

# Cassandra Van Gompel

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## EDUCATION

### **Marquette University Law School**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2016

Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Certificates, May 2016

Leadership: Vice President of Criminal Law Society  
Student Advisory Board Member of the Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic  
Public Relations Chair of Public Interest Law Society  
President of Client Skills Board

Awards: ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition Regional Champion  
Association for Women Lawyers Virginia A. Pomeroy Memorial Scholarship Recipient  
Public Interest Law Society Fellowship Recipient  
Wisconsin Association for Corporate Council Fellowship Recipient  
Inductee to Marquette University Law School Pro Bono Society

### **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Communications (double major), *cum laude*, May 2013

Minor: History; Certificates: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Studies and Community Leadership

Leadership: Mock Trial at the University of Wisconsin, President and Captain

Awards: Mock Trial: Plaintiff Outstanding Attorney Award; Defense Outstanding Attorney Award

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office**

Local Attorney Manager, January 2021 – Present

- In addition to Assistant Public Defender duties, supervised an office of seven attorneys serving two counties
- Served on County Committees including Fond du Lac County Drug Court, Fond du Lac County Security, Fond du Lac CHIPS, and Green Lake County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee

Assistant State Public Defender, May 2016 – January 2021

- Drafted and argued motions regarding: clients' constitutional and statutory rights, County's Motion for Summary Judgement in Child in Need of Protection and Services, and discovery issues
- Represented clients in felony, misdemeanor, juvenile, civil commitments, CHIPS, and child support cases
- Strategized responses to changing policies in the county to calculate appropriate actions on behalf of our office
- Brought multiple cases to jury trial and court trial in criminal, juvenile, and civil commitment cases

### **West Allis City Attorney's Office**, West Allis, Wisconsin

Legal Intern and Student Practitioner, May 2015 – May 2016

- Represented the City of West Allis in municipal court trials and pretrial negotiations
- Drafted summons and complaint in over sixty small claims cases filed Milwaukee County Circuit Court
- Assisted in preparing proposed changes to West Allis Municipal Code

### **United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Wisconsin**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Intern and Student Practitioner, January 2015 – May 2015

- Drafted memoranda involving issues of sentencing, joinder, damages, and evidentiary questions
- Prepared the argument section of a successfully argued Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals appellant brief

### **United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit**, Chicago, Illinois

Legal Intern, August 2014 – November 2014

- Attended oral arguments and discussed cases with litigating attorneys at the conclusion of oral arguments
- Discussed and observed appellant process with staff attorneys, settlement conference attorneys, and court staff

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Sheboygan Jaycees** Positions: President; Chairman of the Board, Vice President of Management  
Awards: Director of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Jaycee of the Month (twice)  
Committees: Sheboygan Jaycees Bylaws Committee (Chair), Membership (Director)  
Events: Lunch with Bunny (Chair), Turkey Baskets (Chair), Tournament of Taverns (Chair),  
Brat Days (Committee Member), Scholarships (Committee Member)
- JCI Wisconsin** Positions: President; Vice President of Management, Vice President of Individual Development  
Committees: JCI Wisconsin Bylaws Committee (Chair); JCI Wisconsin Elections (Chair)
- JCI USA** Positions: Board of Directors (Voting Member)  
Committees: JCI USA Credentialing
- Youth and Government Head Supreme Court Advisor** May 2009 – February 2020
- Youth and Government Head Delegation Advisor** September 2022 – Present
- University Legal Clinic** January 2012 – May 2013 | Volunteer Paralegal (over 450 hours of service)
- Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic** September 2013 – May 2016 (over 120 hours of service)
- Milwaukee Justice Center Family Law Help Desk** September 2013 – December 2014
- Domestic Violence Injunction Hearing Clinic** September 2013 – April 2014

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- President: Sheboygan County Bar Association, June 2020 - June 2021
- Secretary: Sheboygan County Bar Association, June 2019 - June 2020
- Nominee: 2020 Athena Leadership Award from the Sheboygan Chamber of Commerce
- Guest Speaker: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Criminal Justice Course and Mock Trial Course
- Volunteer Judge: University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Mock Trial Tournament  
Marquette University Law School Negotiation Competitions and Mediation Competitions  
State Bar of Wisconsin Mock Trial Competition Judge
- Legal Research: LexisNexis Associate
- Intern: Wisconsin State Public Defender - Milwaukee Juvenile/Mental Health
- Champion: Marquette University Law School Intramural Mediation Competition (two years in a row)
- Champion: Marquette University Law School Intramural Negotiation Competition
- Regional Tournament Participant: American Bar Association Law Student Division Mediation Competition
- Regional Tournament Participant: American Bar Association Law Student Division Negotiation Competition
- President: Pi Sigma Alpha-Epsilon Xi at University of Wisconsin Milwaukee
- Intern: United States Senator Herb Kohl