

KATIE GRAHAM

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EDUCATION

Drake University Law School

Des Moines, IA

Juris Doctor

May 2011

Honors: Graduated with High Honors

Legal Clinic: Civil Litigation; Advanced Civil Litigation (2010 – 2011)

- Provided pro bono services to domestic abuse victims in divorce proceedings, child custody, and guardianships
- Assisted clients with adoption proceedings

Journal: *Drake Journal of Agricultural Law* (2009 – 2011)

- Executive Editor (2010 – 2011)
- Staff Member (2009 – 2010)

Activities: Delta Theta Phi Fraternity; Drake Law Student Ambassador

University of Iowa

Iowa City, IA

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism and Mass Communication

December 2006

Honors: Graduated *magna cum laude*

Achievements: Graduated in 3 ½ years; worked full-time while attending college

Volunteer: University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics

Iowa City/Coralville Animal Shelter

Make-A-Wish Foundation, Fundraising Coordinator

Affiliations: Radio Television News Directors Association; Chi Omega Sorority

EXPERIENCE

Nyemaster Goode, P.C.

Des Moines, IA

Associate Attorney

September 2011 – Present

- Member of General Litigation and Labor and Employment Departments
- Represent clients in labor and employment litigation matters
- Help clients implement preventative measures to avoid workplace claims of discrimination, harassment, and retaliation
- Represent municipality in traffic and simple misdemeanor proceedings
- Provide pro bono services acting as guardian ad litem in adoption proceedings
- First-chaired jury trial involving claims of USERRA and retaliation
- Assisted firm in implementing new website

United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Iowa

Des Moines, IA

Law Clerk (Student Practice Rule)

May 2010 – August 2010

- Collaborated with Assistant United States Attorneys for pre-trial and trial procedures
- Met with and prepared government and civilian witnesses
- Drafted memoranda in resistance to various defense motions; cite checked and edited briefs
- Performed direct examination of witnesses at trial, laying foundation for the entrance of many photographs and other complex physical evidence
- Received praise from supervisors for work done at trial, including direct examination

Drake Journal of Agricultural Law*Executive Editor***Des Moines, IA***May 2010 – May 2011*

- Completed the final, full edit on 18 Articles/Notes selected for publication during the 2010 – 2011 academic year before conveyance to the Editor-in-Chief
- Served as the liaison for all Junior Staff Members, troubleshooting problems, scheduling meetings and deadlines, and reporting any disciplinary problems to the Editor-in-Chief
- Attended yearly American Agricultural Law Association Conference to remain up to date and educated on those issues affecting agriculture

Roxanne Conlin & Associates, P.C.*Law Clerk***Des Moines, IA***May 2009 – Present*

- Performed legal research on a variety of employment and personal injury matters, including civil rights cases, as well as a complex pet owner class action suit, and child endangerment matter
- Drafted briefs, petitions, and other legal documents
- Handled all stages of client's case from initial client contact to mediation and/or trial
- Managed caseload, paying strict adherence to deadlines and statutes of limitations

COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT**Iowa Defense Counsel Association***Board Member; Young Lawyers' Division Co-chair**2014 – Present**(Serving 3 year term)***Winefest Des Moines***Grand Cru Co-Chair**2014 – Present**Grand Cru Member**2013 – 2014***Des Moines Music Coalition***Backstage Ball Committee Co-Chair**2013 – Present**Backstage Ball Committee Member**2012 – 2013***Iowa Women Lead Change***Central Iowa Steering Committee Member**2011 – Present***Des Moines Performing Arts, Civic Center***Patron Lounge Volunteer**2014 – Present***Valley High School Mock Trial***Volunteer Coach**2013 – 2014***ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Professional Affiliations: American Bar Association; Iowa State Bar Association, Polk County Bar Association; Iowa Defense Counsel Association

Prior employment: Darden Restaurants (Waterloo, IA; Coralville, IA; Newington, NH), Bartender (*January 2001– March 2007*); The Barn Tavern and Alberto's Riverside (Dover, NH), Bar Manager (*February– July 2007*); Jack Fry's (Louisville, KY), Bartender and Server (*September 2007– June 2008*)