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Prior to joining Hogan Law Associates, Ms. Deerin was a news reporter, writing for both print and Internet news outlets, including *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Tribune* and several national magazines. Over the years, she has covered a broad range of beats, including local government, schools, business, crime and features.

Ms. Deerin covered education at the regional and state levels in Chicago, detailing ongoing battles in the state legislature over proposed school funding reform. She wrote daily stories and front-page centerpieces on the area's chronically cash-strapped public schools. Her article on a college incentive program in an impoverished Chicago suburb appeared as the cover story of the *Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine*.

At *The New York Times* Washington Bureau, Ms. Deerin wrote features for the National section, leading the National page with an article on the controversy over the proposed Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. Ms. Deerin also wrote front-page features for the *Times* Business section.

As a police reporter in Maryland, Ms. Deerin wrote a series on juvenile crime and covered high-profile trials, winning the spot news category in the 1996 Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association Editorial Contest. She was promoted to education reporter later that year and also won first place for education story in the 1996 Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association Editorial Contest.

While a student in Boston, Ms. Deerin worked as a news production assistant for the daily 6:00 pm news show at WCVB-Channel 5, the city's ABC affiliate. She reported and researched news stories, interviewed story subjects and edited video clips for the daily 6:00 pm news show. Ms. Deerin received her B.A. in English from Boston College in 1992, *cum laude*.