

# NICHOLAS OWEN MCCANN

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## EDUCATION

### **Loyola University Chicago School of Law**

Chicago, Illinois

May 2010

- Candidate for Juris Doctor
- Cumulative GPA: 3.59/4.00
- Rank: 38/217, Top 17% of the class
- Dean's List - Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
- CALI Award for highest grade in class - Advocacy, Fall 2008
- 2009 Herbert Wechsler National Criminal Law Moot Court Competition, received the Best Brief Award and finished as a competition quarter-finalist.
- Loyola Consumer Law Review, Staff Editor 2009 - 2010
- Legal Writing Tutor, lectured on legal citation, and coached students on writing, research, and oral advocacy.

### **University of Colorado**

Boulder, Colorado

May 2007

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
- Cumulative GPA: 3.60/4.00
- Dean's List - Spring 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006

## EXPERIENCE

### **Cook County State's Attorney's Office**

Chicago, Illinois

*Volunteer 711 Clerkship, Criminal Prosecutions Bureau - Felony Trial Division*

May 2009 - Present

- Conducted four bench trials during which I performed witness examinations, and made closing and rebuttal arguments.
- Argued against four motions to quash arrest and suppress evidence, and a motion to dismiss indictments.
- Conducted a sentencing hearing, which included a summary of the facts of the case, presented the defendant's criminal background, and recommended a sentence to the presiding judge.
- Conducted legal research and drafted memorandums on Illinois criminal procedure, including, a legal memorandum on adding or amending charges to an information after a waiver of a preliminary hearing or finding of probable cause, pre-trial motions, sufficiency of charging documents, and the admissibility of evidence at trial.
- My responsibilities include contributing to case preparation and management by obtaining discovery documents, organizing case files, assembling trial notebooks, observing meetings with attorneys, witnesses, and victims, and assisting during courtroom proceedings.

### **United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois**

Chicago, Illinois

*Judicial Externship – Federal Magistrate Judge Morton Denlow*

September 2009 - December 2009

- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memorandums on the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, and federal pre-trial motion standards.
- Participated in chambers meetings held by Judge Denlow in preparation for settlement conferences, and observed settlement conferences.
- Sat in on chambers meetings prior to the commencement of court proceedings, and observed court proceedings including motion hearings and bench trials.

### **Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic**

Chicago, Illinois

*Volunteer and Criminal Defense Intern*

December 2007 - December 2008

- My duties included conducting potential client interviews for housing law, family law, and criminal law cases, assisting staff attorneys prepare cases, conducting legal research, writing legal memorandums, and drafting motions.

## PUBLICATIONS

Nicholas McCann, *Federal Law Enforcement in the Home Mortgage Lending Market Enhanced by the "Fraud Enforcement and Recovery Act of 2009,"* 22 LOY. CONSUMER L. REV. 354 (2010).