

Kelly James Sonnier C.V. Workers Comp. Mediator – New Orleans, Louisiana
Attorney at Louisiana Office of Workers' Compensation District 8
Mediator/Staff Attorney

Louisiana Office of Worker's Compensation District 8 Mediator/Staff Attorney

Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Greater New Orleans, Louisiana

Experience

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Attorney/Mediator

Company Name Louisiana Office of Worker's Compensation District 8 Mediator/Staff Attorney

Dates Employed Sep 2015 – Present

Employment Duration 2 yrs 2 mos

Location New Orleans, Louisiana

- Mediate workers' compensation cases.
- Serve as staff attorney.
- Coordinate mediations with attorneys.
- Research case law for the judges.
- Serve as the immediate supervisor to two employees and serve as the second level supervisor to two additional employees.

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Attorney

Company Name Andress Law Firm, LLC

Dates Employed Mar 2015 – Sep 2015

Employment Duration 7 mos

Location Metairie, LA; Baton Rouge, LA; Lafayette, LA

- Attended Creditor's Meetings for Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 cases. Appeared in Eastern District of Louisiana Bankruptcy Court for Trustee's Motions, Debtor's and Creditor's Motions, Motions for Relief from Stay, Confirmation Hearings, Motions to Impose Automatic Stay, Motions for Sanctions, and Orders to Show Cause.
- Appeared in State Court for collection defenses cases. Drafted discovery for collection defense cases.
- Met with new clients to discuss filing bankruptcy. Met with present clients to discuss problems with their case and assisted them in solving case issues.

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Attorney

Company Name Reech Law Firm

Dates Employed Oct 2014 – Feb 2015

Employment Duration 5 mos

Location Denham Springs, LA

- Drafted personal injury petitions, discovery, witness/exhibit lists, and pretrial orders.
- Answered personal injury interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and requests for admission.
- Appeared in court for divorce confirmations and child custody. Drafted divorce and child custody pleadings.
- Prepared 1008's and choice of physician forms for worker's compensation claims.
- Attended depositions and mediations for personal injury and worker's compensation claims. Settled personal injury and worker's compensation claims. Drafted wills and living wills.
- I left this job to seek employment nearer to my family because my dad died late September 2014.

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Law Clerk

Company Name Reech Law Firm

Dates Employed Aug 2013 – Oct 2014

Employment Duration 1 yr 3 mos

Location Denham Springs, LA

- Drafted personal injury petitions, discovery, witness/exhibit lists, and pretrial orders.
- Answered personal injury interrogatories, requests for production of documents, and requests for admission.
- Drafted divorce and child custody pleadings.
- Prepared 1008's and choice of physician forms for worker's compensation claims.
- Attended depositions and mediations for personal injury and worker's compensation claims. Drafted wills and living wills.

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Student

Company Name Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University

Dates Employed Aug 2011 – May 2014

Employment Duration 2 yrs 10 mos

Location Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Student Law Intern

Company Name United States Attorney's Office of the Middle District of Louisiana

Dates Employed Jun 2013 – Jul 2013

Employment Duration 2 mos

Location Baton Rouge, Louisiana Area

- Researched and wrote memoranda on post conviction statements, Miranda rights, and FOIA.
- Drafted response in opposition to a 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion.
- Created an extradition package in regards to drug trafficking individuals currently residing in Canada.
- Attended full trial, sentencing hearings, arraignments, and contradictory hearings.
- Researched Rule 404(b) for an attorney the day before trial.

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English Tutor to Foreign Student

Company Name Self-Employed

Dates Employed Jun 2013 – Jun 2013

Employment Duration 1 mo

Location Baton Rouge, LA

Helped an Asian foreign student learn to speak English more confidently.

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Company Name Department of Justice Attorney General's Office

Dates Employed Aug 2012 – Dec 2012

Employment Duration 5 mos

Location Baton Rouge, Louisiana Area

- Researched state tort law and civil procedure for the Road Hazard Department.
- Drafted an answer, a motion for summary judgment, and requests for admission.
- Abstracted depositions to help attorney prepare for trial. Handled and analyzed discovery videos.

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Sales Associate

Company Name Gymboree

Dates Employed Jul 2007 – Dec 2012

Employment Duration 5 yrs 6 mos

Location Metairie, LA

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Volunteer

Company Name Kenner Department of Inspections and Code Enforcement

Dates Employed May 2012 – Jun 2012

Employment Duration 2 mos

Location Kenner, LA

- Compared and updated Kenner city code to current Louisiana laws.

Education

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Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Degree Name JD

Field Of Study Law

Grade graduated

Dates attended or expected graduation 2011 – 2014

Activities and Societies: Academics Committee

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University of New Orleans

Degree Name Bachelor's

Field Of Study Political Science

Dates attended or expected graduation 2010 – 2011

Activities and Societies: Phi Alpha Delta, UNO Ambassadors, Gamma Beta Phi Member-at Large, Student Government Senator, Student Government Justice, Bipartisan Policy Center Student Ambassador, Transfer Student Mentor

Graduated Summa Cum Laude.
Complete degree in three years.
Cumulative GPA: 4.0

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Southeastern Louisiana University

Degree Name Bachelor's

Field Of Study Political Science

Dates attended or expected graduation 2008 – 2009

Activities and Societies: Gamma Beta Phi

Attended for 1.5 years, then transferred.

Cumulative GPA: 4.0

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Mount Carmel Academy

Degree Name High School

Dates attended or expected graduation 2004 – 2008

Activities and Societies: Yearbook, editor-in-chief (2006-2008); National Honor Society; Spanish
National Honor Society; Mount Carmel Cubs Against Destructive Decisions (MCCADD); AP American
History; AP American Government