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## EDUCATION

### **Cambridge University**, United Kingdom

Received a masters degree in Criminological Research in 2005. Graduated in top 10 percent of class.  
Conducted research and interviews in a north London men's prison.  
Masters thesis title: "Doping the System: Stories of Drug Use by UK Prisoners."  
Elected to the Committee of Management, Institute of Criminology at Cambridge University.  
Elected LGBT representative to the Masters Committee, Queens' College of Cambridge.

### **Georgetown University**, Washington, D.C.

Bachelor of Arts with a major in Literature and with a senior honors thesis in Government.  
Degree completed May 2002. Graduated Phi Beta Kappa and *magna cum laude*.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Cantor Fitzgerald**

New York, NY *June 2006-Present*

#### **Asst. Vice President**

Managed enterprise level front-office projects for the Debt Capital Markets group, with over 200 staff members and \$100 million in annual revenue. Oversaw complex firm-wide initiatives, liaising with firm groups including internal and external legal counsel, compliance, three independent technology teams, external vendors, back-office operations, product control, accounting and all business heads. Directed investigations into suspicious trading activity, including reviews of restricted securities and an ongoing series of anti-money laundering investigations.

The position called for significant technological acumen, including the design and implementation of management reporting databases, sales and trading data architectures, human resource databases, as well as disaster reporting and business continuity plans. Member of the firm's Cash & Capital Committee, Debt Capital Markets Operating Committee, and the Business Management Committee.

### **Family Justice**

New York, NY *Sept. 2005-March 2006*

#### **Policy Associate**

Worked with wardens and state directors in Massachusetts, Michigan, Ohio and Oklahoma to implement family-focused, strength-based strategies into their correctional practices. Advocated for the inclusion of all stakeholders, including incarcerated men and women, their family members, and community partners.

Managed an initiative sponsored by the National Institute of Corrections to create a new relational inquiry tool to enhance reentry planning in prisons and jails across the nation. Authored initiative reports and grant proposals.

### **U.S. Department of Justice - Office of Consumer Litigation**

Washington, D.C. *July 2002-Aug. 2004*

#### **Manager of Information Technology**

Promoted to manager in order to head the transition from a paper-based case management system to an office-wide digital system. Trained and supervised a twelve person project team to organize ten million pages in over 500 cases. Designed a content management database to scan, route, index, link and search across these documents in a multi-user environment. Lectured as a visiting faculty member at the National Advocacy Center, training attorneys and staff in new courtroom and 'e-trial' technologies. Webmaster for the intranet and Internet.

#### **Paralegal Specialist**

Served as honors paralegal in the federal government's consumer protection office, which prosecutes white collar crime, corporate fraud and scam operations that victimize American consumers. Led paralegal teams in the following cases: *US v. Wal-Mart* (for Consumer Product Safety Violations); *US v. QVC* (for television product misrepresentations); *US v. Norton et al.* (a California energy investment scam); *US v. Coral Calcium* (a panacea diet supplement); and *US v. Mantra Films A/K/A "Girls Gone Wild"* (for unauthorized credit card charges). Worked with investigators from FTC, CPSC, FDA and FBI on matters of civil and criminal enforcement.

## **Georgetown Prison Outreach**

Wash., D.C. *Dec 1998-May 2002*

### **Student Director, Georgetown Center for Social Justice Research, Teaching & Service**

Directed a program that provided educational services to over 500 incarcerated men and women and juveniles. Supervised over 100 volunteers in one of Georgetown's largest social justice initiatives in which professors, assisted by undergraduates, teach accredited college courses in prisons and jails in D.C., Virginia and Maryland.

Sites included Oak Hill Juvenile Detention Facility in Maryland, Lorton Prison in Virginia, and the Arlington County Detention Facility in Virginia. Created the program's first paid administrative position, wrote program literature and designed the program's website.

## **Oak Hill Juvenile Center Outreach**

Laurel, MD *Sept. 1999 – May 2000*

### **Director and Co-Founder**

Led a group of 10 volunteer mentors and 10 at-risk boys incarcerated at a juvenile detention facility. Volunteers worked with the boys to provide mentorship and GED tutoring, as well as one-on-one attention. Worked with the warden to begin a similar program in the girls' facility.

## **Human Rights Watch**

Washington, D.C. *March -May, 2000*

### **Research Intern**

Researched the Sudanese Civil War, evidencing crimes against humanity and genocidal atrocities. Fact-checked Human Rights Watch's comprehensive page report, substantiating the need for an international peacekeeping mission.

## **ACTIVITIES**

**Advocacy and Affiliations:** New York University: alternative treatments for people dying of terminal cancer at Bellevue Hospital; Blue Mountain Artists and Educators Opposed to Massive Incarceration; Educators for Community Engagement; Parliamentary Debate, Coach; and Georgetown Board of Trustees of the College, Undergraduate Representative; Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, Founder of Georgetown Chapter.

### **Volunteerism**

Volunteer at Cavalry Women's Shelter; US-Mexico Border Awareness Project; AIDSCare (hospice); ByteBack (teaching website design courses at a community computer center); and volunteer paralegal support at the DC Bar's Pro Bono Clinic on matters of family law and landlord and tenant disputes.