

**Eric S. Sanford**  
XXXXXX, Holmen, WI XXXXX  
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**La Crosse County, La Crosse, WI.**

**2023 – Present**

*Family Court Commissioner*

- Preside over Injunction requests and family law cases involving divorce, custody, support, paternity, domestic violence, and harassment. Manage a high-volume caseload, ensuring timely case resolution.
- Interpret and apply Wisconsin family law statutes to ensure fair, legally sound rulings. Stay current on family law developments to ensure rulings align with evolving legal standards and best practices.
- Evaluate evidence, arguments, and witness testimony to make well-reasoned judicial determinations and issue legally binding decisions that balance legal principles with the best interests of children.
- Protect vulnerable individuals, including victims of domestic violence and children, through appropriate legal measures such as restraining orders and custody determinations.
- Ensure due process and procedural fairness, upholding the integrity of the legal system.

**State of Wisconsin, La Crosse, WI.**

**2019 – 2023**

*Assistant District Attorney*

- Sensitive crimes prosecutor handling a diverse caseload ranging from domestic violence and sexual assaults to multi-jurisdictional internet crimes against children.
- Extensive trial and litigation experience working with colleagues on multiday trials; managing numerous lay witnesses and expert witnesses.
- Work with several stake holders within the criminal justice system to better address the criminogenic needs of offenders to promote future public safety while seeking just outcomes for victims of crimes.
- Train law enforcement on current case law and statute updates to stay ahead on present legal issues.
- Previous Team representative on the diversion committee seeking to reduce the impact the criminal justice system has on a first-time offender while offering services to address their criminogenic needs.

**Berkos Law Offices, Onalaska, WI.**

**2016 – 2019**

*Attorney Partner*

- Managed branch office operations, growing a strong client base while maintaining financial efficiency.
- Provided diligent legal representation in criminal, family, and real estate matters, handling negotiations, litigation, and transactional work.
- Developed professional relationships to enhance client advocacy and achieve optimal case outcomes.

**State of Wisconsin, La Crosse, WI.**

**2011 – 2016**

*Assistant State Public Defender – Trial Division*

- Provided skilled legal defense for indigent clients in criminal cases, civil commitments, and administrative hearings.
- Managed a high-volume caseload, conducting motion practice, plea negotiations, and jury trials.
- Named an "**Up and Coming Lawyer**" by the *Wisconsin Law Journal* in 2015.

**EDUCATION**

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**Juris Doctor**, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI

**May 2011**

**Bachelor of Science**, Edgewood College, Madison, WI

**December 2004**