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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CALHOUN BHELLA LLP, Litigation Attorney Partner

Costa Mesa, CA (2024-Present)

- Continued to oversee and participate in all aspects of civil litigation, including cutting edge cases of first impression.
- Continued to demonstrate superior research, writing, analytical, oral advocacy, deposition, negotiation, and case management skills.

KEESAL YOUNG & LOGAN, Litigation Attorney Associate

Long Beach, CA (2013-2024)

- Demonstrated superior research, writing, analytical, oral advocacy, deposition, and negotiation skills at all stages of litigation.
- Experienced in diverse areas of litigation including employment, securities and financial services, mortgage and community banking, bankruptcy, appellate, maritime, personal injury, unfair business practices and torts, health care coverage/billing, etc.

LEGAL EXTERN TO HONORABLE M. MARGARET McKEON, NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

San Diego, CA (2013)

- Drafted appellate decisions and performed valuable research for Judge McKeon's cases and speaking engagements.
- Conferred with Judge McKeon and provided administrative support for her office daily.

LEGAL EXTERN TO HONORABLE MARILYN L. HUFF, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, S.D. CALIFORNIA

San Diego, CA (2012)

- Drafted decisions on high-profile criminal prosecutions and *habeas* petitions and performed extensive research regarding same.
- Conferred with Judge Huff regularly on her trial proceedings in criminal, immigration, and intellectual property matters.

LEGAL EXTERN TO HONORABLE MARGARET M. MANN, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT, S.D. CALIFORNIA

San Diego, CA (2011)

- Drafted decisions on contested bankruptcy matters and adversary proceedings.
- Researched and analyzed complex and cutting-edge bankruptcy issues/trials and conferred with Judge Mann regarding same.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO, SCHOOL OF LAW

San Diego, CA

Juris Doctor, *San Diego Law Review* Lead Articles Editor, Competing Trial Team, *Magna Cum Laude* (Graduated 3rd in Class)

2010-2013

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Kalamazoo, MI

Bachelor of Arts, Major in English, Minor in Philosophy, *Summa Cum Laude* (4.0 GPA)

2008-2010

KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Kalamazoo, MI

Associate of Arts, Major in English, *Phi Theta Kappa* Honor Society

2005-2008

RECOGNITIONS, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, and OTHER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- Temporary Judge, Los Angeles County Superior Court (2025-present)
- Heritage Elementary PTA Executive Board, Parliamentarian (2023-2026); Tustin School Management Volunteer Award (2026)
- U.S. Army Veteran; Legionnaire with American Legion Post 291, Newport Harbor (2023-present)
- *Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch in America*—Litigation, Banking and Finance (2021, 2023)
- Guest lecturer, Business Law, Cal. State Long Beach (2022-2023)
- Board Member, Long Beach Public Library Foundation (2017-2024); V.P. of Finance/Investment Advisory Committee (2019-2024)
- Outstanding Service Award, Legal Aid Society of San Diego (2011); Wiley W. Manuel Award, State Bar of California (2011)
- Editor, *Comparative Drama* peer-reviewed scholarly journal, Western Michigan University English Department (2009)

PUBLICATIONS

- *Left to Their Own (Security) Devices: The Need for the California Legislature to Define Deeds of Trust and Update California Civil Code Section 2932.5 in Accordance with the Modern Lien Theory*, 50 San Diego L. Rev. 197 (2013)
 - Cited in Witkin Summary of California Law, Chap. VIII Security Transactions in Real Property, § 6 Effect of Deed of Trust (May 2026 Update) (WITSUM CH VIII § 6)
- Co-contributor and co-editor, *Celebrating Women on the High Seas—in Admiralty Law and Otherwise*, The Hon. M. Margaret McKeon, Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce, Vol. 45, No. 2 (April 2014)