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Employment:	Location & Date
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BGS Law, LLC <i>Attorney (Maryland License #: 1412180136, Florida License #: 1003146)</i>	<i>Rockville, MD</i> <i>11/18-present</i>
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- Managing Member of the firm
- Offices in Rockville, MD, Frederick, MD, Hollywood Beach, FL
- Handle cases relating to: family law, domestic violence, guardianships, CINA, wills and estate
- MD Rule 10-106 Court-Approved Guardianship Attorney
- MD Rule 17-104 Court-Approved Mediator
- MD Cts. & Jud. Pro. Code § 3-2001 Trained Collaborative Attorney
- MD Rule 9-205.1 Court-Appointed Best Interest Attorney
- MD Rule 9-205.2 Trained Parent Coordinator

Shechtel & Associates, P.A. The Child Justice Center, LLC <i>Attorney (Maryland License #: 1412180136)</i>	<i>Rockville, MD</i> <i>06/12 –11/18</i>
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- Handle cases relating to family law, domestic violence, guardianships, juvenile, special education, and assist on personal injury and civil litigation matters
- Began employment with the firm as a Law Clerk

Education:	Location & Date
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University of the District of Columbia <i>David A. Clarke School of Law</i> <i>Honors: Summa Cum Laude</i>	<i>Washington, DC</i> <i>08/12 – 05/14</i> GPA: 3.7/4.0
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- **Activities:** Juvenile and Special Education Legal Clinic, HIV/AIDS Clinic, Research Assistant to Professor Andrew Ferguson, Esquire, Assistant to Joseph B. Tulman, Esquire, and Research Assistant to Adrienne Jones, Esquire.
- Member of the American Bar Association (member of Admiralty and Maritime Law, Aviation and Space Technology, Criminal, Juvenile, Family, Tort and Business Law sections), Maryland State Bar Association (member of Juvenile, Family, Criminal, and Young Lawyers Section), Maryland Association for Justice.

Nova Southeastern University <i>Shepard Broad Law Center</i> <i>Honors: Nova Trial Association</i>	<i>Ft. Lauderdale, FL</i> <i>08/11 – 05/12</i> GPA: 3.14/4.0
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- **Activities:** International Law Students Association; Tort Law Society; Jewish Law Students Association; Real Property, Probate, and Trust Law Society; American Bar Association (member of Admiralty and Maritime Law, Aviation and Space Technology and Business Law sections), NSU Trial Association (Honors) member

Notre Dame of Maryland University <i>Education Certification</i>	<i>Baltimore, MD</i> <i>Graduation May 2007</i> GPA: 3.81/4.0
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- Secondary Social Studies

Towson University, University System of Maryland <i>Bachelor of Science</i> <i>Dual Major: Political Science/Electronic Media and Film</i>	<i>Towson, MD</i> <i>Graduation May 2005</i> GPA: 3.13/4.0
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Licenses:

- Member of the Maryland Bar
- Member of the Florida Bar
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland
- Teaching License - Secondary Social Sciences grades 7-12 (inactive both Maryland and Florida)
- Notary Public for the State of Maryland

Awards:

- AV-Preeminent Rating, Martindale 2020 - present
- SuperLawyers Rising Star, Thomson-Reuters 2017- present
- Expertise Best Family Lawyers, 2020 – present
- New World Report Legal Elite Family Lawyer of the Year (Maryland), 2022-2023
- Lawyer International Legal 100, Family Law Firm of the Year, 2023
- National Academy of Family Law Attorneys Nationally Ranked Top 10 Under 40, 2020
- Maryland Family Lawyer of the Year, US Business News Legal Elite Awards, 2020
- AVVO Perfect 10.0 Rating, 2020
- AVVO Client’s Choice Badge 2015

Memberships:

- Maryland State Bar Association
- Montgomery County Bar Association
 - Simon E. Sobeloff Jewish Law Society
 - President-elect, 2022-2023
 - Officer, Board of Directors 2017-present
 - Women’s Bar Association
 - Mentor/Mentee Section Chair 2018-2020
 - Executive Committee Liaison to the Bar Association 2016-2018
 - Solo and Small Firm Section
 - Family Law Section
 - Inns of Court Associate 2015-2016
- Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland
 - Peer Review Committee member, 2023 – present

Speaking Engagements:

- CLE | Protective Order Mock Trial and Tips from the Bench, March 9, 2021
- CLE | Protective/Peace Orders and the Impact to Consider in Family, Immigration, and Criminal Cases, February 20, 2018

Publications:

- Shechtel, Bethany. Using Neuroscience in a Juvenile Criminal Case (August 2014). American Bar Association GPSolo eReport, Vol. 4, No. 1.

Research Assistant:

- Bellin, Jeffrey and Ferguson, Andrew Guthrie, Trial by Google: Judicial Notice in the Information Age (September 26, 2013). Northwestern University Law Review, Vol. 108, p. 1137, 2014.
- Jones, Adrienne. The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same: A Section 504 Examination of the Social Security Administration's Use of 1993 Medical Criteria to Determine Disability in 2014. American University Journal of Gender Social Policy and Law 22, n. 3 (2014): 651-692.