

# Sarah L. Falen

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## Educational Background

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- **Juris Doctor**, University of Wyoming College of Law, *May 2021*.
- **Bachelors of Science**, University of Wyoming, *August 2017*.  
Double Majors: Agriculture Communication; Environment and Natural Resources.  
Dean's List Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2016. Completion of both degrees in a total of three years.
- **International Baccalaureate Certificate/ High School Diploma**, Cheyenne East High School, *May 2014*.

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## Work Experience

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- **Budd-Falen Law Offices**, *August 2021 to Present*. Conduct legal research on a variety of issues affecting local governments and private individuals including endangered species, clean water, private property rights and use, federal lands, local government involvement, zoning and property rights, and other areas of law affecting ranchers, farmers, and landowners.
- **Research Assistant**, Remote. *May 2020 to September 2020*. Researching coal asset retirements for a law review article. Looked specifically at Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and New Mexico accelerated coal retirements and the effects a transition to renewable energy will have on each state economy.
- **Department of Interior Office of the Solicitor, Intern**, Washington, D.C. *July 2019 to August 2019*. Duties included legal research, writing memos, attending meetings and briefing Solicitors about the issues that I researched. The issues I researched included the Administrative Procedures Act, the Indian Reorganization Act, the Alaska Reorganization Act, specifically the authority left to section 2 of the Alaska Indian Reorganization Act after the Federal Land Policy and Management Act was enacted.
- **Budd-Falen Law Offices, Law Clerk**, Cheyenne Wyoming, *January 2018 to June 2018*. Duties included completing legal research on environmental issues such as current clean air litigation from an organization called "Our Children's Trust," traveling around the states of Wyoming and Montana to attend meetings about potential pipelines being placed on private property, legal filing, helping with tasks and research during trials and building a social media presence.
- **Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation, Paid Intern**, Laramie, Wyoming, *May 2016 to December 2016*. Duties included research of agriculture and political issues such as management of wild horses under the Wild and Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act and the distinct population segment designation for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse under the Endangered Species Act, writing newsletters, attending legislative meetings, managing the Wyoming Farm Bureau Safety Coalition.
- **United States Congressional Intern, Congresswoman, Cynthia Lummis**, Washington, DC, *May 2015 to August 2015*. Duties included attending briefings, editing letters, writing memos, answering telephones and contacting constituents.

- **Farm Safety for Just Kids**, Wyoming, *January 2015 to July 2015*. Duties included presenting agriculture safety issues to groups of children, contacting professionals around the state, writing letters to the editors, traveling around Wyoming to promote farm safety practices.

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## Awards and Accomplishments

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- **President of the Wyoming Student Chapter of the Federalist Society**, *Spring 2020 to present*. Duties include assisting organization of guest speakers, coordinating catering, contacting potential speakers, advertising for student events put on by the Federalist Society, volunteering for Lawyers Division Federalist Society Chapters and outreach to encourage more Federalist Society participation.
- **Vice President of the Wyoming Student Chapter of the Federalist Society**, *Spring 2019 to Spring 2020*. Duties include assisting President organization of guest speakers, coordinating catering, contacting potential speakers, advertising for student events put on by the Federalist Society, volunteering for Lawyers Division Federalist Society Chapters and outreach to encourage more Federalist Society participation.
- **First Year Student Representative for the Federalist Society**, *Fall 2018 to Spring 2019*. Duties include, advertising for student events put on by the Federalist Society and advocating for more people to join the Federalist Society.
- **Cowboy County Swing Club Instructor**, *Fall 2014 to Spring 2017*. Duties include organizing and executing swing dances once a week for a group of 300 or more people; instructing small groups of people on certain swing dance moves; assisting with organizing the University of Wyoming Guinness Book of World Records record-breaking event for largest swing dance.
- **Guest Writer for Ranching Magazine**, *January 2015*. After giving a speech during the National R-CALF convention, the Editor of Ranching Magazine approached and asked if I would write an article for the 2015 edition describing my approach to teaching young adults about the value and importance of agriculture.
- **Future Farmers of America, Agriculture Issues Team, National Champion**, *2012*. Member of national championship team that researched and presented the pros and cons of managing species under the Endangered Species Act. The competition included my giving of a memorized original oral presentation and responding to substantive questions from a panel of judges.

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## Qualifications

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- **Legislative Research Skills:** One of the most valuable skills I have gained is legislative research skills. In each of the positions I have held, I learned to use different data bases and sources to increase the depth of my research. Examples of the research I have conducted included Endangered Species Act issues, wild horse management, pesticides use, and Wyoming road law.
- **Public Speaking:** My public speaking experience started when I was young, competing in speech competitions, I then traveled around the state of Wyoming speaking to groups of

children for the Farm Safety for Just Kids program. I spoke at the New Mexico Women in Agriculture conference on June 1, 2017 about self-defense and empowering women, I was also contracted as a women's health panelist and self-defense instructor for FarmHer's national convention in June 2018, I also was invited to be the key-note speaker at the Wyoming Future Farmers of America State Leadership Conference in November 2019.

- **Meeting Organization:** My experience with meeting organization and execution occurred as part of my Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation internship when I was asked to help with the details of the meeting, such as guest speaker support during the Wyoming Farm Bureau Legislative Meeting.