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Experience

South Dakota Department of Revenue, Pierre, SD

Director, Property and Special Taxes Division, October 2011-present

Duties: Provide leadership and guidance to a staff of fourteen tax professionals; Establish priorities and goals for division; Draft, analyze, and lobby proposed legislation and administrative rules; Maintain relationships with state legislators, county officials, and private lobbyists; Analyze and issue opinions on complex tax laws; Oversee the collection of approximately \$100 million of state taxes.

South Dakota Department of Public Safety, Pierre, SD

Staff Attorney, August 2008-October 2011

9-1-1 Coordinator, May 2010-October 2011

Duties: Advise department staff on a variety of legal matters; Monitor grants and agency programs to ensure compliance with federal regulations; Draft, analyze, and lobby proposed legislation and administrative rules; Review contracts and other legal documents; Represent the department in contested case hearings; Advise SD 9-1-1 Coordination Board; Coordinate statewide 9-1-1 services and assist counties/municipalities with 9-1-1 issues.

Smoot & Utzman, P.C., Rapid City, SD

Associate Attorney, August 2006-August 2008

Practice Areas: Family law, Real Estate law, Bankruptcy, Business law

Duties: Draft legal pleadings and documents; Conduct legal research and discovery; Perform client intake and advise clients of their legal rights, obligations, and available remedies; Represent clients in court proceedings; Negotiate settlements and plea agreements.

Education

University of South Dakota Graduate School

Post-baccalaureate certificate in Administrative Studies, November 2010
Governor's Leadership Development Program, Cohort Five

University of South Dakota School of Law

J.D., May 2006

Class Rank: 14/83

Honors and Activities:

- Editor-in-Chief, *Great Plains Natural Resources Journal* Vol. 10
- Teaching Assistant, *Legal Writing/Appellate Advocacy*
- Dean's List, Spring and Fall 2004

Black Hills State University

B.S., Social Sciences, *magna cum laude*, May 2003

References available upon request