

Premela G. Deck

BAR ADMISSIONS

Massachusetts, June 2016

North Carolina, August 2016

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Ph.D., *Social Work*, expected May 2020

Western New England Law School, Springfield, Massachusetts

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, February 2016

GPA: 3.55 (Top 10%); Dean's List all semesters

Honors: CALI Excellence for the Future Awards (*highest score in class*)

-Contracts, Criminal Procedure, Legal Mediation, Domestic Violence law

Public Interest Scholar Award (*significant scholarship plus stipend for public interest work*)

Merit Scholarship Recipient

Levi/Sedan Scholarship Recipient (*for academic excellence*)

Activities: *Western New England Law Review*, Research Editor

Teaching Assistant for Legal Mediation

Judicial Appeals Board

National Moot Court Team

Springfield School of Social Work, Springfield, Massachusetts

Master's in Social Work, December 2015

GPA: 3.97

Honors: Phi Alpha National Honor Society (*honor society for social work excellence*)

Activities: *School of Social Work Journal*, Student Editor

Graduate Fellow

Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Massachusetts

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; Bachelor of Arts in History, December 2011

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

North Carolina Supreme Court, Raleigh, NC

February 2016- May 2016

Law Clerk and Executive Assistant to the Honorable Justice Beasley

Analyzed, discussed, researched, and wrote about complex civil and criminal legal issues in time-sensitive and high-pressure cases. Wrote bench and petition memoranda. Edited draft opinions and collaborated with Justice Beasley and the Court on how to best structure solutions to these complex legal issues.

Harvard Law Defenders, Cambridge, MA

Summer 2015

Jack T. Litman Fellow

Represented low-income clients in criminal show-cause hearings in Boston area courts. Conducted legal research, developed case strategies, cross-examined witnesses, and argued on behalf of clients before clerk magistrates. Managed the Harvard Defenders office and performed all associated legal and administrative functions. Authored a research paper on reconciling conflicting ethical obligations between social workers and attorneys during collaboration, to be presented at the annual Jack T. Litman Fellowship Symposium.

City of Springfield, Code Enforcement, Springfield, MA

Spring 2012 – Spring 2015

Law Clerk

Drafted complaints, petitions, motions, and proposed orders to be filed in court. Conducted legal research and writing. Mediated with defendants to negotiate and create a timeline for rehabilitation of properties. Organized inspections of properties to determine compliance with court orders and agreements. Designed a protocol for condemnation due to hoarding that recognizes legal and psychological needs.

Norfolk County Probate and Family Court, Canton, MA

Fall 2009 – Summer 2010

Judicial Executive Assistant

Assisted Judge Christina L. Harms, Judge George Phelan, and Judge Angela M. Ordoñez with documenting decisions on individual 1A and 1B divorces for the parties. Drafted findings of fact. Participated in mediations between parties and probation officers.

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Springfield School of Social Work, Springfield, MA

Fall 2013 - Fall 2014

Graduate Fellow

Organized research, presentations, and projects for the Dean of Social Work. Assisted the Dean in marketing the School of Social Work. Arranged open houses for prospective students. Traveled to undergraduate schools to

promote the school and the Juris Doctor/Master's in Social Work dual degree program. Conducted and presented research to local social work supervisors at a symposium dedicated to loan forgiveness.

SquareOne, Springfield, MA

Fall 2013 - Fall 2014

Social Work Student Intern

Researched hoarding disorder and aided clients with hoarding disorder to help set and reach attainable clean-out goals. Co-led group therapy sessions with young mothers. Conducted child group sessions designed to facilitate effective communication techniques. Conducted job-hunting workshops to assist clients with their resume and interviewing skills.

PUBLICATION

Premela Deck, *Law and Social Work: Reconciling Conflicting Ethical Obligations Between Two Seemingly Opposing Disciplines to Create a Collaborative Law Practice*, 38 W. NEW ENG. L. REV. 263 (2016).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Appointed to the North Carolina Advocates for Justice Task Force on Mass Incarceration