Iowa in a civil cases.
- CDCD085936 – The opposing party in this case had primary physical care of the child though the child had lived with the client for 2 years. The child is very ill and in need of a kidney transplant. The opposing party would not comply with the medical requirements so that the University of Iowa could schedule the transplant. The child was in danger of dying. Physical custody and sole legal custody was granted to the client through a modification action that allowed him to authorize the life-saving transplant without the involvement of the non-compliant parent.

### **Civic Leadership**

- For several years I have worked on a planning committee of graduates of the University of Iowa College of Law and Drake University Law School on the Dean's Cup Golf Challenge. This event has raised \$65,000 during my tenure on the committee.
- This competition is between alums, faculty and students of the law schools. The event is entering its twelfth year. Current participation and revenue are at all time highs.
- Undertaking a project with the Faegre, Baker, Daniels Law Firm to support volunteer attorneys with the firm in conducting intake and pro bono representation of patients of Primary Health Care through the PHC Health and Law Project. This collaboration has been fruitful in obtaining premier attorney services for low-income individuals that may have otherwise been remained unrepresented.
- Present training to corporate legal departments looking to volunteer their services to Iowa Legal Aid. Examples of these corporate legal departments include Principal, John Deere and Wells Fargo.
- Served on the board for the Lower Beaver Neighborhood Association for two terms from 2013 until 2015.
- Recently co-founded the non-profit 501(c) corporation Douglas Avenue Coalition. This organization works closely with officials from the City of Des Moines, Polk County Board of Supervisors, and the State of Iowa on securing resources for the revitalization of one of Des Moines busiest stretches of road, Douglas Avenue between Martin Luther King and Lower Beaver.

### **Volunteerism**

- Two months of the year my family and I sign up to be caretakers of Woodlawn Park. We clean the park two times a week and inspect the premises to make sure things are in working order.
- Participation in homeless camp cleanups with JOPPA Outreach. This event cleans up tons of garbage every year that would otherwise pollute Des Moines.
- Coach the academy level players with the Johnston Soccer Club.
- Volunteer at my children's schools to assist in the classroom.

### **Awards**

- Oversees and leads Iowa Legal Aid's Green Strategic Planning Committee. This committee has developed organization wide best practices and procedures that has led to tangible environmental and cost saving benefits. This accomplishment was recognized by Metro Solid Waste Authority. In 2013, I accepted their Environmental Impact Award on behalf of Iowa Legal Aid.

### **The Drake Legal Clinic**

*Certified Student Attorney*

Des Moines, IA

January 2007 – May 2007

- Advocate for indigent defendants in Polk County that have been charged with a variety of misdemeanors and Class D Felonies including, but not limited to, assault, drug possession, drug delivery, burglary, child endangerment, theft charges and operating while intoxicated.
- Represent clients from their initial arraignment, continuing through negotiations with the County Attorney's Office and up through final resolution of the charge.

### **The Humphrey Law Firm, P.C.**

*Law Clerk*

Urbandale, IA

September 2005 – May 2007

- Support attorney in intensive and complicated malpractice and wrongful death litigation firm.
- Assist in the day-to-day operations of the firm and was given great responsibility and freedom to accomplish tasks in manner best fit for the situation at hand.
- Responsible for turning potential clients into current clients by conducting interviews, reviewing and assessing the viability of their claim, conducting the discovery process and procuring expert testimony.
- Research wide range of legal issues and draft a variety of legal memoranda, including briefs in support of and resistance for motions at trial, trial and appellate briefs, petitions at law, pleadings and additional motions, including Motions in Limine.

### **Office of the State Public Defender**

*Intern*

Nevada, IA

Summer 2005

- Conducted legal research and writing for all the attorneys in the office.
- Completed work on very short notice for attorneys who carried an extremely heavy caseload.
- Attended negotiation meetings with the County Attorney's Office and assisted attorneys in preparation for trial and hearings.
- Conducted initial client and witness interviews.
- Performed preliminary reviews of trial information and evidence to find potential constitutional or procedural violations.
- Accomplished all of these tasks while working in a fast-paced environment.