

Ms. Kaitlan Vogel

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Profile I am a dedicated criminal attorney with experience prosecuting over 20 trials. I'm a thorough and enthusiastic researcher, who thrives while learning new skills. I have a mature outlook and excellent communication skills. Through my work with jurors, I have developed skills explaining complex topics in accessible ways to people who may have never encountered the subject matter before.

Career History

Oct 15-Present

Point Loma Nazarene University - San Diego, CA
Adjunct Professor

- Instructed SJC 410 Constructional Foundations in Summer of 2016 and Fall of 2016. This course included 20 hours of lecture material. Created class projects centered on real world issues such as jury selection.

- Instructed SJC 409 Criminal Procedure II in Fall of 2016. This course also included 20 hours of lecture material. Encouraged students to observe and engage in court hearings at their local courthouse.

- Developing Graduate Business Law course for Masters of Business Administration Program. Creating syllabus, assignments, and course content. Also contracted to begin teaching this course March 18, 2017.

Jan 14- Oct 15

San Diego City Attorney's Office - San Diego, CA
Deputy City Attorney

- Experience prosecuting cases covering a wide range of criminal law, educating myself with the necessary information and presenting that information to a jury.

- Comfortable shouldering a large case load while managing cases at all stages from pre-issuing through trial.

- Featured speaker during new attorney training, lecturing on common pitfalls for new litigators and how to avoid them.

- Researched, wrote, and argued over 40 motions. Issues have ranged from right to a speedy trial, restitution, probation revocation, opposition to probation modification or early termination, and oppositions to motions to suppress evidence per Penal Code section 1538.5.

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Nov 12 - Dec 13

San Diego District Attorney's Office - San Diego, CA
Graduate Law Clerk

- Tasked with creating, then continuing the S.D.C.D.A. Office's Resentencing Project pursuant to the November 2012 amendment of Penal Code § 1170.126.
- Personally reviewed over 400 cases petitioning for resentencing under the amended law, becoming well versed in sentencing law under the revised Penal Code § 1170.126.
- Argued motions on behalf of the People in over 60 hearings to determine whether an inmate should be resentenced per Penal Code § 1170.126.
- Wrote and filed numerous briefs outlining the S.D.C.D.A office's position on novel issues arising under the amended Three Strike Re-Sentencing law. In many cases, I was the first attorney to address these issues with the California courts. The Court of Appeal is currently addressing many of these issues as cases of first impression.
- Represented the San Diego Proposition 36 Resentencing Team at the Southern California Appellate Conference in Riverside. During the conference, I was a featured speaker on the amended Penal Code § 1170.126, addressing some of the new issues arising under the law and providing guidance with respect to how deal with these issues.
- Assisted the Superior Court Division by prosecuting 25 preliminary examinations.
- Developed prosecutorial skills by cross-examining defense witnesses, responding to Penal Code § 1538.5 motions, and conducting examination of expert witnesses.
- Handled afternoon calendars on behalf of the Superior Court Division
- Successfully argued two separate misdemeanor appeals before a panel of judges a part of the Appellate Division.

Jan 12 - Apr 12

San Diego District Attorney's Office - San Diego, CA
Legal Intern

- Comfortable taking the initiative to thoroughly investigate the facts of a case. By handling my own motions, became comfortable with calling and interviewing potential witnesses.
- Adept at handling several matters at once and seeing each matter through from start to finish. Researched, filed, prepared, and then argued multiple motions in court. In one instance, handled three motions in one morning.
- Consistently singled out by my supervisors for exceptional research and writing ability.
- Developed skills in oral advocacy by examining and cross examining witnesses on the stand.

Jun 11 - Aug 11

San Diego Public Defender's Office - San Diego, CA
Clerk

- Assisted trial team strategize and prepare for upcoming trial. Specifically was tasked with assessing the best ways to cross-examine witnesses for an upcoming trial. Created and ordered questions to ask witnesses based on that strategy.
- Skilled at dealing with large amounts of discovery material, as well as difficult subject matter as a result of working on several homicide cases.
- Wrote a Motion to Suppress for Brady Violation and assisted with the arguing of that motion in court. Was awarded sanctions in the form of special jury instruction as a result.

Jan 11 - May 11

U.S. Attorney's Office - San Diego, CA
Clerk

- Wrote and filed pre-trial motions concerning illegal search and border crossing issues, and completed two sets of Motions In Limine for upcoming trials.
- Assisted attorneys at trial by taking notes on the proceedings, keeping track of exhibits, and completing any last minute writing assignments that arose in the course of trial.
- Researched and wrote several memos concerning complex or confusing legal issues spanning from sentencing issues, weapons categorization, and how legislative intent plays into the application of various laws.

Nov 08 - May 09

Honorary Consul for Uganda - San Diego, CA
Clerk

- Attend meetings with Mr. Goff and receive assignments concerning both his legal and humanitarian work in Uganda.
- Read through the Ugandan Constitution and wrote a report concerning the process by which one is appointed to the High Court in order to help facilitate more efficient and timely trials.
- Completed reports and researched as the need arises to help Restore International and Mr. Goff in their mission to assist Uganda in building a more efficient, effective, fair, and stable justice system.

Professional Training

- Sex Crimes- Child Witness Training
- Sexual Battery Training
- Discovery Requirements Training
- Jury Selection Training
- Domestic Violence Prosecution Training
- Hate Crimes Training
- Freedom of Speech and Hate Speech Training
- Illegal Weapons Training
- Human Trafficking and the New Law Training
- Evidence Admissibility Training
- Preliminary Alcohol Screening in DUI Investigation Training
- Trial Tactics Training
- Sentencing Programs for Prostitution and Pimping Training
- Prosecuting Penal Code section 647(f) Training

Education

University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, CA 2009 - 2012

- Juris Doctor
- Lawyering Skills Award for Best Over-All Advocate
- Received the High Pass in Negotiations
- Recognition by the PBLA for donating over 200 hours of legal work
- Course work included, but was not limited to: Criminal Law, Lawyering Skills, Constitutional Law I and II, Professional Responsibility, Evidence, White Collar Crimes, Native American Law, and Criminal Law Clinic.

Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA 2005 - 2009

- Major Literature, Minor Philosophy
- GPA 3.6, Dean's List six semesters
- Member of the Point Loma Speech and Debate Team