

The Honorable Eric R. Heywood

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EXPERIENCE

Winnebago County Circuit Court

Judicial Court Commissioner, June 2022-present

- Preside over cases for criminal bond, felony preliminary examination, juvenile delinquency, child welfare, mental health emergency, guardianship placement, traffic and forfeiture citations, evictions, and small claims.
- Implement policies and procedures for efficient and fair court operation.
- Preside over teen court at local schools.
- Serve as Vice President of Conflict Resolution Center.
- Involved with Mental Health Court and SOAR Drug Diversion Program

Wisconsin State Public Defender's Office, Green Bay, WI and Oshkosh, WI

Assistant State Public Defender, July 2012- June 2022

Mental Health Practice Coordinator, Apr. 2021- June 2022

Training Coordinator, Feb. 2019-Mar. 2021

- Represented indigent clients in criminal, juvenile, and mental health proceedings
- Provided consultation, training, and outreach in mental health law cases
- Developed training curriculum based on legal developments and agency needs
- Directly supervised new attorneys as mentor
- Editor of *Wisconsin Criminal Defense Manual*
- Contributor to *Mental Health Law in Wisconsin*
- Recipient of 2019 Wisconsin Law Journal Up and Coming Lawyer Award
- Member of Waushara Treatment Court and Winnebago Ending Youth Exploitation
- Brown County Heroin Response Initiative and Drug and Veteran Treatment Courts

Green Lake, Marquette, and Waushara County District Attorney's Offices

Tri-County Community Safety Diversion Prosecutor, June 2011-July 2012

- Managed and developed policies for diversion program to avoid criminal convictions
- Established partnerships with local providers in rural setting to provide services
- Acted as interim District Attorney in Marquette County from Aug.-Oct. 2011

Winnebago County District Attorney's Office, Oshkosh, WI

Special Prosecutor, Jan. 2012-July 2012; Prosecution Project Student Intern, Summer 2010

- Handled jury trials, conducted preliminary hearings, and argued sentencing
- Drafted criminal complaints, briefs, motions, and legal memoranda

Community Justice, Inc., Madison, WI

Attorney, Jan. 2011-June 2011

- Provided affordable legal services in family, criminal, housing, and employment cases

Honorable Amy Smith, Dane County Circuit Court, Madison, WI

Judicial Intern, Aug. 2010-Dec. 2010

- Drafted legal memoranda, researched Wisconsin law, and observed court proceedings

Frank J. Remington Center, UW Law School, Madison, WI

Legal Assistance to Institutionalized Persons Clinical Student, May 2009-May 2010

- Corresponded with state prisoners, analyzed claims, and drafted motions for relief

Habitat for Humanity, Des Moines, IA and Madison, WI

AmeriCorps Member, May 2007-July 2008

- Built affordable housing, recruited volunteers, and developed publications
- Worked at ReStore to process and resell donated building supplies

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School

J.D., Aug. 2008-Dec. 2010

- Criminal Law Certificate of Concentration
- Recipient of Ray and Ethel Brown Award for Character, Leadership, and Service
- *Wisconsin International Law Journal*, Articles Editor
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, President
 - 2010 National Mock Trial Competition, Team Captain
- Student Hurricane Network, President
 - Planned and participated in trips to provide legal aid to Gulf Coast area
- Student Council, Law School Representative

University of Wisconsin–Madison

B.S., Mathematics, Aug. 2005-May 2007