

# Danee Garone

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## Bar Admissions

**Arizona** (UBE), October, 2014.

Bar Number: 031712

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## Education

**Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ

J.D., 2014

Accomplishments: **Client Counseling Finalist**, ASU Moot Court, 2012

**Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ

B.A., Journalism and Mass Communication, 2011

B.A., Political Science, 2011

Accomplishments:

- GPA: 4.0, Summa Cum Laude
  - Moeur Award Winner
  - Eight consecutive semesters on the Dean's list.
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## Current Employment

**Arizona Ombudsman – Citizens' Aide, Arizona Legislature**, Phoenix, AZ *January 2016- Present*  
**Staff Attorney**

- Fields and investigates complaints against Arizona State and local public bodies and officials regarding alleged open meeting and public records law violations.
  - Advises State and local public bodies and officials on whether they are in compliance with open meeting and public records law. Includes answering general and specific inquiries.
  - Fields and answers questions from the public and journalists regarding open meeting and public records law.
  - Conducted a formal investigation of the Department of Child Safety and its practice of interviewing children without parent permission. Wrote and prepared a public report detailing the investigation and our findings, including an explanation of how the Department was not complying with Arizona law. Report was disseminated to the top levels of Arizona government, including legislative leadership and the Governor.
  - Conducts legal research for the Ombudsman and staff regarding issues encountered in the course of investigating State agencies and boards for wrongdoing.
  - Trains State and local public bodies and public officials in open meeting and public records law.
  - Prepares educational materials concerning open meeting and public records law for the public, public bodies, public officials, and legislators.
  - Prepares and distributes a quarterly newsletters concerning open meeting and public records law.
  - Tracks and analyzes legislative bills affecting open meeting law, public records law, the Ombudsman – Citizens' Aide's office, and other prominent State agencies.
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## Past Experience

**Arizona Ombudsman – Citizens' Aide, Arizona Legislature**, Phoenix, AZ *August 2014- January 2016*

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## ***Investigator/Writer Ombudsman***

- Fielded and investigated complaints against Arizona agencies and boards. Conducted legal research and communicated with Arizona agencies and boards in order to determine whether agencies and boards' actions were in compliance with State laws and regulations. Worked with agencies and boards to correct unlawful or otherwise improper behaviors and actions.
- Compiled an extensive list of various systemic issues within the Department of Child Safety (DCS), including noncompliance with state statutes and inconsistencies in handling child safety matters. Assisted in addressing the issues with the DCS and working to resolve them.

**Arizona House of Representatives**, Phoenix, AZ

*January 2014- May 2014*

## ***Legislative Legal Intern for the Majority***

- Conducted legal research regarding proposed bills and lawsuits involving the Legislature. Researched and drafted memoranda regarding particular constitutional issues with various bills, such as free speech and Fourth Amendment search and seizure issues. Attended various stakeholder meetings.
- Proposed and drafted language for an amendment to a bill seeking to criminalize “revenge pornography” that was later adopted in a similar form and signed into law. Assisted Counsel for the House Majority in preparing for oral argument before a three-judge federal district panel regarding the constitutionality of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission.
- Assisted Counsel for the House Majority in drafting court briefs and preparing for oral argument for a trial hearing regarding Proposition 301 education spending.

**GreenBox**, Tempe, AZ

*June 2013- December 2013*

## ***Research Assistant***

- Conducted research on various topics, such as healthcare fraud, State/Federal sales taxes, and point-of-sale technology patents.
- Drafted a portion of a provisional patent for a system that allows the tracking, analysis, and control of electronic financial transactions.

**Jeff Mehrens**, solo practitioner, Phoenix, AZ

*June 2013*

## ***Criminal Defense Assistant***

- Researched and drafted motions for DUI defense pertaining to, in part, Constitutional issues such as *Terry* stops.

**Pro se Staff Attorney's Office for District of Arizona**, Phoenix, AZ

*August 2012- December 2012*

## ***Extern***

- Drafted court orders for prisoner §1983 civil rights complaints, including rulings on summary judgment motions, rulings on *in forma pauperis* motions, and various dismissal orders.

**US Small Business Administration**, Phoenix, AZ

*May 2012- October 2012*

## ***Student Assistant***

- Revised and improved Human Resource Guide for entire agency. Assisted Deputy Director with various projects. Met deadlines and fulfilled various responsibilities with limited guidance.

**ASU's KASC The Blaze 1330 AM**, Tempe, AZ

*August 2010- May 2012*

## ***Station Manager/Department Director***

- Oversaw daily operations of station and selected and managed staff. Interacted with public and created business relationships with other organizations and companies.

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**AZ Fact Check**, Phoenix, AZ

*July 2010- November 2010*

## **Writer/Reporter**

- Investigated and researched claims by various Arizona political candidates for veracity. Contacted and interviewed campaigns and candidates for Arizona Attorney General.
- Wrote conclusive results that appeared on *The Arizona Republic's* website.

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## **Volunteer Experience**

**Street Law**, Phoenix, AZ

*January 2012- June 2012*

## **Teacher**

- Taught South Mountain High School students their rights under the US Constitution. Led and conducted one law class per week. Encouraged and fostered interest in law and the Constitution among students.

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## **Training/Skills**

- Detailed knowledge of open meeting and public records law.
- Completed Basic National Certified Investigator/Inspector Training Program with Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation (CLEAR), 2016.
- United States Ombudsman Association (USOA) new ombudsman training, 2014.

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## **Interests**

Aquarium-keeping, constitutional law, part-owner of the Green Bay Packers.