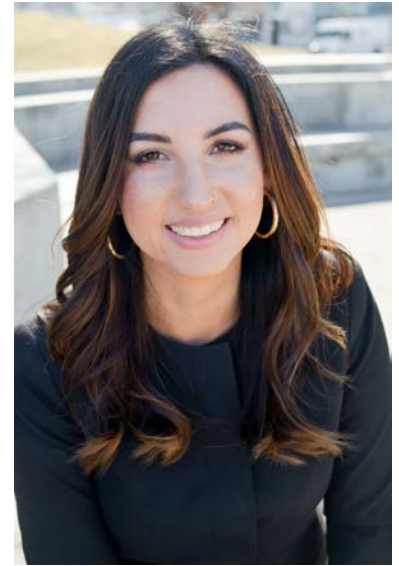


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EXPERIENCE

Holmes, Weddle & Barcott, P.C.

Position Held: *Attorney*, November 2022- present.

Location: Anchorage, AK

I represent clients in all stages of civil litigation. I assist clients with corporate transactions, governance, employment and probate matters. I also provide pro bono service in family law matters through the Alaska Court System's Early Resolution Program, and the Landlord/Tenant Helpline at Alaska Legal Services.

Expertise: trial advocacy, pretrial litigation, legal writing.

Practice areas: commercial litigation, election law, corporate transactions, employment.

Alaska Court System, Third Judicial District

Position held: *Magistrate Judge IV; Parenting Coordinator*, July, 2020- November 2022

Location: Palmer, AK

I presided over hearings in District and Superior Court including; Domestic Relations (contested custody and support modification hearings), Domestic Violence and Stalking/Sexual Assault (ex parte petitions and contested hearings on long-term petitions), Mental Commitment hearings, Child in Need of Aid, Delinquency, Adult and Minor Guardianships (contested and uncontested), Adoptions (contested and uncontested), Dissolutions of Marriage/Legal Separation, Arraignments, Bail Hearings (misdemeanor and felony bail review hearings), Estate hearings, and other probate matters.

Expertise: Child in Need of Aid Law and Procedure, Indian Child Welfare Act of 1975, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Evidence, Criminal Law and Procedure, working with pro se litigants, telephonic hearings and video conferences.

Skills:

- Judicial Settlement Conferences: successful settlement achieved in commercial civil, CINA, and domestic relations matters. I have received over 40 hours of mediation training.
- Effective courtroom management
- Legal writing
- Court rules and procedure
- Use of technology in the courtroom and technological evidence

State of Alaska, Office of the Attorney General, Civil and Criminal Divisions

Positions held: *Assistant Attorney General*, July, 2012- April, 2018; *Assistant District Attorney*, April, 2018- June 2020

Locations: Bethel, AK Jul.2012-Nov.2014; Palmer, AK Nov. 2014- December 2016; Anchorage, AK, January 2017- April 2018; April 2018-July 2020

Practice Areas: Child-in-Need-of-Aid, Torts and Worker's Compensation, Special Victims Unit (Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault)

Expertise: trial advocacy and pretrial litigation, multi-party litigation, general litigation, rules of evidence, rules of civil and criminal procedure, courtroom presentation, oral advocacy, client counseling, agency representation, sexual assault/abuse, strangulation, child physical abuse, child forensic interviewing, substance abuse, domestic violence, the Victim Rights Act, the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1975 and associated federal regulations, trauma-informed advocacy, client counseling, litigation strategy.

Skills:

- **Trial Advocacy:** jury selection/voir dire (including special questionnaires and individual voir dire procedures for sexual assault/sexual abuse of a minor cases), witness direct and cross examination, objections, motions in limine, evidentiary hearings, courtroom decorum and procedure.
- **Pretrial and Post-trial Litigation:** depositions, pretrial discovery, pretrial motions, motion practice, oral argument, grand jury presentment, negotiation, sentencing, appeal, technological evidence/management.
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution:** negotiation, mediation, arbitration.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, East Anchorage Rotary, May 2023- present

Committee Member, Anchorage Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, May 2021- present

Committee Member, Alaska Bar Association Fee Arbitration Panel Committee, April 2023-present

Volunteer, Red Cross of Alaska, March 2023- present

Trustee, Anchorage Opera Board of Trustees, Anchorage, AK, present

Board Chair, Anchorage Opera Overture Council, Anchorage, AK, September 2019- May 2023

Judicial Representative/Facilitator, Mat-Su Mental Commitment Working Group, Palmer, AK, March 2021-November 2022

Assistant Director, Anchorage Community Theater Production of "Ordinary Days," Anchorage, AK, March 2022

Vocal and Acting Coach, Anchorage Cabarets, Anchorage, AK, February 2020- present

Cantor, St. Andrew Catholic Church, Eagle River, AK, September 2015- present **Adjudicator**, National Trial Competition, Boston, MA (via Zoom), February 2022.

Adjudicator, "Miss Anchorage" Pageant, Anchorage, AK, March 2022.

Adjudicator, "Miss Alaska Collegiate" Pageant, Anchorage, AK, October 2021.

Volunteer, Catholic Social Services Thanksgiving Blessing, Anchorage, AK, November 2020- present **DAO**

Representative, Statewide Child Fatality Review Committee, Anchorage, AK, December 2019- June 2020

Member, Attorney Discipline Committee, Alaska Bar Association, Anchorage, AK, May 2017- June 2020 **AGO**

Representative, Family Infant-Toddler Court Policy & Procedure Group, Palmer, AK Feb. 2016-Dec. 2016

AGO Representative, State/Tribal Partnership, Casey Families ICWA Foster Care Recruitment Project, Bethel, AK, May 2014

AGO Representative/Facilitator, Multidisciplinary Child Protection Team, policy and procedure group, Bethel, AK, 2013- 2014

Community Volunteer, Bethel Soup Kitchen, Bethel AK, 2013-2014

EDUCATION

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA, Sept. 2008- May 2011

Awards/Honors: Macaronis Civil Litigation Concentration, Distinction, 2011, Distinguished Oral Advocate, Legal Practice Skills Program, 2009, Dean's List 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011. 🏆 Honor Boards and Moot Court Experience: Staff member, Suffolk Law School Journal of High Technology 2010-2011; Member, Suffolk Law School National Trial Team, September 2009- 2011

Syracuse University, College of Visual and Performing Arts and Maxwell School of Citizenship, Syracuse, NY, 2004-2008

B.S. Musical Theater; History

Honors: Dean's List 2004-2005, 2007-2008, Founder's Scholar 2004-2008

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Contract Attorney, Suffolk University Law School Juvenile Criminal Defense Clinic, Boston, MA, May 2012-July 2012

I represented indigent clients at all stages of the criminal process: arraignments, pretrial conferences, pretrial hearings, probation violation hearings, plea negotiations, and trials, post-graduation.

Associate Attorney, Law Offices of James J. Coviello, Criminal Defense Practice, Boston, MA, Nov. 2011- July 2012

I represented indigent clients in criminal matters in Superior and Federal Court with the partner. I drafted and filed motions and pleadings in Superior Court and Federal Court. I counseled clients throughout the legal process.

LICENSURE

Massachusetts: Nov. 14, 2011 (inactive as of November 2016, in good standing)

Alaska: May 24, 2013 (active, in good standing)

Eligible for Admission: New York, exam passed July 2011; eligible for admission on motion to reciprocal jurisdictions with Alaska and Massachusetts.

INTERESTS

Classically trained singer and instrumentalist, ski racing, music, art, fashion design, community service, boxing, yoga, theater.