

Michael Shaffer

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EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI

J.D. Candidate, May 2011

Activities: Executive Editor of First Impressions, *Michigan Law Review* • First Year Mentoring Program • Family Law Project • Food Stamp Advocacy Project • Michigan Immigration and Labor Law Association • National Lawyers Guild • Street Law

Honors: Raymond K. and John R. Dykema Scholarship Award
Dean's Public Service Fellowship

Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

B.S., Organizational Leadership (Minor in Labor and Industrial Relations), December 2007

Honors: Graduated with Distinction, Dean's List, Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Major in Interdisciplinary Studies and Computer Science, 1987—1990, 1995—1996

Honors: South Carolina Honors College, Dean's List, President's List, National Merit Scholar

EXPERIENCE

New Hampshire Public Defender, Stratham, NH — *Law Clerk* May—August 2010

First-chaired jury trial on misdemeanor resisting arrest (not guilty) • Wrote all pretrial motions on felony reckless conduct and DWI (pled down to two violations) • Provided research and writing support to staff attorneys • Practiced in trial courts under N.H. Supreme Court Rule 36

Michigan Innocence Clinic, Ann Arbor, MI — *Student Attorney* August 2009—May 2010

Evaluated intake files to determine merits of wrongful conviction claims • Counseled clients and interviewed witnesses • Investigated case histories and records to develop factual and legal issues • Litigated state postconviction and FOIA actions • Conducted civil discovery and a deposition

Michigan State Appellate Defender Office, Detroit, MI — *Legal Intern* May—August 2009

Briefed appeal from felony conviction (reversed) • Wrote motion to correct invalid sentence (reduced from five years to time served plus four months) • Wrote federal petition for writ of habeas corpus • Visited and counseled clients • Received Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Standout Award

Eviction Defense Collaborative, San Francisco, CA October 2006—July 2008

Eviction Intake Counselor (volunteer, part-time) — *Rental Assistance Coordinator* (staff, full-time)

Interviewed and counseled clients facing eviction • Drafted answers, demurrers, motions, and applications for stays on orders of eviction • Taught weekly "Coming to Agreement" workshop • Issued interest-free loans and grants • Negotiated with landlords to settle disputes and avoid litigation

Agilent Technologies, Palo Alto, CA — *IT Operations Manager* May 2000—April 2006

Managed data centers, networks, and technical support services for research laboratory with five-hundred users • Supervised team of six with \$1 million budget