

GAVVY NOELL SANDERS

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EDUCATION

University of Kansas | Lawrence, Kansas

Juris Doctor, Master of Arts in Indigenous Studies

May 2028

- President, *Public Interest Law Society; First-Gen Professionals; NALSA; KU Law Student Ambassadors*
- Student Attorney, *Tribal Judicial Support Clinic*
- Lead Defense Counsel, *KU Court of Traffic Appeals*
- 2026 National NALSA Moot Court Competition, 3rd Place Overall Advocate
- 2026 Chief Justice Lawton R. Nuss Award for Excellence in Advocacy Recipient
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award (highest grade) Civil Procedure (Fall 2025)

University of North Texas | Denton, Texas

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies and Political Science | GPA: 3.98

May 2024

- Honors Thesis: *On Drew Afualo's Use of Humor as Affective Feminist Praxis (Successfully defended May 2024)*
- Undergraduate Research Fellowship: *Implications of Digital Community Building for New Feminist Organizers*
- Southern State Communication Association Undergraduate Honors Conference Selected Paper Award (2024)
- President, *Speech and Debate*; Vice President, *First-Generation Student Organization*; Committee Member, *Dean of Students Student Conduct Committee*; Committee Member, *First Generation Student Advisory Board*
- Resident Assistant, *UNT Division of Student Affairs*

EXPERIENCE

American Civil Liberties Union of Montana | Remote

Summer Law Clerk

May 2026 – August 2026

- Conduct legal research on relevant civil rights issues, including tribal sovereignty issues, First and Fourth Amendment issues, substantive due process violations, and the right to privacy.
- Compose and edit trial briefs, motions, and other related documents.
- Research and communicate with prospective representatives and individuals for new litigation.
- Draft and organize materials for public education to share accurate information with the Montanan population.
- Assist staff attorneys in preparation for depositions, mediations, hearings, and trials.
- Attend virtual court hearings, depositions, and client meetings.

Cofer and Connelly, PLLC | Austin, Texas

Paralegal | Client Care Coordinator

January 2025 – August 2025

- Drafted legal documents, such as motions, briefs, memoranda of law, argument memos, etc.
- Prepared and reviewed trial and appellate documents, including briefs, motions to quash, and motions to suppress.
- Managed client files, information, notes, and expenses utilizing the firm's client management software.
- Aided in analysis and production of trial preparation materials (Voir Dire preparation, exhibits, witness outlines).
- Performed concise, detailed, and accurate legal research and discovery review.

Opening Doors International Services | Denton, Texas

Volunteer Intern

January – April 2024

- Completed technical reviews for immigration application forms (DACA and family-related applications).
- Aided in daily office operations, including filing, organization, office timeliness, and client intake.
- Performed client intake interviews and obtained basic immigration backgrounds for applications.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Skills: Adobe, SPSS, R-coding, quantitative research, LexisNexis, Westlaw Precision, policy writing, and grant writing.

Interests: Weightlifting, hiking, reading, watching sports, tennis, video games, yoga, volunteering, and baking.