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Madison Shanley is an Associate Attorney at Christian, Dichter, and Sluga. She was born in Lansing, Michigan, and later moved to Monticello, Minnesota, where she lived during elementary school and the early years of middle school. In 2012, Madison returned to Michigan, where she completed her high school education in Kalamazoo.

During high school, Madison discovered her passion for law through participation in mock trial. She enjoyed working on cases and deepening her understanding of the law. Although she always intended to pursue a career in law, her experience in mock trial confirmed her desire to become a criminal defense attorney. After high school, Madison was accepted into the James Madison Honors College at Michigan State University, a political science honors program. There, she earned a major in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy, along with a minor in German. Throughout her four years at MSU, Madison actively participated in mock trial competitions, winning more than ten personal awards for her performances. Additionally, she founded the MSU Undergraduate Moot Court Association, where she competed and placed at the national tournament for two consecutive years. Madison credits much of her success to the mentors and coaches who dedicated their time to help her grow as both an individual and a future attorney.

After completing her undergraduate studies, Madison attended the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University. During law school, she participated in nearly all internal competitions, placing in every single one. She also competed in law school mock trial, where she received personal awards for her performance as an attorney. Madison applied the speaking and advocacy skills she developed through mock trial to her coursework, ultimately earning the CALI award in her Litigation Experience class. During law school, Madison participated in Arizona's Rule 39 program, which allows law students to represent real clients under the supervision of a licensed attorney. This experience afforded her the opportunity to second chair DUI trials, conduct evidentiary hearings, and interview several police officers. Madison loved making a difference in her clients' lives and supporting them during their times of need.

In her free time, Madison enjoys traveling and spending time with her friends and family. She also loves coaching and mentoring the undergraduate students competing in Sun Devil Mock Trial. Madison values the opportunity to meet future lawyers and provide them with the same mentorship she received during her own competitive years. While some may argue that she spends too much time focused on law, Madison strongly disagrees. As one of her favorite mentors once said, "True success can only be accomplished by succeeding at something you are passionate about." It is this passion that drives her to love her work and contributes to her success.

EDUCATION

- Undergraduate - *James Madison Honors College*, Michigan State University, Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy
- Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University, 2020-2024

ADMISSIONS:

- State Bar of Arizona 2024