Alyssa K. Phillips

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EDUCATION:

University of Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, IN
Juris Doctor, May 2017
Activities: LGBT Law Forum – Founding President
ACLU- Executive Board Member
Volunteer Lawyer's Network
Appalachia Externship
National Immigrant Justice Externship
Cuba-Common Good Initiative

Honors: Conrad Kellenberg Award – given to the student who has dedicated a substantial amount of time to the betterment of the community through service.

Wheaton College, Wheaton IL
B.A., *summa cum laude,* Political Science and Urban Studies Certificate, May 2014

EXPERIENCE:

Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Chicago, IL
Education Staff Attorney 2019-present
Advocate and provide legal assistance for the educational rights of homeless students in Chicago and the surrounding suburbs through outreach, community education and direct representation.

Equal Justice Works Fellow 2017-2019
Wrote briefs, affidavits, presented arguments in McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Hearings, performed outreach and intakes at homeless shelters to give legal aid to families and presented at nation and state-wide conferences.

Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) Intern Summer 2016
Enrolled homeless students in preschool, performed outreach at homeless shelters to give legal aid to unaccompanied homeless youth, researched and crafted arguments for a Defendant's Motion to Dismiss under the Illinois Bill of Rights for the Homeless Act.

Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Inc., Chicago, IL
Intern Summer 2015
Drafted a memo that lead to Healthcare and Family Services and Department of Health and Human Services releasing a memo clarifying that unaccompanied youth could be eligible for food stamps.

National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL
DACA Intern Fall 2013
Managed clients' cases on Legal Server and organized DACA pro-bono clinics.

B. R. I. D. G. E. Building Roads to Intellectual Diversity and Great Education, Wheaton, IL
Events Coordinator Summer 2013
Organized and managed the Welcome Reception, Family Weekend, and the Closing Dinner.

Teacher's Assistant Summer 2012
Aided high school juniors in reading and writing skills