

# Brett R. Blomme, JD

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Results driven non-profit executive with significant experience in the practice of law. Demonstrated fund raising skill. Has an eye for stewardship and an empowering personality with a passion for building long lasting and meaningful relationships. Experienced in:

- Direct Solicitation of Funds
- Board of Directors Management
- Litigation
- Jury and Court Trials
- Legal Research
- Racial & Ethnic Justice
- Budget Creation and Management
- Staff Supervision

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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### **Cream City Foundation**

**June 2017 – Present**

#### **PRESIDENT & CEO**

As the Chief Executive Officer, I work collaboratively with the Board of Directors to develop and execute the vision of the organization. I oversee all aspects of the day to day operation.

- Provide the vision, direction, inspiration and motivation necessary to ensure the Foundation's success. Provide leadership by demonstrating good judgment, being an effective communicator, working with staff, donors and community leaders, building consensus, providing appropriate guidance and oversight, and being able to motivate individuals.
- Work with the Board of Directors to help ensure that the Board is properly constituted and trained to conduct effective governance.
- Provide oversight and direction in raising funds to support the operations of the Foundation and to attract new donors. Manage fundraising and resource development in coordination with the Fund Development Committee of the Board.
- Work with the Board and staff to develop programming, grant making, and grant management strategies and systems aligned with the vision and mission of the organization and ensure that such strategies and systems are implemented well. Establish strong working relationships with other community leaders to promote the image and goals of the Foundation and to facilitate other community efforts.
- Develop, implement and maintain the infrastructure of the Foundation to ensure efficient and effective operations according to best practices and ethical guidelines including effective report of financials, cash flow, break-even financial results and achievement of the goals set forth in the Foundation Strategy Map.
- Ensure that staff and volunteers are properly selected, supported and guided and that their professional development is nurtured.

**AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin****January 2016 – June 2017****DIRECTOR OF MAJOR GIFTS**

As a member of the senior leadership team and supervisor, work with the development team to secure over \$3.3 million annually to support the mission of the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

- Personally managed a portfolio of over 100 major gift donors and prospective donors. Conducted face to face meetings with donors to cultivate a more significant relationship with ARCW. Provided information and updates on the services that ARCW provides and directly solicit them for their annual or capital donation.
- Provided stewardship to these donors throughout the gift cycle process.
- Provided leadership and strategic direction to the direct mail solicitation of all individual donors, including preparation of letters, pledge forms with appropriate themes and messaging.
- Collaborated with the graphic designer and communications team on tailoring messaging in correspondence to donors.
- Coordinated the Point of Entry program. These events served as an opportunity to introduce prospective donors and supporters to the organization and provided an overview of the programs and services.
- Through OPEN Madison, developed an extensive personal and professional network of LGBT professionals, entrepreneurs, and others throughout the state of Wisconsin.

**City of Madison – Office of the City Attorney****January 2015 – January 2016****ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY**

- Prosecuted violations of the City of Madison's ordinances, and traffic violations. Represented the City in jury and court trials, motion hearings, pre-trial conferences, sentencing hearings, and other court hearings.
- Provided legal counsel and representation to City officials and managers, particularly the Madison Police Department on compliance with the law.
- Researched and wrote motions and professional memorandum regarding a variety of legal issues relating to the prosecution of municipal citations and representing city officials in legal proceedings.
- Served on the City of Madison's Racial Equity plan team, representing the Office of the City Attorney. In conjunction with the City of Madison's Department of Civil Rights, charged with developing the Office of the City Attorney's affirmative action plan.
- Served on the Board of Directors for the Government Lawyer's Division of the Wisconsin Bar Association, providing a voice to attorneys who are employed by governmental agencies, in the governance of the Wisconsin Bar Association.

**Office of the State Public Defender****January 2011 – January 2015****ASSISTANT STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

- Represented indigent defendants in felony and misdemeanor prosecutions, probation revocation proceedings, and civil commitment proceedings.
- Researched and wrote motions and professional memorandum regarding a variety of legal issues relating to the prosecution of municipal citations and representing city officials in legal proceedings.
- Reviewed and analyzed legal discovery including expert psychologist reports, law enforcement reports, witness statements, photographic evidence and digital discovery.
- Graduate of YWCA of Madison's *Racial Justice Workshop* – a multi-day training focused on identifying racial privilege and providing building blocks on combating the effects privilege has on our communities.

**Wisconsin State Assembly – Office Representative Jon Richards August 2009 – January 2011**

**LEGISLATIVE AIDE**

- Developed and executed plans to guide legislation through the legislative process: drafted bills, facilitated compromise between stakeholders, and garnered community support.
- Conducted in-depth legal and political research on pending legislation. Specific emphasis on legislation before the Judiciary and Ethics Committee, the Energy and Utilities Committee, and the Joint Committee on Finance.

**EDUCATION**

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**University of Missouri**, Columbia, Missouri  
**Juris Doctor**, May 2009

**Marquette University**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
**Bachelor of Arts**, May 2004  
Major: Political Science  
Minor: Social Philosophy

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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**Wisconsin Bar Association**

- Served on the Board of Directors for the Government Lawyer's Division

**Rotary Club of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI**

- Member, Young Professionals Committee