
Barbara A. Van Dyke-Brown

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois at Springfield

2000-present

Director, Legislative Interns and Advocacy Programs **Institute for Legal, Legislative and Policy Studies**

- Responsible for the administration and operation of the Illinois Legislative Staff Intern Program (ILSIP)
- Supervise, evaluate, and participate in the hiring of graduate assistants.
- Direct the organization, coordination and marketing of existing seminars on lobbying and the legislative process.
- Responsible for the development of new seminars, including an advocacy certificate program.
- Participate in publication projects related to public policy and political processes.
 - Editor and publisher of the Almanac of Illinois Politics.
 - Co-author and publisher of Lobbying Illinois: How You Can Make a Difference in Public Policy.
- Present on topics related to the legislative process and lobbying including electronic resources in public and private forums.
- Serve as liaison between the ILLAPS and units/agencies of the Illinois General Assembly.
- Coordinate the development and maintenance of the ILSIP website and other websites related to legislative programs and projects.

Adjunct Faculty

EDL 582 – Political Action and Advocacy

2004-present

- Provide online instruction using Blackboard on the basics of the legislative process to educational professionals.

AST 303A - Legislative Applied Study Term

2002

- Instruct and supervise interns with legislative placement.

2004-present

Jane Doe Incorporated, Boston, MA

1997-2000

Consultant

- Provide electronic services relevant to the Violence Against Women Network (VAWnet), a project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence.
- Facilitate the State-Based Electronic Networking Forum, an online project of the Violence Against Women Network (VAWnet).
- Provide support as a technical consultant to the VAWnet Project

Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Springfield, IL

1995-1997

Public Policy Coordinator

- Coordinate administrative and legislative activities regarding domestic violence issues.
- Monitor and analyze both state and federal initiatives.
- Serve as a technical resource on domestic violence policy issues.
- Facilitate the State-Based Electronic Networking Forum
- Act as technical assistance specialist during the development of the VAWnet Pilot Project.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONT'D)

- Citizens Assembly – Council on Women**, Springfield, IL 1990-1995
Senior Research Associate
- Direct technical support and research services for the Citizens Council on Women.
 - Coordinate various annual hearings on issues related to women.
 - Draft proposed legislation and provide the necessary technical support.
 - Monitor and track issues relevant to women at all government levels.
 - Serve as a resource contact regarding women's issues for various public and private agencies.
- St. John's Hospital/Lincolnland Dialysis Center**, Springfield, IL 1990
Renal Social Worker
- Assist patients and family members in resolving personal problems and environmental barriers that interfere with the recovery process.
 - Manage and maintain confidential casework records and files.
- Illinois State Support Center, Legal Services Corporation**, Springfield, IL 1988-1989
Governmental Analyst/Lobbyist
- Analyze proposed legislation and pending regulations at the state and local level.
 - Complete research, advocacy, and negotiations with numerous public and private agencies.
 - Provide information, training, and staff support to affiliated Groups and individuals.
 - Plan and coordinate the meetings of statewide task forces.

EDUCATION

- University of Louisville – Kent School of Social Work**, Louisville, KY 1986-1987
Master of Science in Social Work
- Internships**
- Jefferson County Department of Human Services, Louisville, KY 1987
Division of Child Protective Services
- Kentucky Youth Advocates, Louisville, KY 1987
- Illinois State University**, Normal, IL 1982
Bachelor of Science: Comprehensive Biological Sciences
- Springfield College in Illinois**, Springfield, IL 1980
Associate of Arts: Pre-Med

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

- State of Illinois – Licensed Social Worker (Inactive)**
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