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EDUCATION

December 2018	Oakton Community College Associate of Arts (general) and Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies
May 2021	Southern New Hampshire University Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

EXPERIENCE

September 2018 - present	Sentencing Advocacy Group of Evanston Paralegal and Mitigation Record Specialist, specializing in state and federal capital death penalty, and juvenile resentencing cases, and large discovery case organization
April 2022- present	Independent case work Mitigation Record Specialist assisting Mitigation Specialists and Forensic Psychologists in nationwide state and federal capital cases with mitigation record collection
Other	Illinois Notary Public Commission expires, October 26, 2026

TRAININGS

9/10/2019 – 9/13/2019	NAPD We the Defenders Social Worker/Sentencing Advocate Conference Seattle, WA
6/15/2020 – 7/17/2020	NAPD Academy Course: Intellectual Disability: Uncovering, Evaluating, and Changing Outcomes. Certification issued 7/08/2020
8/13/2020 – 8/15/2020	NAPD We Are The Ones We've Been Waiting For: Virtual Women in Public Defense Conference 2020
3/18/2021 – 3/20/2021	NAPD Virtual Conference, We The Defenders: Rise. Resist. Represent.
9/23/2021 – 9/25/2021	NAPD We Are The Ones We've Been Waiting For: Virtual Women in Public Defense Conference 2021
11/4/2021 – 11/6/2021	ARC Fall Mitigation Training 2021
3/17/2022 – 3/19/2022	NAPD 2022 Rise, Resist, Represent Conference
4/21/2022 – 4/29/2022	National Seminar on the Development and Presentation of Mitigating Evidence in Capital Cases 2022 hosted by the Administrative Office of the US Courts, Defender Services Office, Training Division
9/22/2022 – 9/24/2022	NAPD We Are The Ones We've Been Waiting For: Virtual Women in Public Defense Conference 2022
11/17/2022	Federal Death Penalty Strategy Session and Strategy Session Plus 2021 by Federal Death Penalty Resource Counsel Projects
2/7/2023 – 3/16/2023	ARC Webinar: Mitigation Best Practices Part I: History and Overview, Mitigation Best Practices Part II: A Breakdown of the Standards
3/16/2023 – 3/20/2023	NAPD Virtual Conference, We The Defenders: Rise. Resist. Represent.
9/7/2023 – 9/9/2023	Law & Technology Series: Techniques in Electronic Case Management II Workshop hosted by the Administrative Office of the US Courts, Defender Services Office, Training Division in Columbus, OH
9/14/2023 – 9/16/2023	NAPD We Are The Ones We've Been Waiting For: Virtual Women in Public Defense Conference 2023