

Danielle A. Merrick

BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to practice before the state courts of Missouri (2003) and Kansas (2004).

EXPERIENCE

Executive Director: January 2010 to Present

Kansas City Volunteer Lawyers & Accountants for the Arts, Kansas City, Missouri

Responding to calls, letters and emails from artists and arts organizations seeking legal or accounting assistance, and referring those applicants to volunteer attorneys and accountants; organizing educational seminars; grant writing and reporting; reporting to the Board; and various administrative duties

Clinical Professor, Director: October 2004 to Present

Entrepreneurial Legal Services Clinic, Intellectual Property Clinic, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City Missouri

Classes Taught: Advanced Legal Writing; Business Contract Drafting; Entrepreneurial Law/Practice Clinic; Intellectual Property Clinic; Social Entrepreneurship Ventures; Social Ventures Creation.

Serve as intermediary between Staff Director, School of Law faculty and students, and start-up small business clients to assist such clients on matters involving entity formation, tax consequences, intellectual property matters, and insurance liability; supervise, grade, and provide feedback on students' interviews of clients and drafts of limited liability company formation documents; research and draft complex operating and partnership agreements, commercial contracts and legal memoranda on topics including: choice of business entity, entity maintenance, and Blue Sky Laws pertinent to client securities issues; provided comprehensive legal advice concerning the establishment and management of small businesses from a broad range of industries, while supervising and teaching second, and third year and L.L.M. students in a law school clinic.

Tax Associate: June 2001 to March 2004

American Century Investments, Kansas City, Missouri

Prepared and filed quarterly and annual withholding tax returns for thirteen states; ensured compliance with state withholding requirements; reviewed original tax returns and prepared corrected tax returns, as necessary, for transfer agency; consulted on Section 529 plans to ensure compliance with the Internal Revenue Code, the Kansas Statutes, and applicable regulations; advised various internal business areas on varying Section 529 program upgrades with respect to continued compliance on both the federal and state level; and received the 2002 American Century Finance Department Innovation Award for creating and maintaining an internal website that provided requisite tax information in an easily accessible format to internal business partners.

Legal Department Clerk: May 2001 to August 2001

American Century Investments, Kansas City, Missouri

Reviewed and analyzed third-party licensing contracts for key terms and accuracy; organized findings in a database; and presented results to general in-house counsel.

EDUCATION

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, Missouri

Master of Law in Taxation: December 2003

Honors: Dean's Honor List; and 2003 Outstanding Tax Clinic Staff Member.

Activities: Tax Clinic Staff Member.

University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, Kansas City, Missouri

Juris Doctor: May 2003

Honors: Dean's Honor List for four semesters; 2003 Estate Planning Society of Kansas City Essay Winner;

2003 Outstanding Entrepreneurial Legal Services Clinic Staff Member.

Activities: Research Assistant to Professor Nancy Levit; Entrepreneurial Legal Services Clinic Staff Member.

Journal: *The Urban Lawyer: The National Quarterly on State and Local Government Law*, Member.

Publication: Danielle A. Merrick, *529 States' Nightmare, Estate Planners' Dream*, 59 J. MO. BAR 316 (Nov.-Dec. 2003).

University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas

Bachelor of Social Welfare: May 1999

Honors: Dean's Honor List.

Activities: Social Welfare Practicum; Social Justice Group.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Missouri Bar Association; Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association; University of Kansas Alumni Association.