

SARA COULTER

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio

Senior Fellow, First Amendment Clinic, 2023-present.

Fellow, First Amendment Clinic, 2021-2023.

- Co-teaches weekly First Amendment seminar.
- Leads discussion on various aspects of civil litigation, including the discovery process.
- Speaks to other classes, including LLEAP 3, about the First Amendment Clinic.
- Meets with students individually to help them reach their personal and professional goals.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio

Senior Fellow, First Amendment Clinic, 2023-present

Fellow, First Amendment Clinic, 2021-2023

- Defends clients against defamation and tort claims involving the right to free speech.
- Drafts discovery motions, dispositive motions, and other briefs and memoranda.
- Prevailed in appeal to reinstate client's First Amendment retaliation case in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, defeating qualified immunity.
- Deposed the plaintiff in a defamation case brought against anonymous speaker.
- Directed and cross-examined witnesses in a federal bench trial.

Office of the Ohio Attorney General, Major Litigation Section, Columbus, Ohio

Assistant Attorney General, 2019-2021

- Managed third-party discovery for over 25 state agencies in Ohio's opioid lawsuits.
- Oversaw document review teams using the Everlaw platform.
- Coordinated depositions and document productions.
- Briefed motions for protective orders and motions to quash.

Office of the Ohio Attorney General, Antitrust Section, Columbus, Ohio

Assistant Attorney General, 2017-2019

- Investigated allegations of anticompetitive conduct in multiple complex fields.
- Developed case theories and trial strategies for a multistate monopoly case.
- Negotiated document requests with targets of investigations.
- Presented to public purchasing officials to help them identify bid-rigging and price-fixing.

Cloppert, Latanick, Sauter, & Washurn, Columbus, Ohio

Law Clerk, 2016-2017

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on various issues facing local unions.
- Attended unemployment compensation and unfair labor practices proceedings.

Ohio Supreme Court- Chief Justice O'Connor, Columbus, Ohio

Judicial Extern, Spring 2016

- Analyzed cases on appeal and wrote memoranda on the legal issues involved.

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, Columbus, Ohio

Juris Doctor, 2017, *cum laude*

- Dean's Scholar Award for Top 15%.
- The Order of Barristers.
- I/S: A Journal of Law and Policy for the Information Society.

Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana

Bachelor of Arts, Communication with a Concentration in Law, 2014, *summa cum laude*

- Christ College Scholar (Interdisciplinary Honors College).
- Classical Civilizations and Humanities Minors.

SELECTED LITIGATION MATTERS

- *Wood v. Eubanks et al.* (25 F.4th 414 (6th Cir. 2022)) (Prevailed in an appeal in the Sixth Circuit to reinstate client's claims after client was retaliated against and arrested for his speech, including a t-shirt that read "fuck the police" at a county fairground).
- *Koger v. Mohr et al.* (N.D. Ohio No. 4:17-cv-02409) (First-chair trial experience in Federal District Court representing Rastafarian inmate bringing claims against prison officials under the First and Fourteenth Amendments and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act for burdening his religious exercise in a discriminatory way).
- *Thompson-Hashman v. Whitmore* (Athens County Court of Common Pleas, 20-CI-00094) (Deposed Plaintiff in defamation suit brought against client, an anonymous administrator of a satirical Facebook page. Briefed and was awarded Summary Judgment on defamation and auxiliary claims).
- *McLaughlin, et al. v. John Doe*, (Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas, CV-22-973016) (Represented anonymous defendant accused of defamation by the City of Beachwood and its police chief. Entered limited appearance to oppose motion for discovery into client's identity. Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed after the Court did not allow discovery into the identity of the anonymous speakers).
- *State ex rel., Lauren "Cid" Standifer, et al., v. City of Cleveland* (Appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court, Case No. 2021-1280) (Prevailed in an appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court to reverse Eighth District Court of Appeals' ruling that allowed police department to withhold use of force reports as confidential law enforcement investigatory records).
- *West, et al. v. Jordan, et al.* (Erie County Court of Common Pleas, 2021-CV-0447) (Represented defendant accused of defamation after client spoke out on matters affecting school district. Drafted portions of discovery requests).
- *Collegetown Blue L.P. v. Bar One II LLC* (Cleveland Municipal Court, 21-CVG-10467) (Plaintiff restaurant voluntarily dismissed tortious interference claims against client, a student newspaper, after newspaper reported on dining options available to the campus. Drafted portions of Motion to Dismiss).

- *State of Ohio v. McKesson Corporation, et al.* (Madison County Court of Common Pleas, CVH20180055) (Represented third-party state agencies in discovery proceedings in State of Ohio's opioid litigation against distributors).
- *State of Ohio v. Purdue Pharma L.P., et al.* (Ross County Court of Common Pleas, 17CI000261) (Represented third-party state agencies in discovery proceedings in State of Ohio's opioid litigation against manufacturers).
- *State of Wisconsin et al. v. Indivior* (E.D. Pa. Sept. 22, 2016) (Subject matter expert for multistate litigation case against makers of Suboxone, a drug used to treat opioid addiction, who allegedly engaged in a scheme to block generic competitors and raise prices).

MEDIA MENTIONS & APPEARANCES

- Vince Grzegorek, <https://www.clevescene.com/news/heres-the-satirical-piece-about-jim-renacci-his-team-demanded-we-delete-because-they-thought-you-wouldnt-think-it-was-a-joke-41586120>, Cleveland Scene, March 13, 2023.
- [Fox News v. Dominion Trial on Hold After Last Minute Delay Announced](#), Scripps News, April 17, 2023.
- [Fox News Reaches Settlement in a Defamation Lawsuit with Dominion Voting Systems](#), Scripps News, April 19, 2023.
- [Let's Get Personal with Sara Coulter, First Amendment Fellow at Case Western Reserve University School of Law](#), Personal Jurisdiction Podcast, Sept. 19, 2023.

AWARDS, PRESENTATIONS, & ORGANIZATIONS

- [Social Media & The Law: Online Criticism of Government Actors](#), Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association's Department of Continuing Legal Education, Sept. 28, 2023.
- [Banned Books: Legal Panel Discussion](#), Heights Libraries, Oct. 2, 2023.
- Member, Free Expression Legal Network.
- Member, Clinical Legal Education Association.
- Member, Association of American Law Schools.
- Presenter, Ohio Attorney General's 2020 eDiscovery Symposium.
- Member, Ohio Attorney General's eDiscovery Team, 2019-2021.
- Mentor, Ohio Attorney General's Teen Ambassador Board, 2020-2021.
- Coach, Moritz's NYC Bar Association National Moot Court teams, 2018.
- Runner-Up, NYC Bar Association National Moot Court Competition, 2017.
- 1st Place, National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare & Adoption Law, 2016.

BAR ADMISSIONS

- State of Ohio (2017); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2021); U.S. District Court, N.D. Ohio (2021).