

Joseph T. Poulsen

EDUCATION

Western New England University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, 2016

Honors: Henry T. Downey Award; National Order of Scribes; Dean's List – Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2014; CALI Award, Contracts – Spring 2014; Merit scholarship recipient

Activities: *Western New England Law Review* – Production Editor, 2015-16; Junior Staff, 2014-15

Southern Connecticut State University, B.A., 2012

Honors: Dean's List – Spring 2008; School record holder, 3000m steeplechase; NCAA National qualifier

Activities: Captain, Cross Country and Track and Field

EXPERIENCE

Law Clerk

May 2014 – Present

Law Office of Karen A. Fisher, LLC

Seymour, CT

Assist in all facets of civil, family, and probate matters including pleading drafting and legal research. Draft and prepare Estate Planning and Real Estate closing documents. Conduct one-on-one client meetings.

Student Attorney/Clinician (Legal Services Clinic)

January – April 2016

Community Legal Aid

Springfield, MA

SJC Rule 3:03 certified Student Attorney assisting low-income and elderly tenants facing eviction.

Extern

August – November 2015

Massachusetts Superior Court

Springfield, MA

Draft decisions. Conduct legal research to discuss pending matters with judges. Spectate trials and hearings. Assist term clerks as needed.

Teaching Assistant

January – April 2015

Professor Sudha Setty, Contracts – Western New England School of Law

Springfield, MA

Hold review sessions for 1L class. Meet individually with students as needed to discuss any substantive issue. Work closely with Professor Setty to monitor and enhance progress of the class.

Extern

January – April 2015

Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General, Western Massachusetts Division

Springfield, MA

Conduct legal research and writing, including drafting motions and legal memoranda in various civil areas including: consumer protection, civil defense litigation, and business and labor protection. Assist attorneys with trial preparation.

Law Clerk

October – December 2014

Facchini & Facchini, P.C.

Springfield, MA

Conduct legal research and draft memoranda of law and other pleadings for various civil matters.

Intern

May – August 2014

Law Offices of Jennifer LaRese, LLC

Seymour, CT

Assist attorney with research regarding bankruptcy exemptions and compliance with state construction laws. Draft correspondence to creditors and clients. Conduct title searches.

PUBLICATIONS

Compelled Speech—Connecticut and Massachusetts: Inadvertently Inviting Suppression of Dissident Political Suppression, 38 W. New Eng. L. Rev. 89 (2016).