**Daniel L. Saar**

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**Education**

**Drake University Law School**,Des Moines, Iowa

Juris Doctor,May 2008

* Graduated with Highest Honors
* Order of the Coif

**Simpson College**, Indianola, Iowa

Bachelor of Arts: English / Economics, May 2005

* *Summa Cum Laude*
* Cowles Scholar and Presidential Scholarship Recipient

**Legal Experience**

*Staff Attorney*, **Iowa Judicial Branch Education** Nov. 2016-Present

*Assistant. Director*, **Office of Professional Regulation for the Iowa Supreme Court**

* Serve as Assistant Director for the Commission on Continuing Legal Education and the Commission on the Unauthorized Practice of Law.
* Investigate and prosecute individuals for the unauthorized practice of law in Iowa.
* Oversee the continuing legal education requirements for all Iowa attorneys.
* Administer the judicial benchbook—a resource used by Iowa judges to perform their daily duties.
* Plan, coordinate, and implement educational programming for the Iowa Judicial Branch.

*Appellate Counsel II*, **Iowa Supreme Court Clerk’s Office** May 2014-Oct. 2016

* Performed legal research and drafted proposed orders related to motions filed by attorneys and pro se litigants participating in appeals.
* Conferred with Supreme Court Justices and Court of Appeals Judges concerning the disposition of these motions.
* Screened fully-briefed cases for determination of which appellate court each case should be assigned.
* Performed other duties as needed, including preparation for and presentation of continuing legal education materials and researching and drafting updates to the Iowa Rules of Court.

*Law Clerk*, **Judge Vaitheswaran, Iowa Court of Appeals** Aug. 2008–May 2014

* Performed legal research based upon issues presented in parties’ briefs filed in the Iowa appellate court system.
* Assisted the judge in her preparation for continuing legal education presentations and for her work on rules committees.
* Edited preliminary and final drafts of the Judge’s opinions in order to make sure that there were no grammatical errors and that all citations were done correctly.
* Served as a bailiff during oral arguments held before the Iowa Court of Appeals.

*Law Clerk*, **Wiedenfeld & McLaughlin, L.L.P.** May 2006–May 2008

* Drafted and filed a variety of legal documents, including motions for summary judgment, appellate briefs, witness lists, exhibit lists, and trial briefs.
* Researched and prepared memoranda for attorneys on a wide range of legal topics.
* Assisted in trials, witness preparation, and depositions in a variety of settings.

**Work Experience**

*Instructor*, **Max Oxygen Crossfit Downtown** (6 hrs/wk) Aug. 2013–Present

* Instruct fitness classes at the downtown Des Moines Kosama location.
* Interact with the public by selling monthly memberships and resolving any issues that arise, including payment and membership disputes.

*Manager and Instructor*, **Kosama** (20 hrs/wk) Jan. 2011–Aug. 2013

* Instructed fitness classes at the downtown Des Moines Kosama location.
* Assisted with scheduling, inventory management, and instructor training.
* Interacted with the public by selling monthly memberships and resolving any issues that arose, including payment and membership disputes.

**Associations, Activities, and Awards**

**Post-Graduation**

* Licensed to Practice Law in Iowa
* Polk County Bar Association
	+ Co-Chair, PCBA Law Day Committee
* Big Brothers Big Sisters
* Race for Hope Event Coordinator—Proceeds Benefit Brain Tumor Research
* Golf for Hope Event Coordinator—Proceeds Benefit Brain Tumor Research
* Volunteer Grant Writer—Des Moines Public School Foundation
* Former Chairman—Alpha Tau Omega Beta Alpha Chapter Board of Trustees

**Drake University Law School**

* *Drake Law Review*, Junior Staff, Fall 2006-Spring 2007
* *Drake Law Review*, Associate Editor, Fall 2007-Spring 2008
* *Drake Law Review*, Student Note published in Volume 56.2 of the *Review*, Entitled *Blindsided, Again: Iowa Hospitals’ Misuse of the Hospital Lien Statute and What Has Been Done to Correct It*

**Simpson College**

* Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity—President, Historian and Scholarship Chair
* Simpson College Interfraternity Council—President
* Published in *Sequel* – Simpson College’s Literary and Arts Magazine
* Cross Country Team Captain and Letterwinner