

# **Sarah A. Castle, Esq.**

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## **Objective**

To be an advocate and leader in the administration of justice and equality, and to help change the perception of people with disabilities in America.

## **Experience**

### **Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Jackson County Prosecutor's Office**

**October 2013 to Present**

- Second Chair for three trials ranging from Assault in the First Degree to Possession of a Controlled Substance, which resulted in jury convictions
- Second Chair for multiple Murder in the Second Degree trials currently pending
- Reorganized and established new procedures for the Property and Refusal Docket, and Treatment Courts
- Assisted with revitalization of White Collar Crimes Unit
- Gun Crimes and Grand Jury Prosecutor
- Worked investigations for and charged high profile cases including cases involving forged deeds and a case involving a suspect of 60 counts of burglary and theft
- Assigned role of Diversion Manager tasked with administering the Mental Health and New Start diversion programs

### **Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA), United States Attorney's Office Western District of Missouri**

**February 2013 to October 2013**

- Second Chair for two trials, which took place in a two week period, both of which resulted in jury convictions
- Reorganized and established new procedures for Petty Crimes Docket
- After six months with the Strike Force Unit had one of the largest caseloads in the Unit
- Created forms and documents to assist with case management and organization
- Participated in a panel discussion for federal employees on issues related to disability and employment

### **Intern, Chambers of Magistrate Robert E. Larson, United States Court for the Western District of Missouri**

**August 2011 to February 2013**

- Assisted with Orders responding to Social Security Administration Appeals
- Completed case research and prosecutorial memorandums for Magistrate Larsen
- Observed over 100 hours of criminal proceedings

### **Community Organizer, Campaign for Real Choice in Illinois**

**January 2008 to July 2009**

- Organized a statewide event to advocate for the rights of people with developmental disabilities which included thirteen events at thirteen locations around the state of Illinois, and a lobbying event at the State Capitol
- Spoke with State Legislators and other Government Officials regarding issues concerning people with developmental disabilities

### **Intern, United States Senator Ken Salazar for the State of Colorado**

**2007**

- Drafted constituent correspondence on issues related to disability, health, and education policy Senator Salazar
- Attended Legislative meetings and sessions on the Ticket to Work Program and Social Security Insurance Benefits.

**Intern, B&D Consulting**  
2007

- Assisted with grant and presentation development on disability related issues
- Helped conduct research and coordinate presentations on inclusion of activities for students with disabilities initiatives in the public school system

**Education**

**Juris Doctor, University of Missouri, Kansas City Law School**  
August 2009-May 2012

**Masters of Arts in Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**  
January 2007-August 2008

**Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign**  
August 2002-December 2006

**Proven Abilities and Results**

**Trial Advocacy**

- Received completion certificate from the Ross T. Roberts Trial Academy
- National Member of the Order of Barristers (2012)
- UMKC Thomas E. Deacy Trial Lawyer Award (2012)

**Disability Advocacy**

- Lead Organizer for a statewide action called "Freedom Quest 2009," which brought people with developmental disabilities from around Illinois together to advocate for their rights; included 13 stops in 13 different cities and over 250 participants.
- Provided training for Illinois Imagines Review Teams, which assessed rape crisis centers and disability services providers in Illinois for their preparedness to serve people with disabilities who were victims of sexual violence.

**Leadership**

- Jackson County, Missouri Employee of the Month (April 2015)
- Participated in the Jackson County Leadership Development Program for 2014-2015
- Public speaking at elementary, secondary, and post-secondary education facilities on disability issues
- Public speaking for businesses, forums, and other organizations on disability leadership and employment of people with disabilities
- Trained in disability sensitivity training techniques
- President of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Board of Directors (2015- present)
- Vice President of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Board of Directors (2014-2015)
- Secretary of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Board of Directors (2010-2014)
- Paralympic Swimming Representative to the Athlete Advisory Council (2010-2016)

**Additional Relevant Experience**

**United States Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team**

- 2012- 4<sup>th</sup> place, Women's Wheelchair Basketball Paralympic Games, London, England
- 2011-12- Captain of USA Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team
- 2011- Gold Medalist, ParaPan American Games, Guadalajara, Mexico
- 2011- Tournament of Champions MVP, Charlotte, North Carolina
- 2010- Gold Medalist, World Championships, Birmingham, England
- 2008- Gold Medalist, Paralympic Games, Beijing, China

- 2007- Gold Medalist, ParaPan American Games, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2006- Silver Medalist, World Championships, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- 2005- Gold Medalist, America's Cup, Colorado Springs, Colorado

**United States Paralympic Swim Team**

- 2004- 4<sup>th</sup> place, SB6 100m Breaststroke, Paralympic Games, Athens, Greece
- 2002- Silver Medalist, SB6 100m Breaststroke, World Championships, Mar del Plata, Argentina
- 2000- Silver Medalist, SB6 100m Breaststroke, Paralympic Games, Sydney, Australia
- 2000-2002- S8 1500m Freestyle, World Record Holder
- 2000- Inducted into the Sports Woman of Colorado Hall of Fame and the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame

**University of Illinois Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team**

- 2006-2008; 2002-2004- National Champions
- 2008- Lead Organizer for the National Tournament
- 2002-2008- helped raise over \$50,000 for the wheelchair basketball team