

Sam Laffey

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EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY, Anchorage, Alaska

2022 - Present

Assistant Public Advocate

State attorney representing clients across the State of Alaska. Primarily representing parents involved in civil, Child in Need cases. Approximately 20% of my caseload has been minor representation. Through this job I have developed a familiarity and rapport state and parents attorneys, GALs, Tribes, and OCS workers across the state. I am experienced at litigating discovery issues and burdens of proof, and have held depositions. I have developed an extensive knowledge of the Indian Child Welfare Act and best practices for OCS. I have done over 25 contested trials and extensive motions practice.

ANCHORAGE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Anchorage, Alaska

2021 - 2022

Assistant District Attorney

Prosecutor responsible for handling financial felony crimes. Disposed 300+ cases in a year, presented 60+ cases to the grand jury, resolved over 35 substantive motions. Worked closely with law enforcement to investigate and prosecute crimes.

AMERICAN SAMOA TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT, American Samoa

2021

Assistant Attorney General

Dual position as a prosecutor and legal counsel for territory government agencies. Counsel to the Commissioner of Office of Financial Institutions and the DBAS. Advised government agencies on pending litigation and monetary issues.

WYOMING DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, Pinedale, Wyoming

2020 - 2021

Term Clerk to The Honorable Judge Marvin Tyler

Conferred with Judge Tyler during hearings, trials, and during a Wyoming Supreme Court case. Researched and wrote judicial decision letters. Presided over child welfare hearings as a District Court Court Commissioner.

WYOMING SUPREME COURT, Cheyenne, Wyoming

Spring 2020

Judicial Extern to The Honorable Justice Keith G. Kautz

Assisted Justice Kautz and his staff by drafting memos and conducting research regarding pending supreme court cases.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP & BUSINESS LAW PRACTICUM, Laramie, Wyoming

2019 - 2020

Student Director

Managed a law clinic comprised of law students and supervised by a tenured faculty member. I was selected as the practicum's Outstanding Student by the overseeing professor. The clinic handles various transactional matters for its clients.

WYOMING DISTRICT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, Cody, Wyoming

Judicial Intern to The Honorable Judge Bill Simpson

Summer 2019

Authored five substantial judicial decision letters. Analyzed briefs, orders, and statutes for Judge Simpson and his staff.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, J.D.

May 2020

Honors: 2019 Davis & Cannon Natural Resources Moot Court Competition, *First Place*; 2020 Energy Negotiation Competition, *Finalist*; 2019 ABA Negotiation Competition, *Semi-Finalist*; Oil & Gas Law "High A", 2019-2020 Entrepreneurship & Business Law Practicum Outstanding Student

Activities: Potter Law Club, *ABA Representative and SBA President*; Board of Advocates, *Vice President*; Research Assistant for Professor Dee Pridgen

Study Abroad: Cambridge, England, Summer 2017, *Trade and Human Rights & The Brexit Crisis*

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING, M.B.A.

May 2020

Activities: Consulting Project, HopeHearth, LLC; Consulting Project, Blue Federal Credit Union; Consulting Project, Lander, Wyoming Start-Up

Study Abroad: Germany and Czech Republic, Fall 2018, *Wyoming & Pforzheim University MBA International Exchange*

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY, B.A. in Economics and History, cum laude, top 6%

2015

Honors: Awarded the Ben W. Garcia Economics Scholarship for the faculty-judged, best undergraduate paper

Activities: University Facility Fee Advisory Board, *Chairman*
Dean Search Committee, College of Liberal Arts (ultimately hired Dean Bill Withers)

PROFESSIONAL LISCENSES

Wyoming, Admitted, September 2020; UBE Score: 296, July 2020, Bar Number: 7-6480.

Alaska, Admitted, April 2021, Bar Number: 2103021, Bar Exam Grader, Member of the Board of Attorney Discipline.

Montana, Admitted (Inactive), March 2021, Bar Number: 66568001.

American Samoa, Admitted, July 2021.