

Simone Calaway

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:

Over 15 years of progressive and diversified education experience in the public and private sector. Strong background in law, government and policy, including quantitative data management skills and litigation experience.

EDUCATION:

University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Education, Philadelphia, PA
Doctor of Education, Education Policy, May 2005

Rutgers University School of Law, Newark, NJ
Juris Doctor, June 2000

Bates College, Lewiston, ME
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology & Economics, November 1995

EXPERIENCE:

Center for Research & Evaluation in Social Policy, Philadelphia, PA December 2002-present
Graduate Fellow

- Assist professor with statistical analysis of elementary school performance, as part of ongoing study of No Child Left Behind regulations
- Present monthly progress reports at Center-wide lunch meetings
- Develop and maintain databases for future projects

School District of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA September 2002-present
Language Arts Coach

- Mentor immigrant students at West Philadelphia High School who are non-native speakers of English
- Supervise English conversation exercises and assist students with written homework

Education Law Center, Inc., Newark, NJ September 2000-July 2002
Associate

- Conducted all aspects of litigation in special education due process and discrimination hearings
- Reviewed and analyzed statistical special education reports in conjunction with litigation
- Authored research memoranda, summary reports and analyses for use in special education litigation
- Drafted legal memoranda, pleadings, pre- and post-trial motions
- Collaborated in the development of a grant application that procured \$36,100 in funding for community initiatives in special education and disability law from the MBNA Foundation of Delaware

Maynard & Landis, LLP, Newark, NJ Summers 1998, 1999
Summer Associate

- Responsible for pre-trial investigation and analysis in complex employment litigation proceedings
- Assisted in trial preparation, issue analysis and litigation strategy development
- Assigned to employer defense, product liability, and employee claims litigation teams

Center for Children & Childhood Studies, Camden, NJ June 1995-July 1997
Policy Research Assistant

- Acted as part of a consulting group engaged in research and lobbying activity on children's rights issues
- Designed research protocols for studies on early childhood education
- Authored statistical analysis reports detailing investigative results of research studies

AWARDS AND HONORS:

- Distinguished Tutor Award, School District of Philadelphia, 2003
- Emerson Fund Fellow at the Education Law Center, 2000-2002
- President's Scholar, Rutgers University School of Law, 1999-2000

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

New Jersey Democratic State Committee, 1997-2002

Democratic State Committee Chair

Member, Election Oversight Committee (1999-2001)

Bates College Alumni Association, 1997-2001

Regional Representative, Member Relations (1998-2000)

Newark Restoration Initiative, 1996-2000

Member