



Sarah Margaret Hulburt

Simply, every goal to which Sarah Margaret sets her mind and body, she aggressively commits. This relentless pursuit saw her attend- for all 13 years- and graduate, in the top echelon of one the most prolific and largest classes in Hudson history; 2004, where she was the founding Sports Editor of the *Explorer* newspaper, guest-writer for the Cleveland Browns, member of the National Honor Society, Red Cross Lifeguard and Water Safety Instructor, District qualifier on a state-ranked swim team, and undisputed female Champion of the Hudson High School Weight Room Bench Press (225 lbs.); a record that is deeply untouched.

“One of the most powerful aspects of my identity is, unequivocally, Hudson,” said Hulburt. “The level of competition and pure intelligence that surrounded me in school and sports was absolutely unparalleled, and really drove me to push the limits on what I expected to achieve.”

Upon receiving her diploma, Sarah Margaret was a junior in college, having begun classes at Kent State University at age 16. By age 17, she established herself as the lead sports writer for the *Daily Kent Stater* newspaper, covering and travelling with the Golden Flashes’ football and wrestling teams. In 2006 - two years after high school- she had garnered her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science (emphasis on American Political Economy) and Spanish, with the highest honors, including the distinction of placement on the President’s List, for maintaining a 4.0 gpa. She was also inducted into *Pi Sigma Alpha*, the National Political Science Honor Society; nominated by a Kent State Political Science Department that ranks among the top worldwide.

“At Kent State, I earned a true liberal arts education, not only in writing, language and theater, but in my exposure to so many diverse, interesting people,” Hulburt recalled.



Matriculation from dearly regional schools continued for Sarah Margaret, as she attended the University of Akron School of Law- footsteps from the Summit County Court- where she’d eventually call home. Yet, law school alone could not tame Sarah Margaret’s competitive drive; rather, it would take joining the University of Akron’s NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Team to test her ferocious toughness. Indeed, she became the first

law student in school history to simultaneously maintain full-time legal studies and NCAA involvement; a feat that truly remains one of her personally most challenging to date.

“Swimming at an elite level is, by far, the hardest endeavor I’ve ever pursued,” Hulburt emphatically notes. “It conditions you into thinking other seemingly difficult activities, like law school, are easy, because nothing compares to the sheer physical exhaustion, mental discipline and overall austerity of a swim-season. I like how tough it has made me.”

Sarah Margaret’s talents earned her notations as distinguished alumni by Akron Law Magazine. She won the 100 freestyle at the 2012 Hudson Explorers Alumni Intrasquad Meet, beating a girl’s team that would go on to win Districts and finish 6th overall at States.



Sarah Margaret’s goals of becoming a Constitutional lawyer and opening her own practice were formed and educated far before she took the Bar Exam. In 2009 she passed on her first sitting - earning a perfect score on her Constitutional essay- and made that dream her reality. Indeed, that ambitious reality also saw Sarah Margaret as the youngest lawyer in the State of Ohio.

“I was a lawyer 5 years after high school, and I still looked like I was there, too,” Hulburt bemused. “That concept - of people underestimating me because of my age - has translated into an immense asset. The competitive side of me will be goaded into proving them wrong. ”

It is that quintessential affection for rivalry that has fueled Sarah Margaret’s career as an advocate; the very crux of lawyering within an adversarial legal system. With an innate confidence imbued from years of sports, an utter fearlessness of stressful stimuli, and a wicked



quickness crafted for cross-examination, Sarah Margaret soon established her courtroom presence in what could only be described as a “Sarah Margaret Defense.” This theme turned into a website that embodies Sarah Margaret’s legal accomplishments, all displayed with her original literary, photographic and video work, *SarahDefense.com*.

“My website is so special to me, because in a lot of ways, it is very personal,” ponders Hulburt. “My career, as a lawyer, though, is exactly that: I am Sarah Margaret Hulburt, the person. And all of my life goals and successes stem from the fact that I fully believe in myself, as that person.”

Sarah Margaret’s unwavering self-actualization has engendered myriad milestones, ranging from a 2-year undefeated streak in jury trials, reversals of the trial court on appeal, and an uncanny ability to conduct oral argument on highly complex areas of Constitutional law: 4th Amendment Search violations, 6th Amendment Confrontation Clause, and Hearsay. She also runs a highly successful family law practice.

Hudson Mock Trial (HMT), a premiere trial advocacy team based out of Hudson High School, was created in 2011 by Sarah Margaret based on this love of the



Constitution, Hudson, and competition. By its second year, the team reached Regionals, and in the process, performed scrimmages in front of Summit County judges, met Senators, Presidential candidates and Supreme Court Justices; and experienced trial law as Sarah Margaret sees it. These efforts have seen Sarah Margaret donate over \$100,000 worth of pro-bono hours to the Hudson

City School District through her legal, political and coaching expertise.

“HMT means the world to me,” Hulburt states. “I call them, fondly, “My Fellow World Conquers,” because that is precisely the life course we know, and are set upon.”



In August 2013, the Summit County Board of Elections certified the petition of Sarah Margaret Hulburt, to appear in the November 5th Election. Indeed, her vision of serving as the lone woman on Hudson City Council was fundamentally formed through the 28 years she's lived in Hudson.

"I am truly a product of Hudson, and I am really proud of this fact," said Hulburt. "Now, it's time to exercise all the investment this community has placed in my education as an Attorney, and mores as an attentive citizen; to implement the leadership capacity I've demonstrated as a Coach at the Hudson City Schools; and to test the business acumen I've honed from owning a Hudson Law Firm, in a public-policy position. I will champion Hudson with all of my heart and strength."

Sarah Margaret frequently updates her career events on her Facebook page, SarahDefense.com.

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