

Skagit Volunteer Lawyer Program

Program Manager

We are delighted and excited to announce that the Skagit Volunteer Lawyer Program has a new Program Manager! Mr. Andrew Dugan has accepted the position and will start work on July 15, 2020. Mr. Dugan has a demonstrated passion for assisting low income individuals with their legal problems. His energy and enthusiasm is contagious.

Mr. Dugan comes to us from Ohio. He attended the Ohio State University and received his Business Administration Degree in June 2010. He attended Capital University Law School and obtained his law degree in 2013. While in law school he was a Fellow with the Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Program and an extern with the Federal Public Defender. Mr. Dugan is licensed to practice law of Ohio and Maine as well as the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. His application for his Washington license is pending.

Mr. Dugan worked as a Constituent Affairs Aide for the Office of Ohio Governor Ted Strickland. He was employed for six years as a compliance attorney with the law firm of Manley Deas Kochalski. His duties in that position included developing and presenting legal training seminars on consumer financial and real estate laws for the firm employees. He drafted and updated standard pleadings. Mr. Dugan has for the last year and a half worked as a Legal Clinic attorney for Equality Ohio. In that capacity he represents low income LGBTQ clients in a broad range of civil legal matters, including landlord tenant, consumer and family law matters. He launched a new office and legal clinic for the organization. He recruited and trained law student and attorney volunteers in addition to carrying his own caseload. He developed and presented legal training seminars for both legal and public audiences concerning various legal issues impacting LGBTQ individuals. He established a criminal and eviction record sealing clinic.

Mr. Dugan has a strong history of encouraging and supporting others in their efforts. Mr. Dugan has been described by a co-worker as the “best colleague she has ever had.” He has pledged to “immerse myself in my duties and strive to be a true asset to the people of Skagit County.” He has expressed his enthusiasm for building on and improving existing Skagit Volunteer Lawyer Program projects and to seek new opportunities for expanding our services in a racially equitable manner. We are excited to see what the future holds!

Gail Smith,

Co-Chair, Skagit Volunteer Lawyer Program Steering Committee