

ELISE BALIN

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Education

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA KNUDSON SCHOOL OF LAW | Vermillion, South Dakota

Juris Doctorate, December 2024 | 89.90 GPA | Class Rank: 13 of 82

- Recipient of the Orrin S. Estebo Law Scholarship.
- Recipient of the Roland W. Hagemann Prize in Water Law Scholarship.
- Recipient of Deans Certificate for Outstanding Performance in Water Law.

VERMONT LAW AND GRADUATE SCHOOL | (Online) South Royalton, Vermont

Master of Environmental Law and Policy, December 2024 | 3.67 GPA

- Awarded honors of Academic Distinction.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING | Laramie, Wyoming

B.A. in Journalism, 2021

- Awarded Dean's List honors.
- Awarded Provost's Honor Roll honors.

Professional Experience

Associate Attorney

April 2025 – Present

Falen Law Offices | Cheyenne, WY

- Represent clients in addressing a variety of legal issues including public lands, Endangered Species Act, land use, easements, rights-of-ways, land purchases, natural resources, and litigation.

Summer Associate

May 2024 – July 2024

Budd-Falen Law Offices | Cheyenne, WY

- Assist attorneys with legal for matters relating to natural resources, Endangered Species Act, environmental, land use litigation, and other legal issues.
- Draft documents relating to research and client issues covering a variety of public lands issues, litigation, and Endangered Species Act issues.

Research Assistant for Professor Allen Madison, Tax Professor
2024

August 2023 – December

University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law | Vermillion, SD

- Legal research duties of examining federal tax procedure and federal income tax issues.
- Assisted in drafting *Rules of the Road: A Guide for Lawyers*.
- Drafted and edited textbook, Fourth Edition *Nonprofit Law: The Life Cycle of a Charitable Organization*.
- Extensive legal research of nonprofit organizations and associated fraud schemes, tax issues, and filings.

Summer Associate

May 2023 – July 2023

Budd-Falen Law Offices | Cheyenne, WY

- Assist attorneys with legal research and preparing documents for matters relating to natural resources, Endangered Species Act, environmental, and land use issues.
- Conduct research on pipeline, powerline, and CO2 pore space landowner groups issues.

- Participate in landowner group meetings and discussions.

Agriculture Reporter

April 2020 – December 2020

Star-Herald/ Scottsbluff, NE

- Wrote all regional agricultural news articles covering broad political issues and issues affecting farmers and ranchers regionally.
- Created and edited the weekly “Farm and Ranch” section of the Star-Herald.
- Assisted in broad local news coverage.
- Published work in the following publications: the Lincoln Journal Star, Sioux City Journal, Grand Island Independent, North Platte Telegraph, Kearney Hub, Star-Herald, Wahoo Newspaper.

Staff Writer

September 2019 – May 2020

The Branding Iron/ Laramie, WY

- Wrote news articles covering, University of Wyoming news, local news, and state-wide news.
- Assisted in planning and organizing the weekly edition of The Branding Iron and assisted student editors.
- Created broadcast media on behalf of The Branding Iron.

Leadership and Membership

American Agricultural Law Society

Member | October 2024 – Present

- Attended the 2024 American Agricultural Law Society Annual Education Symposium.

South Dakota Federalist Society Convention Committee

Appointed Committee Member | April 2023 – August 2024

University of South Dakota Agricultural Law Society

Elected Representative | April 2024 – December 2024

University of South Dakota Environmental Law Society

Social Media Manager | September 2023 – April 2024

University of Wyoming Society of Professional Journalists Student Chapter

President | December 2019 – May 2020

Awards and Honors

Roland W. Hagemann Prize in Water Law Scholarship

December 2024

- Awarded for outstanding legal scholarship regarding water law issues.

Deans Certificate for Outstanding Performance

Fall 2024

- Honors awarded for outstanding performance in water law scholarship.