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STRENGTHS

- ⚖️ **Regulatory Judgment**
On urgent payments questions, translated incomplete facts into clear options that gave stakeholders confidence in next steps.
- ♥️ **Regulatory Drafting**
Regulator responses and consultation comments became easier to review after precise structure connected facts, authorities, and requested action.
- 👥 **Cross Functional Counsel**
Regional counsel and business teams sought practical guidance when local requirements needed alignment with broader regulatory positions.
- 🔍 **Research Discipline**
Source comparison and citation checks kept fast moving analysis reliable, especially during examinations and government inquiries.
- ⚙️ **Workflow Improvement**
Validated Artificial Intelligence review helped identify issues earlier, leaving more time for attorney judgment and careful drafting.

SKILLS

Global Regulatory Affairs

Payments Regulation

Financial Services Law

Technology Regulation

Public Policy

Regulatory Submissions

Government Requests

Public Consultations

Legal Research Legal Drafting

Client Counseling

SUMMARY

Regulatory attorney with four years of experience advising **financial services**, payments, technology, and **public policy** stakeholders across multi jurisdiction matters. Advises legal, compliance, product, business, and government affairs teams on emerging requirements, regulatory strategy, government inquiries, licensing questions, examinations, and policy developments. Drafts **regulatory submissions**, consultation comments, regulator responses, briefing materials, legal memoranda, and practical guidance grounded in statutes, regulations, agency guidance, and client facts. Coordinates regional counsel and business input, manages competing deadlines, and translates complex developments into clear decisions for stakeholders. Uses **Artificial Intelligence** tools and structured review workflows with attorney validation to improve research and drafting efficiency. Admitted in Colorado and committed to thoughtful counseling, precise analysis, collaborative relationships, and sound judgment in global regulatory work.

EXPERIENCE

Regulatory Counsel, Payments and Financial Services

SummitPay Technologies 📅 October 2024 to Present 📍 Denver, CO

Counsels legal, compliance, product, and government affairs teams on **payments regulation**, technology rules, **public policy**, and time sensitive matters. Coordinates regional counsel, develops consistent positions, and uses validated Artificial Intelligence workflows to improve research and drafting quality.

- Advised product counsel on **payments** rules, shaping launch decisions and reducing unresolved regulatory questions.
- Prepared regulator responses and consultation comments, giving executives clear positions for time sensitive engagements.
- Reconciled regional counsel input into consistent global positions, improving alignment across business and legal teams.
- Converted **technology** developments into issue matrices and practical guidance for compliance and product stakeholders.
- Applied validated **Artificial Intelligence** review workflows, accelerating source comparison and first pass issue spotting.
- Built matter trackers and review checkpoints, helping teams manage overlapping deadlines with reliable escalation paths.

Associate Attorney, Financial Services

Frontier Financial Law Group 📅 September 2022 to September 2024 📍 Denver, CO

Advised **financial services** and technology clients on examinations, licensing, regulatory obligations, policy developments, and government inquiries. Delivered research, drafting, and **client counseling** under tight deadlines while coordinating facts, legal authorities, and stakeholder input.

- Counseled fintech clients on licensing questions, translating regulatory requirements into practical implementation steps.
- Prepared legal memoranda from statutes and agency guidance, giving supervising attorneys concise decision support.
- Organized records for government inquiries, clarifying factual issues before responsive submissions reached agencies.
- Analyzed emerging **payments** developments, surfacing risks and implementation choices for client leadership.
- Managed concurrent research assignments with citation controls, preserving accuracy and document quality under deadlines.
- Coordinated client legal, compliance, policy, and operations teams during complex regulatory projects and examinations.

Cross Functional Strategy

Artificial Intelligence Tools

Regulatory Analysis

Government Engagement

LANGUAGES

English Native

Spanish Intermediate

MY CAREER

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MONTHS

PROJECTS

Global Payments Consultation Framework 📅 2025

Created a reusable framework for organizing international consultation research, regional input, legal positions, and executive briefing materials. Clear processes helped teams compare requirements and prepare consistent responses across concurrent matters.

Artificial Intelligence Legal Review Workflow 📅 2024

Built a supervised workflow for source comparison and first pass issue identification using Artificial Intelligence tools. Attorney validation preserved judgment, citation quality, and confidentiality during regulatory research.

LEADERSHIP & AWARDS

- Recognized by supervising attorneys for clear analysis and dependable drafting across urgent financial services matters.
- Selected to coordinate cross functional input for time sensitive regulatory submissions and government responses.
- Earned strong client confidence through practical guidance on payments, technology, and policy developments.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor

University of Colorado Law School 🎓 GPA: 0 📅 2022 📍 Boulder, CO

Coursework: Regulatory law, administrative law, financial services law, legal research

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Colorado State University 🎓 GPA: 0 📅 2019 📍 Fort Collins, CO

Coursework: Public policy, international relations, constitutional law, government institutions

CERTIFICATIONS

- Colorado Bar, Active and in Good Standing 📅 2022
- Juris Doctor, University of Colorado Law School 📅 2022

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- **Regulatory Practice:** Regulatory submissions, government requests, public consultations
- **Payments Law:** Payments regulation, financial services law, fintech regulation
- **Legal Research:** Statutory research, regulatory research, agency guidance
- **Legal Drafting:** Legal memoranda, regulator correspondence, briefing materials
- **Public Policy:** Public policy analysis, policy positions, consultation materials
- **Government Relations:** Government inquiries, regulator engagement, policymaker engagement
- **Technology Law:** Technology regulation, Artificial Intelligence tools, technology policy
- **Matter Management:** Matter trackers, review checkpoints, deadline management
- **Stakeholder Counseling:** Client counseling, executive communication, cross functional strategy
- **Regulatory Analysis:** Issue matrices, legal judgment, risk analysis

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Colorado Bar Association, member supporting professional relationships across regulatory and financial services practice.
- American Bar Association, member connected with attorneys working in administrative law and financial services regulation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Work Status : Authorized to work in United States. No sponsorship required.

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE ON REQUEST