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### SUMMARY

Counselor and advocate with a passion for the public forum and its capacity for dispute resolution. Trial attorney with experience in criminal law, medical litigation, and family law.

### EXPERIENCE

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#### JOHNSON GRAFFE KEAY MONIZ & WICK, LLP | *Seattle, WA*

Mar. 2019 – June 2020

##### **Associate Attorney**

- Represented health care practitioners and health care facilities in medical malpractice defense, licensing defense, credentialing hearings, and regulatory compliance.
- Trial preparation for complex medical litigation, including retaining expert witnesses, creating medical chronologies, conducting medical research, interviewing lay witnesses, and drafting client reports. Legal research and writing, primarily complex dispositive motions.
- Deposed party-plaintiff. Drafted and argued dispositive motions. When unable to get a case dismissed for various technical issues, successfully added a key affirmative defense over plaintiff's objection. Made the ER 904 evidence submission for an imminent medical malpractice jury trial.
- Advised hospital in aftermath of the news that one of their employee-security guards had sexually assaulted an underage behavioral health patient on their campus. Attended the hearing at which the employee plead guilty to sexual assault and gave a report to our hospital client. Met one-on-one with the nurses who were in charge of the patient to inform them they had been unwitting witnesses to the security guard grooming the patient for sexual abuse, and help them move forward as nurses.

#### WASHINGTON STATE COURT OF APPEALS, DIVISION 1 | *Seattle, WA*

Nov. 2018 – Jan. 2019

##### **Law Clerk to the Hon. James R. Verellen**

- Temporary judicial clerk. Prepared judicial opinions for November, January, and February terms.

#### INTERNATIONAL MARITIME GROUP, PLLC | *Seattle, WA*

Sept. 2018 – Mar. 2019

##### **Attorney**

- Aided small maritime law firm with trial preparation, evidence, and witnesses. Legal research and writing for civil litigation, including dispositive motions.
- Third chair on civil bench trial in federal court. Aided in deposition of party opponent.

#### MULTNOMAH COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE | *Portland, OR*

Sept. 2017 – Dec. 2017

##### **Violation of DV Restraining Order (VRO) Clerk | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT**

- Co-managed the DV violation of restraining order docket comprised of VRO bench trials and DV hearings regarding change of plea, release conditions, no contact orders, and deferred sentencing program (DSP) violations.
- Prosecuted four restraining order violation trials to decision.

May 2017 – Aug. 2017

##### **Certified Law Student | MISDEMEANOR TRIAL UNIT**

- Assisted attorney in managing misdemeanor docket. Represented the state in numerous probation violation, show cause, change of plea, and DUII intensive supervision (DISP) hearings.
- Prosecuted three misdemeanor bench trials to decision. Represented the state in dozens of civil commitment hearings in various county hospital mental health units. Researched and argued one motion to admit evidence of motive, two motions to suppress, and one motion for calculation of ORS 161.370(7) pretrial commitment period. Trained new law students.

May 2016 – Dec. 2016

##### **Legal Intern/Extern | MISDEMEANOR INTAKE UNIT**

- Reviewed cases for prosecution, issued charges, and dismissed cases in the interest of justice.
- Became the sole law student to be approved to issue DUIIs. Trained new law students on how to evaluate appropriateness of criminal charges.

- June 2013 – July 2015      **Paralegal / Legal Assistant / Paralegal Intern**
- Prepared complex medical malpractice defense and personal injury plaintiff matters for trial.
  - Prepared family law filings for dissolution of marriages with and without children.

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## EDUCATION

- May 2018      **Juris Doctor, *cum laude***  
LEWIS & CLARK LAW SCHOOL | *Portland, OR*  
Cert.: Oregon Law Student Appearance Certification, 2017–18.  
Honors: Pro Bono Honors Award, 2017, 2016. Dean’s Scholarship for Excellence, 2015–18.  
Activities: **Environmental Law.** Online Journal Editor, Elected Board, 2017–18; Member, *Ninth Circuit Review*, 2016–17; Member, 2016–17.  
**Moot Court: Mock Trial.** Honor Board Member, 2017–18; Regional Team Competitor, TYLA/ACTL Region 13 Mock Trial Competition, 2016–17.  
**Research Assistant.** Professor Henry Drummonds, Employment Law, 2016–17.  
**National Crime Victim Law Institute.** Clinic Member, 2018; Volunteer, 2015–18.  
**Crime Victims’ Rights Alliance.** Co-President, 2016–17; 1L Representative, 2015–16.  
**Health Law Society.** President, 2016–17; Secretary, 2015–16.
- June 2012      **Honors Bachelor of Science in Philosophy**  
OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY | *Corvallis, OR*

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## SKILLS

Trial advocacy | Dispute resolution | Investigation | Client counseling | Legal research | Medical research | Legal writing

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## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Aug. 2017 – present      **#SETTHEEXPECTATION** | *Portland, OR*  
Nonprofit Board of Directors, Secretary
- June 2020      **YOUNG WOMEN EMPOWERED (Y-WE)** | *Seattle, WA*  
Volunteer, Blackout Healing Pride Edition
- June 2020      **WASHINGTON POOR PEOPLE’S CAMPAIGN AND VALLEY & MOUNTAIN** | *Seattle, WA*  
Nonviolent Direct Action Training with Rev. Osagyefo Sekou
- Feb. 2017      **BE THE MATCH** | *Portland, OR*  
Bone Marrow Donation Registration Drive Co-Organizer, Level II Volunteer
- Jan. 2017      **COMMUNITY MEETING “TACKLING THE RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITY”** | *Portland, OR*  
Moderated public meeting between local law enforcement and local community groups about policy changes the police and district attorney had made to address racial and ethnic disparities in arrests, charging, and convictions in Multnomah County, Oregon. Facilitated this public forum throughout an ongoing protest.

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## BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Washington, WSBA No. 54826, Active
- State of Oregon, OSB No. 183372, Inactive

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## PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

- D. Jeffrey Burnham, Senior Partner, Johnson Graffe Keay Moniz & Wick, LLP
- Jenna Plank, Senior Deputy District Attorney, Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office
- Simon Whang, Mock Trial Coach, Lewis & Clark Law School