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Top Skills

Criminal Law

Constitutional Law

Litigation

Certifications

Admitted Attorney, U.S. Dist. Ct., E. Dist. of Mich.

Admitted Attorney, U.S. Ct. of Appeals for the D.C. Cir.

Admitted Attorney, U.S. Dist. Ct., W. Dist. of Mich.

Admitted Attorney, State Bar of Michigan

Admitted Attorney, U.S. Ct. of Appeals for the Sixth Cir.

Publications

Bias Against LGBT is on Basis of "Sex"

Michigan Must Renounce Drug-Maker Immunity Law

Better AG Disclosure is Better For Us All

Strategies of Public UDAP Enforcement

With CFPB in Limbo, States Take the Reins

Mark Totten

U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan
Lansing, Michigan, United States

Experience

U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Michigan
May 2022 - Present (1 year 6 months)
Michigan, United States

Executive Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer
Chief Legal Counsel
January 2019 - May 2022 (3 years 5 months)
Lansing, Michigan

Michigan State University College of Law
Professor
2008 - December 2018 (10 years)
East Lansing, Michigan

Taught in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, national security law, state constitutional law, and ethics. Research focused on public enforcement by state agencies, the office of the state attorney general, and consumer protection. Also served as Director, Frank J. Kelley Institute of Ethics and the Legal Profession.

Office of the Genesee County Prosecuting Attorney
Special Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
2016 - 2017 (1 year)
Flint, Michigan

Served under Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton to investigate the Flint Water Crisis for possible criminal liability.

U.S. Department of Justice
Special Assistant U.S. Attorney
2011 - 2013 (2 years)
Greater Grand Rapids, Michigan Area

Briefed and argued numerous cases before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit involving predatory lending, child exploitation, domestic violence, homicide, drug crimes, and gun crimes.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
Judicial Clerk, The Honorable Thomas Griffith
2007 - 2008 (1 year)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Researched statutory and constitutional issues, with a heavy focus on administrative law, including energy and environmental matters. Advised and drafted opinions.

U.S. Department of Justice
Attorney
2006 - 2007 (1 year)
Washington D.C. Metro Area

Civil Division, Appellate Staff. Wrote appellate briefs and other motions for various U.S. courts of appeals and the Supreme Court, presented oral argument, and coordinated litigation with federal agencies on a variety of constitutional and statutory matters, including government contracts, entitlement programs, employee benefits and grievances, immigration, agency enforcement, and tort claims against the government.

Education

Yale Law School
J.D., Law · (2003 - 2006)

Yale University
Ph.D., Ethics · (1999 - 2006)

University of Aberdeen
M.Th., Religion · (1996 - 1997)

Cedarville University
B.A., Communications · (1992 - 1996)