

**DANIELLE L.
SHELTON**

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

State Public Defender: *Assistant State Public Defender* (March 2006-Present)

Positively impacting the lives of indigent defendants charged with crimes. Expertly represent over 100 clients at any given time. Manage cases involving felonies, misdemeanors, and mental commitments. Direct, lead, and execute every stage of the legal process—interviewing clients, questioning witnesses, reviewing police reports, and overseeing the trial to resolution. Draft and file motions, including motions to suppress evidence or dismiss the case. Author briefs, submit detailed case arguments and summaries to trial courts. Highlighted litigation includes:

- Successfully negotiated with the prosecutor for an expungeable charge for a client accused of robbing a bank.
- Earned a case dismissal on behalf of a client charged with felony operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. Submitted a motion to suppress evidence that proved that the arresting officer pulled the defendant over illegally, violating critical constitutional rights guaranteed by the Fourth Amendment.
- Protected a client from serious charges of unlawful distribution of over 1100 grams of cocaine. Through meticulous examination of the evidence, detailed cross examination of the accusers, proved that only a misdemeanor offense of possession took place, thus avoided a maximum sentence of forty years.

SUPERVISOR:

Legal Action of Wisconsin/SeniorLAW: *Attorney* (April 2004 to March 2006)

Advocated for senior citizens in civil actions in an effort to protect against criminal loss or to recover damages due to victimization. Defended against guardianship petitions in probate court. As a civil litigator the practice consisted of filing complaints against individuals and corporations, discovery demands, briefs, depositions, trials as well as post judgment relief. Highlighted litigation includes:

- Litigated, briefed and filed an appellate issue case regarding the conflict between a Power of Attorney and a Joint Account Owner that went to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin.
- Negotiated a large settlement for an elderly woman from a Fortune 500 corporation for negligently allowing my client to be victimized by identity theft.
- Coordinated senior citizen services with Milwaukee County Department of Aging.

SUPERVISOR:

Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office: *Intern* (Fall and Spring 2002/2003)

Consulted with prosecutors on charging crimes, wrote and argued Fourth and Fifth Amendment issue motions, handled preliminary, plea and sentencing hearings, negotiated with defense attorneys and second chaired criminal trials.

SUPERVISOR:

Habush, Habush & Rottier S.C: *Summer Associate* (Summer 2002)

Worked with attorneys in a variety of capacities that included writing trial and appellate briefs, writing motions, interrogatories and demand letters, and interviewing clients and witnesses.

SUPERVISOR:

Unemployment Clinic: *Intern* (Spring 2002)

Advocated for claimants at unemployment compensation hearings and wrote appeals to the Labor Industry Review Committee.

SUPERVISOR:

Mediation Clinic: *Intern* (Summer 2001)

Lead Mediation sessions between plaintiffs and defendants in small claims court.

SUPERVISOR:

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

American Express Financial Advisors – Brookfield, WI, January 1998
to December 2001. *Financial Advisor*

- Obtained and maintained series 7 and 63 securities licenses as well as Life and Health Insurance licenses.
- Implemented financial plans in the areas of investments, insurance, taxation, qualified plans and estate preservation.
- Developed marketing strategies to locate and retain clients.
- Presented financial planning seminars to corporations and organizations in the greater Milwaukee and Chicago Metropolitan area.
- Successfully managed over \$3 million portfolio for maximum growth and income.

MILITARY

U.S. Army Reserves, 84th Division, *Training officer*

- Responsible for collective and individual training of 250 personnel in an armory unit.

EDUCATION

- Juris Doctorate, 5/2003, Marquette University Law School
- Bachelor of Arts, 12/1997, University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, International Relations major/minors in History, Political Science and Spanish
- Military Training: ROTC at University of Wisconsin Milwaukee

ACTIVITIES

- Milwaukee Bar Association (member)
- American Constitution Society (member)
- Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers (member)
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (volunteer)
- Women's Soccer Club (member)
- YMCA Camp Matawa (former board member)