Rhianna E. Lightle

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Education

The University of Iowa College of Law

J.D. Anticipated

Awards: Recipient of the Levitt Merit Scholarship for Excellence

Activities: The Journal of Gender, Race and Justice- Volume 26 Student Writer (2022-23); Appellate Advocacy I: Appellate Advocacy II-Van Oosterhout-Baskerville (advanced via App Ad I competition); Iowa Student Bar Association, Graduate and Professional Student Government Representative (1L and 2L); Themis Bar Representative.

University of Missouri

B.A. Political Science with Honors and B.A. Geography Magna Cum Laude Cumulative GPA: 3.83

Awards: Recipient of the Black and Gold Level 1 Scholarship

Honors: Dean's List (six semesters)

Selected Activities: College Mentors for Youth, mentor (2017-20) and Transportation Officer (2019-20); Kappa Delta sorority, Social Chair (2018-20), Homecoming Skit Liaison (Fall 2018), and Confidence Week Chair (2018-19); Member of 2019 Mizzou Homecoming Steering Committee: Mizzou-off-Broadway (2020) performed in charitable student-run production of Broadway musicals.

Employment Experience

Forbes Law Group, LLC

Summer Associate

Aided health law attorneys through a plethora of legal projects ranging from healthcare employment contracts and recent Missouri abortion laws. Conducted legal research on ongoing cases, drafted memos, reviewed, and revised documents, and visited and interacted with clients.

Research Assistant

Student RA for Dean Emily Hughes

Assist Dean Hughes in research and various projects. I assisted in writing the Iowa Juvenile Justice Task Force Report on behalf of Chief Justice Christensen of the Iowa Supreme Court. This year-long task force, which dedicated itself to reforming the Juvenile Justice System, in Iowa, involved committees and leaders from across the state.

Iowa College of Law Student Ambassador

Student Ambassador

Serve the College of Law by: leading tours, conducting scholarship interviews for admitted students. attending and assisting in running prospective student and alumni events, and more.

Shakespeare's Pizza In House Pizza Staff

Fall 2020-June 2021

Responsible for closing the restaurant. Communicated with customers regarding their orders, made pizza and drink orders and created a fun atmosphere while maintaining busy workload.

Arkansas Governor's School-Arkansas Tech University

Counselor/Residential Assistant

Supervised about 400 teenagers over the summer while chaperoning 40 young women. On-call overnights for emergency issues, planned and implemented events, oversaw students on field trips and counseled students when necessary.

U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill Re-election Campaign Intern

Canvassed community to encourage constituents to register to vote, advocated for Senator McCaskill, responded to guestions about Senator's viewpoints. Recorded canvassing activities in the database. Communicated effectively with community members regarding community issues.

Hobbies/Interests

International and domestic travel; Live Trivia; Music, Live concerts, and Plays; Hiking, canoeing, and Avid sports fan: KC Chiefs, Royals, Mizzou and Iowa football and basketball.

2022-23 Academic Year

Iowa City, IA

2022-23 Academic Year

Columbia, MO

Russellville, AR

Summer 2019

Columbia, MO Fall 2018

Columbia, MO

May 2021

Iowa City, IA May 2024

Summer 2022

Overland Park, KS

Iowa City, IA