*Litigation attorney with eleven years of experience representing survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse and neglect in court proceedings, client relations, and all aspects of litigation. Possesses a Bachelor’s in Business Management, a Doctor of Jurisprudence, and a Louisiana State Bar License.*

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

## SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA LEGAL SERVICES New Orleans, LA

*Domestic Violence Collaborative Managing Attorney* May 2023 – present Supervise six attorneys and four support staff in the domestic violence family law unit handling protection order, custody, divorce, housing, and other cases in four parishes and three offices in addition to continuing all work conducted as staff attorney. Operate and fulfill the Domestic Violence Academy grant, providing training, support, and resources for attorneys representing domestic violence survivors across the State through the Louisiana Bar Foundation. Train and mentor attorneys through the LSBA LIFT incubator program.

*Staff Attorney* Nov. 2015 – May 2023

Represent survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault in family law proceedings, including divorce, custody, protection orders, and support matters in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes. Participate in community and statewide meetings and coalitions while serving clients through our office at the New Orleans Family Justice Center. Provide in-person domestic violence legal rights trainings to survivors and to community partners as well as training new attorneys in both litigation and trauma-informed client services.

*Lutz Fellow* Nov. 2014 – Nov. 2015

Obtained first ever Lutz Fellowship through Tulane University and represented child victims of abuse and neglect in Child in Need of Care proceedings. Responsibilities as a Child Welfare Attorney included interviewing and building relationships with child victims of physical and sexual abuse; appearing and litigating frequently in court; advocating for clients’ needs and necessary services through the Department of Children and Family Services; filing and defending relevant pleadings on behalf of clients. Maintained a caseload of over 100 child clients at a time.

## TULANE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC New Orleans, LA

*Student Attorney* Aug. 2014 – May 2014

Represented victims of domestic violence in civil matters, including protective orders, divorce, custody, child support, and injunctions. Drafted petitions and judgments, along with memoranda of law on community property, military benefits, and interstate domestic violence. Conducted client interviews and file court documents on behalf of clients.

## CATER & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. New Orleans, LA

*Law clerk* Feb. 2013 – Nov. 2014

Researched and drafted memoranda on issues related to medical malpractice, personal injury claims, and contract disputes. Drafted petitions for damages, motions for summary judgment, medical review panel submissions, answers to petitions and discovery.

**PROJECT S.A.V.E. New Orleans, LA**

*Volunteer* Jan. 2013 – April 2013

Assisted Staff Attorneys in representation of survivors of Domestic Violence through Protection Order proceedings. Attended frequent Protection Order hearings and assisted attorneys and clients in completing Temporary Restraining Order and Protection Order forms and pleadings.

# EDUCATION

TULANE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, New Orleans, LA

Juris Doctor, May 2014, *Civil Law Curriculum*

Honors: Editor-In-Chief, Tulane Journal of Law and Sexuality, *Vol. 23*

Student Attorney, Tulane Domestic Violence Clinic Dean’s Merit Scholarship

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, College Station, TX

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, May 2010

# LICENSES

Admitted to the Louisiana Bar, October 2014

# LANGUAGES

Near fluency in written and spoken Spanish

# COMMITTEES AND INVOLVEMENT

New Orleans Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee

New Orleans Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Action Coalition

New Orleans Domestic Violence Firearms Transfer Task Force

New Orleans Domestic Violence Prevention Committee

# AWARDS

2019 Children’s Hospital of New Orleans Trees For Life Recipient

# PRESENTATIONS

Domestic Violence in Family Law, Loyola Law School Family Law and Children’s Rights Clinics, March 2025 and January 2024

Negotiation Skills and Ethical Considerations for Legal Aid Attorneys, LSBA Access to Justice Conference, November 2024

The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Custody, Loyola Family Law Conference, November 2023

Realities of Family Law Litigation for DV Survivors, New Orleans Family Justice Center, March 2023

Discovery Tactics in Family Law Cases, LSBA Access to Justice Conference, October 2019