

Parker Conover

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN LAW SCHOOL

Madison, WI

Juris Doctor Candidate

May 2020

Activities: Wisconsin International Law Journal
 Student Misconduct Panel
 1L Orientation Leader

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Kirksville, MO

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

May 2016

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Creative Writing

May 2016

Activities: Men's Club Soccer, President
 Student Senate, Committee Chair

EXPERIENCE

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Madison, WI

Legal Intern

Summer 2018

- Conduct and present legal research on states' alcohol regulations
- Research and respond to legislators' legal inquiries such as non-compete agreements
- Draft legal memoranda on topics such as Wisconsin's Special Needs Scholarship Program

MOSAIC

Des Moines, IA

Program Coordinator

2016-2017

- Managed 24/7 staffing of six group homes that included over 50 direct support associates
- Led a team of seven including a registered nurse (RN) and a disabilities professional
- Navigated both state and federal programs including Medicare and Medicaid

MISSOURI STATE LEGISLATURE

Jefferson City, MO

Legislative Intern, Office of Representative Nate Walker

Spring 2016

- Wrote weekly legislative summaries for District newspapers
- Presented policy research on expert witnesses and civil liberties
- Responded to individual constituent inquiries through email and phone

COMMUNITY LIVING, INC

O'Fallon, MO

Site Specialist

2014-2016

- Supervised a day-camp program for 30-50 clients with developmental disabilities
- Planned and facilitated daily field trips into the surrounding communities
- Orientated and trained both new and returning seasonal staff

Lead Staff

2013-2014

- Dispensed medications to clients
- Coached 30-40 staff to work with specific clients in challenging situations

Support Staff

2011-2013

- Supported 1-3 clients with varying developmental disabilities

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Interests: English Premier League soccer, playing tennis, and watching *The West Wing*

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REQUESTED INFORMATION

BRIEF BIOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Parker was born in Springfield, Illinois, but moved to Saint Louis, Missouri shortly thereafter. He spent most of his early life in southern parts of Saint Louis City and County. Later, he moved to Saint Charles County; though, he commuted to De Smet Jesuit High School in Saint Louis County for four years. After graduation, Parker attended Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, achieving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing.

While in undergraduate, Parker interned in the Missouri State Legislature. Additionally, he served on the Student Senate at Truman State University. On Senate, he chaired the External Affairs Committee and the Holiday on Campus Committee. As Chair of the External Affairs Committee, Parker served as a liaison between campus and local residents. As Chair of the Holiday on Campus Committee, Parker conceptualized, planned, and executed a philanthropic event for local, low-income children. The event boasted over fifty participants and over one-hundred volunteers.

After graduation, Parker worked in Des Moines for a nonprofit that serves adults with disabilities. Specifically, he worked to ensure that clients living in group homes could live full lives. This involved navigating a multitude of issues ranging from state and federal funding streams to neighbor conflict. His work in Des Moines was a continuance of work for nonprofits for people with disabilities through high school and college.

In Summer 2017, Parker moved to Madison, Wisconsin to attend the University of Wisconsin Law School. He has lived in the Vilas neighborhood since moving to Madison. The Vilas neighborhood's large trees melded with local small businesses initially attracted him to the neighborhood, and since he has fallen in love with it. One of Parker's favorite current roles is on the University of Wisconsin's Student Misconduct Board, where he hears appeals cases of alleged student misconduct.

STATEMENT OF INTEREST

Service is often an easily discerned vocation. The difficult part is often understanding where and when you fit in. Serving others has been an integral part of my life. I worked for nonprofits for people with disabilities for over six years. I worked in the Missouri State Legislature, striving to enact legislation that would benefit our District. While in Des Moines, I served as coach at soccer camps, helping to teach young players the values of the game. Shortly after moving to Madison, I was named to the Student Misconduct Board, where I work to find and understand the facts of often uncomfortable situations. Then, I work to find an equitable solution. When job opportunities for this summer came around, I immediately pursued an opportunity at the Wisconsin Legislative Council, which focuses on effective and informed legislation. Now, with summer winding down, I am looking again to where I might fit in. I am convinced that serving at Alder of the 13th District is where I fit in.

STATEMENT OF PRIORITIES

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City government handles a wide range of issues – often unbeknownst to many constituents. Of these issues, I am eager to focus on: (1) Monroe Street construction; (2) Monroe Street economic development; and (3) fair, affordable housing.

Monroe Street Construction

The Monroe Street construction plan is well underway, and the progress has been smooth. I am eager to continue supporting the businesses, residents and other entities experiencing difficulty due to the construction. Often legislation is not required; instead, a liaison between residents and government, including construction workers, is key to alleviating tensions. Additionally, I am excited to continue having a voice on the developing details of the plan. The current art for the road islands and barriers embraces the culture and history of the Wingra Lake area, and I want to ensure that this continues.

Monroe Street Economic Development

After the construction, it will be important to support businesses in renewing their robust number of patrons. Coordinating with owners and residents will be crucial to helping the businesses capitalize on the new road. Additionally, coordinating the new CrazyLegs road island/space so that it is utilized in an effective way that also advertises Monroe Street businesses will be important to capitalizing on the new infrastructure.

Fair, Affordable Housing

As the University continues to expand, the Vilas neighborhood has become a growing destination for students – both graduate and undergraduate. It is important to a local Alder to recognize this and ensure students have access to housing in the neighborhood, while also ensuring that an uptick in student housing is not met with a change in neighborhood culture. Beyond students, it is important to ensure all who want to live in the 13th District have a fair opportunity to do so. The District is situated in an increasingly diverse part of Madison, and I am eager to foster this diversity.

STATEMENT ON SPRING 2019 CANDIDACY

At this time, I am unsure as to whether I would seek the Alder position again. Any effort to seek election would be done in consultation with other local leaders. While I am not opposed to running, it is premature to speak as I want to be certain the District would be happy with my continued service.