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**PROFILE:** Former prosecuting attorney who has successfully prosecuted jury and bench trials now dedicated to providing high quality criminal defense to individuals charged with a crime

**EXPERIENCE: COOK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

**Criminal Prosecutions Bureau, 2650 S. California, Chicago, IL**

**Preliminary Hearings Unit 10/05 – 5/06:** Conducted hundreds Preliminary Hearings in the areas of violent crimes and property crimes. Prepared Grand Jury Indictments for all major felonies. Presented evidence to the Grand Jury. Negotiated felony plea agreements.

**Sex Crimes Unit, Children's Advocacy Center 5/05 – 10/05:**

Worked with Chicago Police Detectives to investigate sex crimes against children. Reviewed police evidence in order to approve or deny charges. Interrogated many suspected sex offenders and obtained handwritten statements from most of them.

**Felony Review Unit 9/04 – 5/05:** Reviewed police evidence to approve or deny charges. Interrogated numerous suspects in violent felony cases, including First Degree Murder, obtaining handwritten or videotaped statements from most of them.

**Criminal Prosecutions Bureau, Skokie, IL 4/01 – 9/04:**

**Domestic Violence:** Prosecuted many individuals charged with Domestic Battery. Conducted hearings to obtain Orders of Protection for victims of domestic violence.

**Misdemeanor Assistant:** Prosecuted many different types of misdemeanors including retail theft, simple battery, disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property, and assault. Prosecuted hundreds of DUI cases. Also prosecuted other types of traffic matters including driving on a suspended or revoked license and hit and run cases.

**Criminal Prosecutions Bureau, Traffic Division, Chicago, IL 11/00 – 4/01:**

Prosecuted DUI and conducted statutory summary suspension hearings. Obtained a solid understanding of traffic offenses and case law.

**Law Clerk, Juvenile Justice Bureau (2000):** Represented the state's interest in taking wardship of abused or neglected children. **Clerk, Felony Trial Division (1999-2000); Clerk, Gang Crimes Unit (1998-1999):**

**EDUCATION: JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL Chicago, IL J.D. 2000**

Awarded Lucy Sprague Public Service Scholarship in recognition of work at the State's Attorney's Office and academic achievements.

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY Chicago, IL B.A. 1997**