

Jennifer J. Cook

EDUCATION

University of North Dakota School of Law

Grand Forks, ND

Juris Doctor, with distinction

May 2010

- **Honors:** Public Law Course Award; North Dakota Law Review
- **Activities:** Environmental Law Society, President; Law Women Caucus, Member; Delta Theta Phi, Member

North Dakota State University

Fargo, ND

Bachelor of Arts, Mass Communication

December 2001

Emphasis in Public Relations & Journalism; Minor in History

- **Activities:** Blue Key National Honor Fraternity, Philanthropy Chair; Bison Ambassadors, Vice President of Publicity

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

University of North Dakota School of Law

Grand Forks, ND

Visiting Assistant Professor

2018 – Present

- Taught two sections of Lawyering Skills I and II during academic year 2018-2019;
- Recruited more than fifteen attorneys and judges for Lawyering Skills II moot court competition; managed attorneys' and judges' oral argument schedule for Lawyering Skills II moot court competition;
- Guest lectured for upper level First Amendment course and presented as a subject matter expert at multiple law student led organization's events;
- Volunteered to serve as member of the Professionalism Working Group;
- Teach two sections of Lawyering Skills I and II in addition to Torts for academic year 2019-2020.

American Civil Liberties Union of North Dakota

Fargo, ND

Policy Director

2014 – 2018

- Developed and implemented strategic legislative and policy programs at state and local level to advance core civil liberties priorities;
- Cultivated relationships with key elected and appointed officials, staff, policy makers, and related governmental bodies and leaders;
- Tracked and analyzed complex legislation, developed specific lobbying and advocacy strategies for both proactive and reactive legislation, and prepared and delivered testimony and supporting material; lobbied members of the legislature, their staff, and the Governor's office; drafted and advanced ACLU-initiated legislation and amendments to other proposed bills; identified opportunities for bipartisan support on ACLU issues;

- Represented the ACLU in meetings of ad hoc legislative coalitions and before various community and stakeholder groups; built and lead coalitions with diverse stakeholders and worked in partnership with other organizations;
- Served as spokesperson for the ACLU of North Dakota;
- Advanced core civil liberties priorities and policy objectives with an integrated communications and public education strategy by preparing and delivering educational presentations, policy papers, drafting legislative action alerts, letters to the editor, op-eds, fact sheets, talking points, and press statements;
- Appeared as counsel on behalf of ACLU of North Dakota and its clients in all aspects of complex litigation to include court proceedings, motion practice, and amicus briefs.

United States District Court, District of North Dakota

Judicial Law Clerk to Magistrate Judge Karen K. Klein

Fargo, ND

2012 – 2014

- Managed civil case files, assisted in pretrial proceedings, and drafted orders and opinions
- Researched case law and advised on current law and changes in the law.

Cass County State’s Attorney’s Office

Extern

Fargo, ND

Fall 2009

- Drafted the appellate brief and argued on behalf of the State before the North Dakota Supreme Court in Tweed v. State, 779 N.W.2d 667 (N.D. 2010);
- Appeared on behalf of the State in arraignments and other court hearings;
- Aided staff attorneys with legal research and writing.

United States District Court, District of North Dakota

Extern

Fargo, ND

Summer 2009

- Assisted District Court Judges Ralph Erickson and Rodney Webb and Magistrate Judge Karen Klein in a variety of civil and criminal cases;
- Drafted a bench memorandum for Judge Klein for her determination in a social security case, Iverson v. Astrue, No. 3:08cv128, 2010 WL 1233846 (D.N.D. March 4, 2010).

Pearson Christensen & Clapp, PLLP

Law Clerk

Grand Forks, ND

2008 – 2009

- Conducted legal research and writing for multiple attorneys;
- Drafted a variety of motions and briefs for civil matters and a settlement brochure.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brewers Association

Web Content Editor (Telecommuter)

Fargo, ND

2006 – 2007

- Managed, wrote, and edited copy for company web site, www.beertown.org;
- Oversaw a web team of graphic designers, programmers, and marketing staff.

Brewers Association
Marketing Coordinator

Boulder, CO
2004 – 2006

- Wrote and edited copy for advertisements, press releases, event programs, promotional brochures, membership materials, web content, and other marketing materials;
- Generated direct marketing campaigns to members, media, industry professionals, and the public, including management of cost analysis, commercial production, and design.

United States Senator Byron L. Dorgan's Office
Staff Assistant for Constituent Outreach

Bismarck, ND
2002 – 2004

- Directed the Veterans History Project, including special events and integration with partners such as the State Historical Society, AARP, schools, and Library of Congress;
- Implemented outreach effort to schools for the Military Academy Nomination Program;
- Created and managed the Grant Resource Program.

SELECTED SPEAKING & PRESENTATIONS

Gender & the Law, Guest Lecturer, Frameworks & Issues: Women and Gender Studies, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (April 2019).

Women's Rights are Civil Rights, Panelist, Helen Hamilton Day, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (March 2019).

Straight from the Horse's Mouth: Starting a Conversation with the Bench and Bar about What Legal Writing Means for the Practice of Law, Presenter, Legal Writing Institute One-Day Conference, Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, LA (December 2018).

How a North Dakota School Prayer Bill Becomes a Law, Guest Lecturer, First Amendment Law, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (November 2018).

Title IX and Sexual Violence: Students' Rights and University Obligations, Panelist, Law Women's Caucus General Meeting, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND (November 2018).

How to Access Human Rights in North Dakota & Minnesota, Panelist, North Dakota Human Rights Film Festival, The Human Family, Fargo, ND (November 2017).

Transgender Rights in the Workplace & Inclusive Best Practices for Employers, Presenter, Diversity Training Workshop for HR Professionals, Central Dakota Human Resources Association, Bismarck, ND (October 2017).

Know Your Rights: Racial Justice and the First Amendment, Presenter, Community Lunch & Learn Series, Honor the Earth, Bismarck, ND (September 2017).

Transgender People & The Healthcare System: Rights, Laws, and Policy, Panelist, Community

Education Series, Community Uplift Program, Fargo, ND (June 2017).

Civil Liberties and Human Rights Issues at Standing Rock, Panelist, Nationwide Staff Conference Training Workshops, American Civil Liberties Union, Phoenix, AZ (April 2017).

Working with and for Protesters: First Amendment Rights, Organizing, and Civil Disobedience, Panelist, Nationwide Staff Conference Training Workshops, American Civil Liberties Union, Phoenix, AZ (April 2017).

Standing Rock is Everywhere: Civil Liberties Issues at Standing Rock and Local Indigenous Organizing, Panelist, Annual State Conference Advocacy Training Workshops & Lobby Day, American Civil Liberties Union of California, San Francisco, CA (April 2017).

A Lobbyist's Perspective: Lobbying & Advocacy at the ND Legislature, Presenter, Capitol Democracy Café for Political Science Students, Minot State University, Bismarck, ND (March 2017).

North Dakota Legislative Session Update: The Key Issues and Bills, Panelist, WE Rise: Women Empowered Advocacy Training & Lobby Day, North Dakota Women's Network, Bismarck, ND (March 2017).

LGBTQ+ Rights Advocacy & Lobbying in North Dakota, Panelist, Annual Human Rights Summit, North Dakota Human Rights Coalition, Fargo, ND (November 2016).

Voting in North Dakota: Laws, Procedures, and Processes, Presenter, Democracy Café for Political Science Students, Minot State University, Minot, ND (March 2016).

LGBTQ+ Students Rights and Best Practices for Educators, Presenter, Annual Meeting Training Workshops, North Dakota Association of School Counselors, Bismarck, ND (February 2016).

Young Lakota: A Film Screening and Discussion of the Reproductive Health Issues in Indian Country, Host and Moderator, NDSU Women's Week Public Education Series, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND (February 2016).

Criminal Justice in a Post-Ferguson Era: Policing and Law Enforcement in the 21st Century, Panelist, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (January 2016).

Voting Rights and Laws, Invited Panelist, State Conference Training Workshops, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People – Mississippi, Jackson, MS (October 2015).

The State of Non-Discrimination Laws in North Dakota, Presenter, Diversity University Public Education Series, Bismarck Human Relations Commission, Bismarck, ND (September 2015).

A Lobbyist's Perspective: Lobbying & Advocacy at the ND Legislature, Presenter, Capitol Democracy Café for Political Science Students, Minot State University, Bismarck, ND (March 2015).

The Art of Lobbying and Self-Advocacy, Panelist, WE Rise: Women Empowered Training and Lobby Day, North Dakota Women's Network, Bismarck, ND (March 2015).

MILITARY SERVICE

Honors: State Achievement Medal; Mobilization Medal; Commandant's List, Officer Basic Course; Distinguished Graduate, Advanced Individual Training; Most Improved Academic Award, Officer Candidate School; Citizen Soldier Award, Officer Candidate School.

Colorado Army National Guard Aurora, CO
Commander, 1/128th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment 2005 – 2006

North Dakota Army National Guard Grand Forks, ND
Commander, 131st Water Purification Detachment Sept. 2003 – Oct. 2004

North Dakota Army National Guard Rugby, ND
Platoon Leader, 132nd Quartermaster Company Mar. 2003 – Aug. 2003

North Dakota Army National Guard Devils Lake, ND
Headquarters Commander, 136th Quartermaster Battalion Sept. 2002 – Feb. 2003

North Dakota Army National Guard Grand Forks, ND
Platoon Leader, 131st Water Purification Detachment Aug. 2001 – Aug. 2002

North Dakota Army National Guard Grand Forks, ND
Officer Candidate, Officer Candidate School Mar. 2000 – Aug. 2001

North Dakota Army National Guard Grand Forks, ND
Food Services Specialist, 957th Multi-Role Bridge Company Dec. 1996 – Feb. 2000

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

State Bar Association of North Dakota 2011 – Present
Member

State Court of North Dakota 2011 – Present
Admitted to Practice

Cass County Bar Association 2012 – Present
Member

Federal District Court for the District of North Dakota 2016 – Present
Admitted to Practice

SELECTED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

North Dakota State University Women's Club
President and Program Chair

Fargo, ND
2015 – Present

North Dakota Human Rights Coalition
Member

Fargo, ND
2016 – 2017