

Mark Snyder Jr

Law Student

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PROFILE

A second-year law student within the University of Ottawa, Juris Doctor - Common Law program, eager to transition into a legal career. A background including hands-on experience with Humane Canada, AEL Advocacy, and an internship within MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith's office, focusing on legal research, drafting legal correspondence, policy initiatives, and client interviews accompanied by sixteen years of teaching Composition, Research, and Literature, brings strong organizational skills and a knack for finding unique solutions to complex problems.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor (JD) - Common Law, University of Ottawa	Class of 2026
Education Specialist (EdS) - Northcentral University (USA)	2014
Master of Education (MEd) - Millersville University of Pennsylvania (USA)	2007
Bachelor of Arts (BA) - Millersville University of Pennsylvania (USA)	2005

EXPERIENCE

Intern, Office of MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith	September 2024 - Present
Currently working with MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith to collect, organize, and present new platform agenda items for the Liberal Party related to animal law and animal rights initiatives.	
Adjunct Professor, Alvernia University	August 2008 - Present
Continuing teaching of asynchronous online courses in Composition & Research, Literature Review & Critical Commentary, as well as Communications courses that focus on writing.	
Adjunct Professor, Southern New Hampshire University	April 2022 - Present
Presently teaching asynchronous online courses that cultivate proper Writing & Research skills for higher education.	
Student Independent Contractor, Animal Environmental Legal Advocacy	October 2023 - Present
Part of a team of freelance law students that prepare responses to client inquiries for AEL services. Research and memo tasks compose the majority of each inquiry.	
Pro-Bono Students Canada, Humane Canada	October 2023 - August 2024
First-year project with Humane Canada to create case summaries to add to the National Centre for the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty database. Maintained the relationship through Summer 2024 for additional support.	
Project Leader, Prairie Dog Relocation Project	January 2019 - April 2020
Originated and managed a project to relocate a colony of 183 prairie dogs from a construction site where they were slated for extermination. Partnered with the Town Council of Parker, Colorado, to change local ordinances that now require developers to consult approved wildlife advocacy groups to relocate any wildlife living on land scheduled for development. The project also led to the ban of ammonium phosphate within city limits.	

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Third Place, Animal Justice Association Academic Essay Contest, 2024

September 2024

Essay awarded third place at the Canadian Animal Law Conference, titled: "The Interplay Between Cognitive & Legal Dissonance in the Discussion of Animal Welfare: Theory in Practice with *Reece v. Edmonton*".

EXTRACURRICULARS

Co-President, University of Ottawa Animal Justice Association

September 2024 - Present

Raising awareness of animal law at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, by following the mission of the largest animal law group in Canada, Animal Justice.