

# David Axel Kurtz

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Maine School of Law** **Portland, ME**  
*Juris Doctor in Business and Technology Law* Spring 2016  
GPA: 3.381 (Cum Laude) Bar passage: Maine (Summer 2016)

**Hampshire College** **Amherst, MA**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Biology* Spring 2010  
GPA: 4.0

**Waynflete School** **Portland, ME**  
*High School Diploma* Spring 2005

**GRE:** 162 Verbal (90%) : 150 Quant (40%) : 5.0 Writing (93%)  
**SAT:** 780 Verbal (99%) : 680 Math (89%) : 790 Writing (99%)

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Maine Attorney General (White Collar Crime)** **Fall 2015**  
-Student Attorney. Worked closely with the chief prosecutor. Built cases, made prosecutorial recommendations, sat at counsel table in trials and dispos, secured indictments before grand juries.  
-Worked special projects. Managed overlapping deadlines. *Significant* legal research and writing.

**Refugee and Human Rights Clinic** **Fall 2015**  
-Student Attorney. 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.

**Research Assistant - Commander Kovit Talasophon (Royal Thai Navy)** **Summer 2015**  
-Research, citations and editing for a comprehensive thesis on the law of submarine warfare.  
-The Commander defended his thesis and has returned to active service.

**Legal Researcher - The Bicycle Coalition of Maine** **Summer 2014**  
-Exhaustive legal research to support Maine's "vulnerable user" law (LD1301).  
-Subsequently joined BCM's Board of Directors as chair of Development Committee.

**Business Consultant** **2010-2013**  
-Various clients, projects, and titles, including:  
Gourmet Nourishment Dot Com 360 Consultant  
Wrote business plans, press releases, ad copy, and site content for an internet startup  
Economic forecasting; supply chain management; pessimistic long-term strategic planning  
The Boston Circus Guild Director of Development  
Planned, built, and drove the org's first Kickstarter. Exceeded funding goal by 340%.  
Strategic planning; publicity and communications; other frontline fundraising.

Arisia, Inc.

Volunteer Coordinator

Worked with 40 staff and over 600 volunteers to run a 3500-person convention.

Ad sales; fundraising; built HR database; oversaw volunteer recruitment and management.

The Schwartz Center

Development Associate

Helped produce a \$1m, 2200-person fundraising event. Liaised with major corporate donors

Wrote grants, fundraising letters, press releases, web content. Lots of back-office work.

Somerville Open Studios

Event Producer

Complex logistics; liaising with city agencies; volunteer recruitment and management.

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Grantwriter

Primary on over \$150,000 in grants; over \$1m in applications pending

Fundraising consultation; portfolio analysis; short- and long-term strategic planning

## **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

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**Activities:** Blacksmith and Woodworker – Hiker and Biker – Photographer

**Training:** Lexis/WestLaw/Bloomberg (Maine Law); JSTOR (Hampshire); EMT-B (Boston University); Raiser's Edge (MGH) and eTapestry (BCM); trauma counseling (RHRC); rape crisis counseling (BARCC); Gentle Teaching (Crotchet Mountain); welding and blacksmithing (HCLC); lathecraft (Artisan's Asylum); bicycle repair (the eternal struggle).

**Certification:** Admitted to the Maine Bar; MPRE score sufficient for practice in any jurisdiction

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