Colleen Ciara Ciszek

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Bar Admissions

District of Columbia *December 2020*
Illinois *June 2023*

Education

Trinity College Dublin

Master of Laws (LL.M.) *November 2019*

Dissertation: "Statutes of Limitations and Canon Law: Imperfect Mechanisms for Handling the Roman Catholic Church's Sexual Abuse Crisis in the United States"

Boston College Law School *May 2018*

Juris Doctor (JD)

Research Assistant to Professor Daniel Coquillette for his co-authored publication with Bruce Kimball,, *The Intellectual Sword: Harvard Law School, The Second Century*

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill *May 2015*

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science and Philosophy, Minor in Music

Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl Team Captain

Newman Catholic Student Center Parish, Student Director of Campus Ministry

Georgetown University *Summer 2012*

Graduate-level Summer Term Coursework: "Presidential Rhetoric" instructed by Samuel Potolicchio, Ph.D.

Legal Experience

Independent Contractor - Contracts Attorney *October 2019 - May 2023; May 2024 - Present*

Provides remote legal services for high-volume private equity firms by reviewing, editing and negotiating non-disclosure agreements

Canty Novy Bertkau Gordon, LLC *November 2023 - February 2024*

Associate Attorney

Represented commercial insurance carriers regarding transportation and cargo matters in Illinois state and federal courts by thoroughly analyzing voluminous case materials and medical records and producing detailed yet succinct case evaluations

Dicker, Dicker & Ruiz *May 2023 - October 2023*

Associate Attorney

Represented personal injury plaintiffs in Cook County circuit court by preparing pleadings, conducting discovery, taking and defending depositions, communicating with clients, and attending daily court calls both in-person and via Zoom

Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General *August 2017 - May 2018*

Legal Intern - Government Bureau/Trial Division

Worked directly with Assistant Attorneys General drafting pleadings, composed briefs, and, took and defended depositions

Lawson & Weitzen, LLP *Summer 2017*

Law Clerk

Assisted partner in preparing for a complex federal criminal trial regarding RICO violations by managing extensive discovery review, conducting legal research regarding Salvadoran organized crime and racketeering, and organizing documents relevant to litigation preparation

Boston College Legal Services LAB - Civil Litigation Clinic *January 2017 - May 2017*

Student Attorney

Represented clients in Massachusetts state courts under SJC Rule 3:03 in every aspect of civil litigation including client counseling, discovery, settlement negotiations, and bench trials in matters concerning housing, family and employment law, and public benefits

Judicial Internships

United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts *August 2016 - December 2016*
Judicial Intern for the Honorable Nathaniel M. Gorton

Rhode Island Supreme Court *September 2016 - December 2016*
Judicial Intern for the Honorable William P. Robinson III

Massachusetts Superior Court *Summer 2016*
Judicial Intern for the Honorable Elizabeth M. Fahey

Personal Activities and Interests

Carolina Masters Rowing
Coxswain for Competitive Sweep Team
January 2025 - Present

Loyola University Chicago
All Saints Chapel Sunday Mass Pianist
May 2024 - January 2025

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
Pro Bono Civil Litigation Attorney
May 2024 - August 2024

Cristo Rey Research Triangle High School
Substitute Teacher for Grades 9 through 12
August 2024 - Present

Interests
- Historical Fiction
- Learning Polish
- Cross-Stitching
- Travel
- Canning Fruit
- Choral Music