

## 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.