

Desiree Montano Omli

Professional License

- California State Bar, Admitted - December 2012
- Washington State Bar, Admitted - June 2014

Relevant Experience

Senior Counsel, Office of Program Research, WA House of Representatives, Olympia, WA Aug. 2017-present
Session Counsel Jan. 2017-Mar. 2017

- Draft legislation, bill amendments, bill summaries, and policy memoranda for elected officials.
- Analyze legislation and brief elected officials and stakeholders on the impacts of proposed legislation.
- Field legal and technical questions from elected officials, stakeholders, and members of the public.
- Conduct legal and policy research.
- Develop expertise in the areas of election law, campaign finance, administrative law, government accountability, state-tribal government relations, state information technology, and other state government issues .
- Manage member relationships in an environment requiring high levels of self-direction and confidentiality.
- Conduct office-wide training on the Public Records Act.

Fiscal and Policy Analyst, City of Seattle Budget Office, Seattle, WA, April 2017-Aug. 2017

- Analyzed budget and policy issues for the Human Services Department and oversaw fiscal policy and financial planning activities in a position requiring high levels of attention to detail and knowledge of the legislative process.
- Provided cost-benefit analyses of proposed projects and presented the Mayor with program options.

Attorney, King County Dept. of Public Defense, Northwest Defenders Division, Seattle, WA Aug. 2014-Mar. 2015

- Counseled clients in dependency matters including: advise clients on case exposure and defense strategies.
- Presented oral arguments and status updates to the court daily resulting in exceptional oral communication skills.
- Conducted legal research on constitutional and dependency law and drafted well-organized motions.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to develop and implement service plans for clients using evidence-based services.
- Navigated competing interests in controversial meetings and provided innovative options to allow for collaboration resulting in strong interpersonal skills.
- Managed a caseload of up to 80 files, met simultaneous deadlines, and maintained client confidentiality.

Associate Attorney, Tobin Lucks, LLP, Los Angeles, CA Jan. 2013 – Apr. 2014

- Advised insurance examiners on compliance with the labor code, workers' compensation regulations, administrative policy, case exposure, and options for case strategy.
- Supervised legal assistants and paralegals and created a team-oriented working environment.
- Managed up to 99 files simultaneously including: propound discovery, facilitate settlement negotiations, conduct all phases of motion practice, conduct and defend depositions of lay witnesses and medical experts, and present oral argument at hearings and trials resulting in strong analytical, problem solving, and communication skills.

Education

Seattle University, Seattle, WA

Master of Public Administration, June 2017

California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude – April 2012

University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Bachelor of Arts: Political Science, Communications – December 2008