

# Erica M. Patterson

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## EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center  
*LLM National and Global Health Law with Distinction*  
*Food and Drug Law Certificate*  
GPA: 3.73

D.C., Washington  
August 2023 – May 2024

- Global Health Law Scholar
- O'Neill Institute Infectious Disease Group Research Assistant
- Global Health Institute Fellowship
- Guest Lecturer Legal Environment of Health Care (HESY 3003)
- Dean's List 2023-2024

## **University of Lucerne**

GPA: Pass

Lucerne, Switzerland

July 2023

- ThinkSwiss Scholarship Awardee
- Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation with a focus on Indigenous Rights, Global Poverty, Community-Centric Approaches to Business and Human Rights, and The African Charter on Human and People's Rights
- Visited United Nations, Council of Europe, Office of World Organization Against Torture, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and European Court of Human Rights

## **University of Notre Dame Law School**

*Juris Doctor*

GPA: 3.230

Notre Dame, IN

May 2023

- Faculty Award for Jurisprudence
- Executive Symposium Editor, Journal of Legislation
- President Emeritus, National Lawyers Guild
- President Emeritus, Social Media Director, Women's Legal Forum
- Former Treasurer, Black Law Student Association
- Financial Secretary, National Black Law Student Association
- Head Representative, Kaplan
- Representative, American Bar Association
- UMD Prince George's County Alumni Network Board Member
- Inaugural Center for Social Concern Graduate Fellow
- Religious Liberty Organizations Lab Class, Tax Clients
- Applied Mediation Clinic
- Mediation Certificate; Expected to Register as a Mediator in Indiana
- Inmate Pro se Extern, Staff Attorney's Office South Bend
- Organized two U-Visa Clinics
- Participated in Pro-se Divorce Clinic
- Appalachia Externship in Eastern Kentucky, drafted a complaint, memo, and motion in Social Security Administration litigation
- Lead Ambassador & DEI Lead Ambassador, Notre Dame Law School
- Research Assistant, Diane Desierto
- Assistant Rector, Johnson Family Hall
- Vice President of Finance, Chicago Sigma Lambda Gamma Alumni Chapter
- Inaugural Center for Social Concern Graduate Community Engagement Institute

## **University of Maryland**

*Bachelor of Science in Family Science and Psychology, cum laude*

College Park, MD

May 2020

- Teaching Assistant, Psychology 200 and 300
- Title IX Standing Review Committee Member
- Senator-At-Large, Residence Hall Association
- Alcohol Coalition Committee Member
- Assistant Student Manager, Dispatcher, Student Driver, UMD Department of Transportation
- Vice President of Finance, Sigma Lambda Gamma
- First Place Poster Presentation, Society for Risk Analysis 2019 Conference
- Honors Societies: Order of Omega, Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key, Phi Alpha Epsilon, Phi Upsilon Omicron
- First-year Innovation & Research Experience Program peer mentor and researcher, researching terrorism, flood risk management issues, and national resilience
- Provided assistance to faculty on grant funded research from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration & Department of Homeland Security

## EXPERIENCE

### **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

*Chairman's Office Intern, 30 hours per week*

Washington DC

April 2023 – Present

Conducted substantive research, reviewed, and submitted orders providing detailed legal analysis on complex issues involving the regulation of the energy industry and specific companies and energy organizations. **Key highlights include:**

- Conducted research on the filed rate doctrine.
- Reviewed, edited, and submitted votes for orders on the behalf of the Chairman.

### **Staff Attorney's Office, 7th Circuit**

Law Clerk

South Bend, IN

August 2022 – November 2022

Conducted substantive research and drafted orders providing detailed legal analysis on complex issues involving pro se Litigants.

**Key highlights include:**

- Conducted research and drafted memoranda on multiple class action and derivative matters. Wrote Orders and Opinions and Summary Judgment Motions.

### **Maryland Office of the Attorney General, GA**

*Summer Law Clerk*

Annapolis, MD

May 2022 – August 2022

Conducted substantive research and drafted memoranda providing detailed legal analysis on complex issues involving the Maryland General Assembly. **Key highlights include:**

- Drafting updated social media guidelines.
- Drafting memoranda on a novel state legislative use of power.
- Drafting memoranda on first amendment issues.

### **Diane Desierto, Professor of Law and Global Affairs**

*Research Assistant*

Notre Dame, IN

September 2021– Present

- Co-authoring publication on international and human rights law challenges caused by COVID-19. Publication will be used in preparing draft Convention on the Right to Development.
- Co-authoring central chapter of *Global Health Law & Policy: Ensuring Justice for a Healthier World*, entitled "Economic Development Policy for Public Health Advancement."
- Guidebook on International Disputes in the Asia-Pacific for Professor Desierto's class for the Singaporean government with a footnote crediting me in helping develop the course materials.
- Helped develop a new Health and Human Rights Seminar Course

### **Maryland Office of the Attorney General, MDH**

*Summer Law Clerk*

Baltimore, MD

June 2021 – August 2021

Conducted substantive research and drafted memoranda providing detailed legal analysis on complex issues involving the Maryland Department of Health. Drafted motions to compel, quash, and challenging service. Assisted in drafting appellate brief challenging writ of mandamus. Participated in strategy discussions with lead attorneys and provided exceptional written and oral recommendations. **Key highlights include:**

- Drafted memoranda examining whether physicians have right to free speech in public forums when the speech perpetuates narratives contrary to CDC and national guidelines.
- Drafted memoranda on whether the MD Institutional Review Board can lawfully exist and requirements for compliance.
- Drafted consent orders for two state licensed healthcare professionals.
- Updated Surrogate Decision Maker forms used by the Maryland Department of Health.

### **Thompson Coburn LLP**

*Legal Intern*

Washington, D.C.

December 2020 – January 2021

Conducted substantive research to answer key legal questions for matters involving Energy, Healthcare, and Government Contract practice groups. Drafted memoranda providing detailed legal analysis on complex issues. Actively engaged in strategy discussions with lead attorneys and provided written and oral recommendations based on exceptional legal research. **Key highlights include:**

- Researched Federal Energy Regulatory Commission hearing procedures on depreciation rates for transmission.
- Researched Federal Energy Regulatory Commission filings
- Researched and delivered detailed legal analysis on physicians' remedies after retaliation by an insurance company.
- Drafted memorandum examining what individuals are authorized to consent to a minor's medical treatment.
- Provided thorough and exceptional research describing licensing and certification requisites for radiologists in all 50 states.

### **Riverdale Baptist School**

*Guidance Counselor Intern*

Bowie, MD

January 2020 – March 2020

- Substituted classes

- Worked as the receptionist occasionally.
- Helped the admissions department.
- Went through student files and make sure all their grades were present and that the students were on track to graduate.

**National Defense University (Fort McNair)**

*Research Internship*

Washington DC  
August 2019 – December 2019

- Conducted psychology research on military service members examining issues of wellbeing, leadership, and coping mechanisms for military families.

PUBLICATIONS

- Co-Authored *Global Health Law & Policy: Ensuring Justice For A Healthier World* “Chapter 11 - Economic Development Policy: Poverty Alleviation for Public Health Advancement (central chapter)”
- Co-Authored *The Forgotten Community: Black Women Weathering the Waves of HIV*
- *Healing the Trust of Black Patients: The Impact on Engagement in HIV Testing and Treatment*
- Co-Authored with Environmental Working Group *More than 4,000 Black farms are gone and House Republican proposals to increase reference prices will make it worse*
- *The South: The Frontier for the Battle to Eliminate HIV (Part I)*
- *The South: The Frontier for the Battle to Eliminate HIV (Part II)*
- Working On: *The Last Plantation: Falling Short of Fostering True Change and Ushering in a New Era*
- Working On: Co-Author: *Psychiatric Violence In International Human Rights Law and Comparative Experiences*
- Working On: *Farm Subsidies Link to Base Acres: Constitutional Violations or Innocent Support for Farmers*
- Working On: *Ensuring Equity in Admissions: Extending Affirmative Action Exemptions to Medical Schools and Training Programs*
- Working On: *Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights in the United States Then and Now*
- Working On: *Streamlining Mpx Strategies: A Comparative Look at Global and Regional Leadership*

SERVICE

- Prison Legal Network, National Lawyers Guild August 2020 – July 2024
- Dress for Success November 2020 – December 2020
- America Reads\*America Counts Mentor January 2018 – May 2020

PRESENTATION

- Inclusivity and Cultural Appropriation, Residence Hall Association LTD Conference August 2020
- Colorism in Fashion, University of Maryland December 2020

INTERESTS

- Reading, Traveling, Anime, Asian Dramas, Ordained Minister