

MOLLY GENA

EMPLOYMENT

Legal Action of Wisconsin (LAW), Milwaukee, WI

Managing Attorney, Milwaukee office, May 2019 – present

Supervising Attorney, September 2011 – May 2019; *Staff Attorney*, August 2007 – May 2019

- Supervised, trained, and evaluated other attorneys and case managers at the Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability (CDLRE) located at Milwaukee Area Technical College
- Represented low-income individuals in driver's license recovery. Previously also represented clients on criminal background matters and tenants in eviction cases and other housing issues
- Developed and maintained relationships with key CDLRE stakeholders, funders, and community organizations
- Participated in hiring process for attorneys, case managers and administrative assistants at CDLRE
- Co-authored CDLRE newsletter, planned CDLRE programming, and negotiated contracts for the CDLRE
- Represented LAW and CDLRE in Community Workforce Partnership, a network of community organizations that provide services to address barriers to employment
- Testified to the Wisconsin legislature in support of legislative changes to assist low-income individuals

City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

Election Inspector, November 2016- present

Wisconsin Innocence Project, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI

Student Advocate, August 2005 – May 2007; *Project Assistant*, May 2005 – August 2005

- Investigated and litigated claims of innocence; researched and established defenses to wrongful convictions
- Drafted motions, briefs, affidavits, and client correspondence; interviewed clients and witnesses

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Ohio, Cleveland, OH

Law Clerk, May - August 2006; *Program Coordinator*, October 2003 – July 2004; *Program Associate*, July 2002 – October 2003

- Drafted brief to the Supreme Court of Ohio, legal memos and briefs, client correspondence, letters to the editor, student rights guide, grant proposals, newsletter/website content, fundraising letters, press releases, and legislative surveys; created brand new intake procedure for prison and jail inmates
- Handled interviews with media and organized press packets for media events
- Spoke to a variety of groups about reproductive rights, the death penalty and the USA Patriot Act
- Ohio Death Penalty Moratorium Campaign Coordinator and Secretary for Ohioans to Stop Executions
- Founded ACLU of Ohio Moratorium Committee and co-chaired Freedom of Choice Cleveland Coalition

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinic, Milwaukee, WI

Advisory Board member, February 2018- present

Volunteer Attorney, September 2007 – present

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Chapter Board, Milwaukee, WI

Chair, January 2018- February 2021

Treasurer, January 2017- January 2018

Secretary, October 2014- January 2017

Member, October 2014- present

Wisconsin Election Protection, Milwaukee, WI

Volunteer Attorney, November 2008 – November 2016

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI

J.D., *cum laude*, May 2007

- Bruce K. Beilfuss Memorial Award for outstanding service to the law school, May 2007
- *Wisconsin Law Review*, Note and Comment editor
Comment, *Shaken Baby Syndrome: Medical Uncertainty Throws Doubt on Convictions*, 2007 Wis. L. Rev. 701

Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), Cleveland, OH

B.A. in Political Science, *magna cum laude*, May 2002 (Minor in photography)