

# KRISTIN P. LUMMUS

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## EXPERIENCE

### **Committee for Public Counsel Services**

#### Mental Health Litigation Division

*November 2021 – Present*

- Provide support and oversight for 500 private panel mental health attorneys across the Commonwealth
- Research and draft practice advisories on mental health law for practicing attorneys
- Manage the Mental Health Litigation Mentor Program which is required for new lawyers

#### Public Defender Division

*August 2011 – September 2013 & November 2015 – November 2021*

- Managed a caseload of 40-60 criminal cases from arraignment through trial or disposition of all charges
- Vigorously represented clients daily at pretrial hearings, defending more than 70 evidentiary hearings including motions to suppress, dangerousness hearings, and violations of probation hearings
- Co-counsel on a first degree murder trial which resulted in an acquittal
- Highly experienced in the areas of eyewitness identification, competency to stand trial, competency to waive Miranda Rights, and criminal responsibility
- Exceptionally well-versed on the intersection of Mental Health Law and Criminal Law

#### Mental Health Litigation Division

*September 2013 – November 2015*

- Provided trial representation to clients facing involuntary commitment and forced medication including direct examinations of forensic psychiatrists and other experts, and cross-examinations of treating physicians
- Efficiently managed fluctuating caseload and prepared for 2-4 bench trials a month by working collaboratively with experts, reviewing hundreds of pages of medical records, and negotiating with DMH
- Effectively preserved appellate issues which in some instances resulted in successful appeals on issues including M.G.L. c. 123 §3, notice of transfer.

### **Rhode Island Office of the Public Defender**

#### Student Attorney, Trial Division, Providence, RI

*June 2010 – August 2010*

### **United States Attorney's Office**

#### Summer Intern, Civil Division, Boston, MA

*June 2009 – August 2009*

## LECTURES

- **Merrimack Valley Social Justice Coalition**, Guest Speaker
  - Educated non-lawyer on the powerful role of the District Attorney *June 2022*
  - Educated non-lawyers on the harms caused by a cash bail system *May 2021*
- **Boston University School of Business**, Guest Lecturer
  - Taught two classes on negotiations in a changing society *Spring 2018*
- **MCLE - New England**, Guest Speaker
  - "Understanding Competency to Stand Trial and Criminal Responsibility" *April 2017*
- **CPCS Training**, Presenter
  - Conducted training on Chapter 123 for criminal defense attorneys *November 2016*

## EDUCATION

### **Boston University School of Law**

#### Juris Doctorate, 2011

Awards: Clinical Legal Education Association Outstanding Student Award, 2011; Warren S. Gilford Humanity and Law Prize, awarded at graduation ceremony

Journal: *Review of Banking and Financial Law*, Executive Editor

Publication: The China Bubble: Speculations and Implications for the U.S. Economy, 29 REV. BANKING & FIN. L. 33 (Spring 2010)

### **The University of Texas, Austin**

Bachelor of Arts with High Honors, Psychology, 2005