

# David Axel Kurtz

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Maine School of Law

*Juris Doctor in Business and Technology Law*

GPA: 3.381 (Cum Laude)

**Portland, ME**

Fall 2013 - Spring 2016

Bar passage: Maine (Summer 2016)

### Hampshire College

*Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Biology*

GPA: 4.0

**Amherst, MA**

Fall 2006 - Spring 2010

### Waynflete School

*High School Diploma*

**Portland, ME**

Spring 2005

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

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### Solo Practitioner

**August 2016-Present**

-Ad hoc practice while seeking full-time work in a firm or corporate setting. Tax issues (corporate structure, international banking (PFIC avoidance), charitable giving and DAFs); immigration law; appellate advocacy.

### Business Consultant – David Kurtz Consulting, Inc.

**2010-2013**

-Business planning. Including business plan writing / updating, short- and long-term strategic planning.

-Management consulting, primarily to CEOs or boards. Included interpersonal strategizing, project reorganization, hiring and firing, and improved relations between directors and executives.

-Grantwriting. Dozens of grants for nearly a dozen nonprofits. Working with executives to identify wants and needs; advising on practicality of projects and availability of funding; writing grants; researching potential funders; monitoring submissions; handling awards; building full reports.

-Fundraising. Frontline fundraising; donor cultivation and relationship management; building and maintaining sustainable back-office systems; running Kickstarters; coaching other fundraisers

-Public and media relations. Building web sites; writing site content, ad copy, press releases; arranging ad sharing with similarly situated organizations; alternative/guerrilla advertising.

-Event production. Liaising with vendors, advertisers, government (state and local), supporters (from one- to seven-figure donors), celebrities and special guests; volunteer recruitment and management.

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

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### Student Attorney - Maine Attorney General (White Collar Crime)

**Fall 2015**

-Built prosecutions. Reviewed financial documents, discovery files, and memoranda from opposing counsel. Advised law enforcement and Maine Revenue Services. Conducted and assisted in trials, depositions, dispositional conferences, and plea bargains. Secured indictments before grand juries.

-Worked special projects for other assistant attorneys general. Topics included bankruptcy, cyber crime, child protective / parental rights, and diverse aspects of criminal law. Significant research and writing.

**Student Attorney – Maine Refugee and Human Rights Clinic****Fall 2015**

-Built asylum petitions from the ground up. Planned, mooted, and conducted dozens of hours of client interviews and counseling sessions. Drafted narratives, witness statements, country condition reports, expert testimony, and highly complex legal documents in a deadline-driven environment.

**Research Assistant - Commander Kovit Talasophon ( Royal Thai Navy)****Summer 2015**

-Research, citations and editing for a comprehensive thesis on the historical development of the law of submarine warfare. Included elements of particular present relevance to Thai military development.

**Legal Researcher - The Bicycle Coalition of Maine****Summer 2014**

-Exhaustive legal research to support novel transportation legislation (LD1301).

Subsequently joined the Coalition's Board as chair of the Membership and Development Committee.

Ran meetings, assigned and oversaw fundraising, frontline fundraising, coaching, strategic planning.

**EDUCATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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**LAW SCHOOL:**

-Submitted three articles to journals:

The Civil Forfeiture of Cryptocurrencies

The Regulatory Implications of Theorized Developments in Wireless Power Transfer Technology

Submarine Telecommunication Cables and Casus Belli

-Appellate Advocacy seminar. Named best oralist, class of 2016.

-Advanced Constitutional Law seminar. Presented on *Yates v. United States*, 574 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2015).

-Ran unofficial TA sessions on criminal and constitutional law.

**UNIVERSITY:**

-Studied economics, biology, and history in a highly entrepreneurial atmosphere.

-Wrote multiple theses. Subjects included: the economic causes of revolutions; implications of the growth of the Chinese middle class; non-state nuclear proliferation; probability analysis in finance.

-Performed novel research in biochemistry. Assembled research team; designed experiment; liaised with relevant faculty for different elements of the experiment; prepared findings for journal submission.

-Taught three college classes. Planned lessons, assignments, experiments; evaluated student performance; arranged for them to receive course credit; sought faculty review of my pedagogy.

-Founded four student groups; ran five more, including the largest on campus.

-Elected to student government; represented all students living off-campus – the largest constituency.

-College record for independent studies completed.

-Edited the newspaper, the student handbook, and the literary magazine.

**TESTS AND TRAINING**

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**GRE:** 162 Verbal (90%) : 150 Quant (40%) : 5.0 Writing (93%)

**SAT:** 780 Verbal (99%) : 680 Math (89%) : 790 Writing (99%)

Digital: Windows, Mac, Linux (Ubuntu, Mint, Arch; comfortable with command-line interface)

Legal research tools: LexisNexis, WestLaw, Bloomberg, Google Scholar, legislative libraries

Fundraising tools: Raiser's Edge, eTapestry, GuideStar funder databases

Bar passage: Maine (July 2016). Sworn in November 2016. Maine Bar number 5805.