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## EDUCATION

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**University of San Francisco School of Law**, San Francisco, California  
Juris Doctor, emphasis on Intellectual Property and Technology Law, May 2008

**Relevant Coursework:** Advanced Legal Research, Cyberlaw, Copyright, Trademark, Telecom & Broadcast Media Law  
**CALI/AMJUR Awards:** Settlements; Ethics (Paper: [Metadata, Transparency, and the Ethical Use of Information During Discovery](#))

### Publications:

- [Recycling Copyright: Survival and Growth in the Remix Age](#), USF Intellectual Property Law Bulletin (IPLB), Fall 2008
- [Privacy concern in Google Voice call recording](#), San Francisco Chronicle, November 5, 2009

### Participation and Leadership:

- Article Editor for the Intellectual Property Law Bulletin (IPLB)
- Webmaster and Technical Advisor for the USF Law Student Bar Association (SBA)
- Founder of the USF Law Mac Users Group (MUG)
- Director of Policy for the Health Law and Policy Organization (HeLPO)
- Participated in the USF IP Justice Clinic, working directly with clients to advise on trademark disputes and acting as a writer and editor to add information to Chilling Effects, an online database of resources developed to help the public understand the protections that the First Amendment and intellectual property laws give to online activities

**University of California at San Diego**, La Jolla, California  
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, June 1998

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## WORK EXPERIENCE (Legal)

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**California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**, San Francisco, California Sept. 2008-Dec. 2008  
*Legal Intern and Telecommunications Advisor for Commissioner Chong*

- Researched and wrote white papers on various issues including the FCC's network management decision, greening the Internet, 2-1-1, California's lifeline program, CLEC termination tariff costs, cell phone pole-top antennas, and the transition to DTV
- Analyzed and summarized statutes, regulations and case law as required, on issues such as intercarrier compensation, potential costs and benefits of proposed regulation or settlement options, and procedural matters

**Danger, Inc.**, Palo Alto, California Summer, Fall 2007  
*Legal Intern*

- Drafted license and non-disclosure agreements with producers of software used on the Danger platform and Sidekick mobile device
- Participated in pre-IPO preparation, including risk analysis and the review and summary of over 500 corporate contracts
- Assisted in development, testing and population of custom document management system
- Researched, drafted and edited memos on issues such as open source licenses and copyright, trademark and patent issues

**The Hon. Martin J. Jenkins, U.S. District Court**, Northern District of California Summer 2006  
*Judicial Extern*

- Drafted orders and bench memoranda for cases including habeas corpus petitions, securities fraud class actions, patent disputes, disability appeals and employment discrimination suits
- Conducted case evaluation and legal research via Westlaw and LexisNexis, and observed numerous criminal and civil court trials and motions hearings

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## WORK EXPERIENCE (Web Development)

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**Yale University, Office of Public Affairs (OPA)**, New Haven, Connecticut 2001-2005  
*Web Design and Development*

- Completely redesigned, recoded and restructured the OPA website, reducing production time by 60-80%
- Acted as intermediary and translator between external computer science and IT professionals, on the one hand, and internal reporters and admin staff, on the other, to conceptualize, develop, test, launch and maintain the University's online calendar
- Responsible for all IT requirements in a mixed OS X and Windows office, including resolution of all technology-related questions or issues, system maintenance, staff training and the research, and the purchase and install of new hardware and software
- Analyzed and documented office workflow to find areas where technology solutions would provide efficiency gains, presented those findings to supervisors, and then implement the solutions

- Wrote how-to guides for software use, design standards and office best practices
- Consulted to other University departments, providing advice on website planning, design and long-term resource requirements
- Advocated for and presented on the University-wide adoption of web standards and accessible design

**Newfront Productions, Inc.**, San Francisco, California 1999-2001

*Lead Web Developer (2000-2001); Production Assistant (1999-2000)*

- Collaborated with artists, writers and clients to develop and maintain MysteryNet.com on daily, weekly, and monthly schedules
- Developed and maintained Perl scripts to automate daily and weekly publishing tasks
- Synthesized traffic reports and forecasts for site advertisers and special promotional contracts

**The 3DO Company**, Redwood City, California

1999

*Technical Support Representative*

- Created and presented a report on the viability and future of 3DO's multiplayer online game service
- Investigated, documented and prosecuted cases of credit card fraud and game-play abuse
- Re-coded public technical support website

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## COMPUTER SKILLS

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- Programming Expertise: XHTML, CSS
- Programming Experience: Perl, JavaScript, PHP, MySQL (and other relational database programming)
- Software & OS Proficiency: PC/Mac/Unix, MS Office, Filemaker Pro, Dreamweaver, Fireworks, Photoshop, BBEdit
- Legal Software Familiarity: Westlaw, LexisNexis, Concordance, CaseMap, Summation
- System Administration: OS X, OS X Server, Apache and IIS web servers

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## INTERESTS

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- San Francisco SPCA volunteer
- Participant and fan of all major sports in all seasons, real and fantasy
- Café aficionado, novice Linux hacker, anime fan, IP reform advocate, lifelong gamer, Internet junkie, blogger, avid reader, cyclist-about-town