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Education

Drake University Law School, Juris Doctor (2006)

- Order of the Coif
- Class Rank: 2nd out of 165
- DRAKE LAW REVIEW
- International Law Society, President
- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity

Evangel University, B.A. Spanish (2003)

- *Summa cum laude*
- GPA: 4.0
- Music Minor
- Alpha Chi Academic Honors Society
- Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honors Society

Admitted to Practice

Missouri, 2006

Western District of Missouri, 2006

Western District of Missouri Bankruptcy, 2006

Arkansas, 2014

Oklahoma, 2015

Legal Experience

Rooney McBride & Smith, LLC (2011-present)

□ Member

- Real Estate: general counsel for local title companies; prosecuting and defending quiet title, unlawful detainer, and ejectment actions; negotiating and drafting commercial and residential leases; rent and possession/breach of contract litigation, including deposition and trial experience
- Corporate: preparing start-up and ongoing business documentation, including articles of incorporation and organization, by-laws, operating agreements,

- amendments, and resolutions; advising employers on human resources matters
- Civil Litigation: representing plaintiffs and defendants in complex contract, tort, and probate matters, including extensive motion practice, deposition and trial experience
- Estate Planning: preparing power of attorney, advance directive, wills, revocable and irrevocable trust documents; advising clients on probate and non-probate transfers
- Commercial: representing businesses in breach of contract, deficiency and UCC actions; negotiating and drafting financing agreements, buy-sell agreements, mergers, acquisitions, and non-compete agreements
- Creditors' Rights: creditor representation in bankruptcy and non-dischargeability actions, including motion practice and plan negotiations; handling foreclosures and deficiency actions; collections suits, including deposition and trial experience
- Transactions: drafting contracts for large and small businesses; negotiating and drafting vendor, employment and consulting agreements; negotiating and drafting paperwork for mergers and acquisitions
- Construction: prosecuting and defending mechanic's and architect's liens; negotiating and drafting real estate development and construction contracts
- Insurance: reviewing and revising commercial policies; preparing and responding to coverage opinions; filing and prosecuting declaratory judgment actions

Lowther Johnson Attorneys at Law, LLC Springfield, MO (2008-11)

- Senior Associate Attorney
 - Commercial Transactions and Litigation, Real Estate, Construction, Collections, Creditor's Rights in Bankruptcy, Entity Formation, Insurance Coverage, Landlord-Tenant, and Civil Rights

Husch & Eppenberger, LLC Springfield, MO (2004-08)

- Associate Attorney (2006-08)
 - General Civil Litigation and Construction Law Practice Groups
- Summer Associate (2004, 2005)

Professional Organizations and Boards

National Association of Professional Women
American Bar Association, Member
American Association for Justice, Member
Missouri Bar Association, Member
Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association, Member
Springfield Regional Arts Council, Board Member & Board Counsel
Better Business Bureau of Southwest Missouri, Board Counsel
Springfield Symphony Orchestra, Board Member
Maranatha Village, Inc., Officer and Board Member

Honors and Awards

National Association of Professional Women's "Woman of the Year" Award 2013-14
Missouri House of Representatives Professional Recognition Recipient 2013
DRAKE LAW REVIEW Best Note Award 2006
"AM. JUR." Course Awards:
 Evidence, Civil Procedure II, Constitutional Law, Bankruptcy,
 Worker's Compensation, Criminal Practice and Procedure 2004-06
Outstanding Spanish Graduate 2003
Platinum Music Scholarship 2000
Presidential Leadership Award 2000

Publications

Heather L. Rooney, *Rule 69: Trial by Jury*, II Mo. Civ. Pro. (MoBar 3d ed. 2007 and Supplement 2014).

Heather L. Rooney, Note, *Parlaying Prisoner Protection: A Look at the International Law and Supreme Court Decisions That Should Be Governing Our Treatment of Guantánamo Detainees*, 54 DRAKE L. REV. 679 (2006).

Presentations

- Corporate Governance and Contract Negotiation in a Digital Age
 National Association of Women in Construction, Local Chapter, September 2015
- Estate Planning: *What Every Woman Should Know*
 Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance Regional Conference, June 2015
 National Association of Women in Construction Meeting, April 2013
 National Association of Professional Women Meeting, March 2013
 The Bank of Missouri, July 2012
- *The Assemblies of God Welcomes Women in Ministry*, Panel Discussion
 Panelist, Assemblies of God Theological Seminary, April 2015
- Mechanic's Liens: Changes in the Law
 Great American Title Company, Oct. 2010