

SARA THORP

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MEMBER, OHIO STATE BAR

EDUCATION

Capital University Law School, Columbus, OH

Juris Doctor (May 2012)

- CALI Award in Mediation
- Dean's List (Two Semesters)
- Litigation Clinic (Fall 2011)

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences (August 2009)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Landsel Title Agency, Inc., Gahanna, Ohio

Senior Corporate Counsel (January 2015-Present)

Thorp Law, LLC, Westerville, Ohio

Principal (January 2015-Present)

- Draft and review legal documents on real estate transactions.
- Examine title and prepare title opinions and pro forma policies.
- Facilitate residential and commercial real estate transactions.
- Advise parties and the company on avoiding and resolving legal matters.
- Assist employees with recouping and avoiding escrow losses, funding, and providing general knowledge on all matters related to closing.
- Assist parties in navigating taxes and investment properties, including a 1031 exchange, drop downs, and opportunity zones.
- Business development.

Turner Oil and Gas Properties, Inc., Marietta, OH

Landman (August 2013 - December 2014)

- Determined the ownership of minerals through the research of public and private records.
- Prepared due diligence reports in order to determine the working interests of different parties and whether prospective lessors have acceptable title to the oil, gas, and other related rights in and to the Leasehold property.
- Reviewed title opinions in preparation for acquisitions.
- Researched deeds, leases, rights of way, joint ventures, and other various types of oil and gas agreements.
- Negotiated lease terms between landowners, mineral, or resource owners.
- Cured title defects.
- Proficient in state's real estate, mining, and mineral laws.

- Working knowledge of tax maps, property deeds, deed plotter and chain of title programs.

Malek and Malek Law Firm, Columbus, OH

Attorney (May 2011 - August 2013)

- Performed research, prepared legal memoranda, and drafted numerous motions during all stages of the litigation process in workers' compensation and personal injury law.
- Put together settlement demands and negotiated settlement with insurance companies and opposing counsel.
- Drafted appeals and briefs in the court of appeals.
- Completed discovery in both workers' compensation and personal injury law.
- Attended administrative hearings, mediations, depositions, pre-trial hearings, oral arguments, settlement conferences, and assisted with trials.
- Appealed all denied administrative proceedings into the court of common pleas and assigned attorneys to the new cases in litigation.
- Reviewed and modified attorney briefs and motions.
- Statuted all new cases and tracked service for cases presently in litigation.

The Supreme Court of Ohio, Specialized Dockets, Columbus, OH

Extern (Winter 2011)

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda on post-release control, judicial release, juvenile competency, indigent driver's alcohol treatment fund, judicial ethics, and numerous others involving drug and mental health courts.

Community Refugee and Immigration Services, Columbus, OH

Intern (Fall 2010 - Winter 2011)

- Researched and analyzed legal issues in the areas of asylum, visas, and U.S. citizenship.
- Reviewed and modified attorney briefs and motions.
- Assisted with client interviews involving asylum, applications for green cards, and U.S. citizenship.

Law Offices of Schulze, Howard, & Cox, Marysville, OH

Law Clerk (Summer 2010)

- Provided support to an attorney in general practice.
- Researched and drafted legal memoranda in the areas of contract, personal injury, and consumer protection law during all stages of the litigation process.
- Assisted with mediations, hearings, trials, deposition preparation, client interviews, and property title searches.
- Reviewed and modified attorney briefs and motions.