PETER R. VAN BRUNT

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Research and Instruction Librarian; Lecturer in Law

Master of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree completed in spring 2023, following five years' experience as a lawyer for the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General. Brings an excellent academic record, accomplished work history, and strong research ability, all paired with exceptional communication skills and judgment.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Legal Research & Writing | Legal Analysis | Instruction | Librarianship | Electronic Resource Management
Legal Reference Services | Client Services | Project Management | Results-Oriented |Attention to Detail
Problem Solving | Team Player | Leadership | Interpersonal Communication | Integrity, Ethics & Honesty

Relevant Coursework: Legal Information; Information Behavior; Information Organization, Curation and Access; Managing and Working in Information Organizations

Relevant Technical: Microsoft Office Suite; Google Workspace; LexisNexis; Westlaw

EDUCATION

Master of Library and Information Science | Western University | London, ON, Canada   2023
- Graduated with an 'A' course average

Juris Doctor | Rutgers School of Law | Newark, NJ   2016
- Graduated *magna cum laude* with 3.85 GPA; Order of the Coif
- *Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion*, Associate Editor of New Developments
  - "How the American S.A.F.E. Act Stifles a National Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis," 17 RUTGERS J. LAW & RELIG. 349

Bachelor of Arts in Music| Monmouth University | West Long Branch, NJ   2012
- Graduated *summa cum laude* with 3.89 GPA
- Music Industry Concentration, Minor in Information Technology

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Deputy Attorney General | New Jersey Office of the Attorney General   2017-2022
Served in Government and Healthcare Fraud (GHF) section within the Affirmative Civil Enforcement practice group, with prior work in Public Utilities law, Tort Litigation, and Administrative Civil Rights (focusing on employment). Role involved in-depth investigations of enforcement matters, in addition to all facets of discovery, arguing motions for summary judgment, research, writing appellate briefs, policy making, and defending the State against claims.

- **Government and Healthcare Fraud Section**   2020-2022
  - Collaborated as a trusted member of GHF team on large-scale, high-profile False Claims Act cases. Managed matters related to under-escheated unclaimed property, healthcare claims fraud, and fraud based on valuation of illiquid securities. Cases presented huge potential impact concerning over $100M, affecting nearly 200K New Jersey citizens, and the safety of vulnerable populations.

Deputy Attorney General | New Jersey Office of the Attorney General (continued)
- **Public Utilities Section** 2018-2020
    - Represented the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) and its technical staff. Served in a litigation role to develop legal and policy positions, litigate filings by major utility companies, and advocated for Board policies before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Also, counseled the BPU by conducting policy and legal analyses on matters within the Board's jurisdiction, including off-shore wind development and solar projects.

- **On-Deck Program** 2017-2018
    - Managed a diverse On-Deck Program (now the Attorney General's Honors Program) case load including 20 tort cases of varying complexity and more than two dozen administrative actions before the Board of Nursing and Board of Medical Examiners.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS & INSTRUCTION

Law Clerk | Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division 2016-2017
Began in the chambers of The Honorable Carol E. Higbee, J.A.D., and was retained after the Judge's sudden passing to serve The Honorable Joseph F. Lisa, J.A.D. (ret.), who was recalled to complete the term. Demonstrated a strong work ethic and high degree of initiative after the unprecedented loss of a sitting Appellate Division Judge during a court term. Performed legal research and prepared memoranda on a wide variety of legal topics. Assisted presiding judges in processing emergent motion applications and proofreading draft opinions. Recognized for presenting sophisticated legal arguments based on careful analyses.

Teaching Associate | Rutgers School of Law 2015-2016
Taught alongside Professor Amy Soled for two semesters and led small group seminars on Bluebook citation form (cases, statues, regulations, etc.), commented on student papers and oral arguments, and graded assignments for Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research Skills – a mandatory course for first-year law students. Emphasized understanding of citation signals and their implications to a court, as well as the importance of clarity in legal writing. Assessed style, content, and overall organization when grading student assignments.

Legal Intern | State of New Jersey, Office of the Attorney General Summer 2015
Assigned to the Professional Boards Prosecution section, with duties including completing legal research, drafting the legal analysis portion of an appellate brief advocating for the Appellate Division to affirm the revocation of the medical license of a physician accused of sexual misconduct, and attended administrative proceedings, all under the instruction of a Deputy Attorney General.

Judicial Intern | United States District Court, District of New Jersey Winter/Spring 2015
Served The Honorable Freda L. Wolfson, U.S.D.J., during spring semester of 2L year. Worked closely with Judge Wolfson and her law clerks to perform extensive research and writing assignments, and to draft judicial opinions and other bench memoranda. Specific contributions included an order granting a motion to dismiss claims in an antitrust case, opinions on summary judgment motions, and an opinion read from the bench regarding a motion *in limine* made during a complex criminal trial.

Judicial Intern | Superior Court of New Jersey, Criminal Division Summer 2014
Assisted The Honorable Verna G. Leath, J.S.C., in researching and developing protocol for an Essex County diversion program for defendants with mental health disorders. Produced bench memoranda analyzing a variety of topics, including a motion to reveal the identity of a confidential informant, as well as several motions to suppress in-person witness identifications.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Admitted to New Jersey Bar, Member in Good Standing (retired status)