SETH C. GEIST
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EDUCATION

University of San Diego School of Law, San Diego, California
Juris Doctor, May 2020
Certificate of Concentration in Criminal Litigation; Certificate of Concentration in Civil Litigation
Honors: *San Diego Law Review*, Vol. 57 Editorial Board Articles Editor, Feb. 2019 – Apr. 2020
Appellate Moot Court Member, Saul Lefkowitz Trademark Law Competition, Oct. 2018 – Feb. 2019
Dean's Outstanding Scholarship, 1L year (Renewed for 2L & 3L year)
Activities: J. Reuben Clark Law Society, President, May 2018 – May 2019; Vice President, May 2019 – May 2020

Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah
Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Minor in Spanish, April 2017

BAR ADMISSION

State Bar of California, Sworn in January 2021, Bar Number Pending

EXPERIENCE

Orange County District Attorney's Office, Newport Beach, California Oct. 2020 – Present
Deputy District Attorney (Jan. 2021 – Present), *Fellow* (Oct. 2020 – Jan. 2021)
Prepare and conduct misdemeanor jury trials, felony preliminary hearings, 1538.5 motion hearings, and Serna motion hearings. Review misdemeanor loggings from local law enforcement agencies and submit for filing. Review and discuss active misdemeanor cases with opposing counsel during pre-trials to potentially resolve cases.

The Honorable Michael S. Berg, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of California Aug. 2019 – Mar. 2020
Judicial Extern
Conducted case research and wrote Reports and Recommendations (R&R) regarding submitted habeas corpus petitions. Assisted judicial law clerks and judge with case management and preparation. Proofread and checked citations for briefs written by judicial law clerks. Assisted judge in civil settlement conferences and criminal pre-trial procedural hearings.

San Diego County District Attorney's Office, San Diego, California May 2019 – Aug. 2019
Certified Legal Intern, Insurance Fraud Division
Appeared in court on the record for felony and misdemeanor arraignments, felony and misdemeanor readiness conferences, felony preliminary hearings, felony probation revocations, and felony sentencing hearings. Assisted DDAs with trial strategy, research, and preparation. Assisted office staff with record-keeping and case management.

United States Attorney's Office – Southern District of California, San Diego, California Jan. 2019 – Apr. 2019
Law Clerk, Major Frauds Section
Assisted AUSAs in the Major Frauds section with legal research and writing for motions and memoranda. Assisted in overall case management by preparing files for preliminary hearings, trials, and sentencings. Provided trial strategy feedback to AUSAs based on legal research and trial observations.

San Diego County Office of the Public Defender, San Diego, California May 2018 – Aug. 2018
Law Clerk, Felony Division
Assisted supervising attorney with legal research and writing for motions and memoranda. Assisted in overall client management by preparing files for readiness conferences, preliminary hearings, trials, and sentencings. Created and practiced cross-examination questions with supervising attorney for court appearances. Conducted interviews and gathered case information from clients to assist in felony arraignment.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent) from living two years abroad in Argentina

INTERESTS

Surfing, running, and playing the guitar and piano.