

SAVANNAH GENTILE

• OTTAWA, ON •

Education

Juris Doctor (J.D.)

University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law (Ottawa, ON)

2013-2016

Bachelor of Arts (B.A. Hons)

University of Waterloo, Faculty of Arts (Waterloo, ON)

2007-2012

- Major: Psychology, Minor: Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies

Professional Experience

Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (Ottawa, ON)

September 2017 – present

Director of Legal Advocacy

- Conduct presentations and training with a focus on advocacy and legal issues
- Produce materials for advocacy, communications and media purposes on CAEFS' priorities informed by prison visits and desk-based research, including drafting or inputting into position papers, submissions to government consultations and web content.
- Contribute, support and assist with implementation of CAEFS' strategic plan in relation to advocacy, ensuring it is firmly grounded in the lived realities of marginalized and criminalized women and girls.

Community Legal Clinic of York Region (Richmond Hill, ON)

September 2016 – August 2017

Articling Student

- Independently managed a monthly caseload of 15 to 20 files in the areas of social assistance and Criminal Injuries Compensation Board
- Met with clients, collected and compiled medical and legal evidence, and drafted legal submissions
- Provided legal advice to women residing at shelters in the York Region
- Independently represented clients at hearings before the Social Benefits Tribunal and CICB
- Attended local training and coalition building events on topics like Human Trafficking Awareness and Battered and Brain Injured Women.

Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (Ottawa, ON)

May 2016 – August 2017

Public Interest Fellowship

- Accompanied CAEFS' Executive Director on visits to Fraser Valley Institution for Women and Grand Valley Institution for Women and drafted letters to prison management in response
- Conducted research on section 81 of the Corrections and Conditional Release Act, including barriers to its implementation and engaged in discussions with the Native Women's Association of Canada regarding strategies to overcome these barriers
- Drafted legal advocacy letters and edited presentations and speeches

Community Legal Services Ottawa Centre (Ottawa, ON)

September 2015 – April 2016

Law Student

- Legal research, drafting, and file management while staying on top of and meeting deadlines
- One-on-one client work, including managing emotions in a difficult context
- Explaining difficult legal concepts to clients where a language barrier exists

Barbara Schlifer Commemorative Clinic (Toronto, ON)

June 2015 – August 2015

Public Interest Fellowship

- Researched and analyzed the court's responses to wife battering in its child custody and access determinations and compiled this research into a paper to assist courts in arriving at safer solutions for women and children

Organization for Refuge, Asylum and Migration (Geneva, Switzerland)

January, 2015

Legal Intern

- Researched, organized and summarized LGBT2IQ refugee claims from jurisdictions across Canada for input into an online search engine

SunLife Financial

2012-2013

Form Administrator (Waterloo, ON)

- Edited and updated corporate and national enrolment forms, and responded to incoming client requests
- Received recognition for valued performance by demonstrating "P4" (people, partnership, passion and performance) in completing a project in two weeks (expected to take two months)

G & A Financial and Paralegal Services

2010-2011

Administrative Assistant (Vaughan, ON)

- Drafted Wills, Power of Attorney's, Plaintiff's Claims, Defences and Simple Divorces under the supervision of a paralegal
- Performed administrative duties, including organizing and filing documents, answering phone calls, drafting invoices and conducting research

Volunteer Experience**Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies (Kitchener, ON)**

September 2016 – October 2017

Regional Advocate, Ontario Region

- Make monthly visits to the Maximum unit, the segregation unit, SLE, minimum unit, and main compound at the Grand Valley Prison for Women, making myself available to all women
- Document visits and issues that arise and assist women in drawing up complaints and grievances
- Meet with the prison administration to discuss staffing issues, policy breaches, searches, and so on.

Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women

September 2014 – April 2016

Pro Bono Students Canada (Ottawa, ON)

- Collected quantitative and qualitative data during Domestic Violence Court proceedings to examine the functioning of the Court
- Reviewed and compiled data from jurisdictions internationally to evaluate legislative frameworks and whether or in what way gender-based violence resources and analysis are incorporated

Capital Rainbow Refuge

October 2014 – April 2016

Law Student Volunteer (Ottawa, ON)

- Conducted country of origin research to aid in the completion of sponsorship applications
- Interviewed potential refugee claimants to gather information to be used in the sponsorship forms
- Drafted, reviewed and edited forms and narratives for use in sponsorship applications

Community Justice Initiatives**Stride Program Volunteer (Kitchener, ON)**

2012-2013

- Facilitated and engaged in recreational and therapeutic activities on a weekly basis with women incarcerated in the medium and low security levels at Grand Valley Prison for Women

St. Mary's High School

2012-2013

Back's Head Coach, Girl's Rugby Team (Kitchener, ON)

- Collaborated to create fun and meaningful rugby drills and organize weekly practice schedules
- Assisted the team in moving from the bottom of their league to just narrowly losing the championship title
- Advocated on behalf of the girls to obtain better equipment and increased funding to attend tournaments

Exhibit: *National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls*

Location/Phase: Parts 213 Quebec

Witness: Savannah Gentile

Submitted by: Christa Big Canoe

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