

ABIGAIL E. PEOPLES

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BAR ADMISSION

Admitted to practice in North Carolina – October 2009

EDUCATION

William & Mary School of Law, Williamsburg, Virginia

Juris Doctor, May 2009 GPA 3.7 Class Rank: **12 out of 193**

Honors: *William and Mary Law Review Editorial Board*, Communications Coordinator
Honors in Legal Skills I, II, III, and IV (*one of only 13 students recognized all four semesters for excellence in research, writing, analysis, trial and appellate practice, and client relations*)

Activities: Teaching Assistant, Legal Skills Program (*selected to teach research, writing, analysis, trial/appellate practice to first- and second-year students*)
I'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court Student Member; Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity Student Member; Christian Legal Society Officer; American Bar Association Law School Representative (*appointed position*) 2007-2008

Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia

Master of Arts in Community Counseling, August 2002 GPA 3.98

Honors and Regent Distinguished Scholar Award (full tuition and stipend)

Activities: School of Psychology and Counseling Outstanding Graduate
Student Government Representative

Worked 20 hours per week for 5 of 6 semesters as the Dean's graduate assistant

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Bachelor of Arts in History with concentration in North Carolina and United States studies, May 1998

GPA 3.69, *with distinction*

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa Golden Key Honor Society Dean's List

Worked 15-20 hours per week during last three years of college

EXPERIENCE

Law Firm of Abigail E. Peoples, PLLC, Greensboro, North Carolina

September 2009 – Present

Owner and Manager

- Established solo practice focusing on adoption law, wills/trusts, and estate planning/administration

Guilford College, Greensboro, North Carolina

May 2010 – Present

Adjunct Faculty

- Instructing Justice and Policy students in criminal law

Guilford Technical Community College, Greensboro, North Carolina

January 2009 – May 2009

Adjunct Faculty

- Instructed paralegal students in tort law

Susan I. Jean and Associates, Williamsburg, Virginia

January 2009 – May 2009

Legal Extern

- Assisted with legal research in the areas of estate planning and estate administration
- Prepared draft estate planning documents

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Ward & Smith, New Bern, North Carolina
Summer Associate

June 2008 – August 2008

- Researched and wrote briefs and memoranda on various legal topics

Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Norfolk, Virginia
Summer Intern

April 2008 – June 2008

- Litigated criminal appeals in circuit court
- Researched and wrote briefs and memoranda on various criminal law topics

U.S. Attorney's Office, Newport News, Virginia
Legal Extern

August 2007 – December 2007

- Provided research, writing, and related assistance for criminal matters
- Observed criminal trials, hearings and proceedings

Norfolk City Attorney's Office, Norfolk, Virginia
Law Clerk

Summer 2007

- Researched and wrote memoranda on issues, including civil procedure, tort claims, criminal matters, police matters, juvenile & domestic relations, and other municipal law topics
- Observed misdemeanor criminal appeals, child custody/parental termination hearings, and police grievances

Professor Paul Marcus, William & Mary Law School, Williamsburg, Virginia Summer 2007
Research Assistant

- Researched criminal and copyright law matters
- Edited cases for updates to casebook

Regent University, School of Psychology and Counseling, Virginia Beach, Virginia
Career, Field Placement, & Alumni Coordinator

August 2002 – June 2006

- Advised Master's and Doctoral level students on and conducted workshops about internships, career opportunities, and training
- Served as liaison to over 100 community and school internship sites
- Coordinated university-wide career fair by managing \$5000 budget, overseeing 10-person planning committee, recruiting vendors and supervising graduate assistant

Kaplan University, Online University
Adjunct Instructor, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Professional Studies

January 2005 – June 2006

- Taught Academic Strategies for professionals in IT/Design, Paralegal Studies, and Criminal Justice
- Mediated student concerns

Southeastern Regional Vision for Education, Greensboro, North Carolina
Social Research Assistant

July 1998 – July 2000

Homeless Education Associate/Administrative Assistant
Research and Development Staff

- Planned and assisted with coordination of National Homeless Conference for over 500 attendees
- Wrote articles and designed brochures and other materials for the National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE) and Leaders Institute

PROFESSIONAL and VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

American Bar Association, Member

August 2006 – Present

North Carolina Bar Association, Member

August 2008 – Present

Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section

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Volunteer - *Hospice and Palliative Care of Greensboro Pro Bono Project* Spring 2010 – Present
Volunteer - *Habitat for Humanity Program* Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

Young Lawyer’s Division

Volunteer - *Wills for Heroes* Spring 2010 – Present
Volunteer – *4All Campaign* Spring 2010

Greensboro Bar Association

Community Involvement Committee, Member

Young Lawyer’s Division, Member

- Volunteered with “Project Grace,” a free legal clinic preparing living wills and healthcare powers of attorney for community members

New Lawyer’s Organization, Co-Founder January 2010 – Present

- Co-created and organized monthly meetings for this educational and mentoring group for new attorneys

Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, Greensboro, NC October 2009 – Present

Greensboro Jaycees, Greensboro, NC October 2009 – Present

North Carolina Jaycees Legal Counsel, appointed position January 2010 – Present

Greensboro Kiwanis Club, Greensboro, NC July 2010 – Present

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, Small Business Summit, Greensboro, NC January 2010

- Co-designed and co-presented a seminar for aspiring small business owners entitled: “How to Decide Your Legal Structure”

Presenter, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, Greensboro, NC April 2010

- Wrote and presented a seminar for business women entitled: “Estate Planning in All Stages of Life to Protect Yourself and Your Assets for Those You Love”