Steven Helton is one of SADO’s Newest Assistant Defenders

Steven Helton was born in Marquette, but has lived in the Detroit area most of his life. He graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in film studies in 2008, and graduated magna cum laude from Wayne State University Law School in 2013.

While in law school, Steven interned for Judge Marian Blank Horn at the United States Court of Federal Claims and for Chief Judge Gerald Rosen at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. He was also on the Executive Board of The Wayne Law Review.

After graduating, Steven took a temporary position with WilmerHale, working in the firm’s international commercial arbitration department in London. When he returned to Detroit, he joined the MAACS roster and began handling criminal appeals, while also handling commercial litigation for corporate clients. Over time, he began spending more and more of his time handling criminal appeals because he enjoyed working with those clients more and found working on their cases more fulfilling and interesting. Steven joined SADO in 2018 so that he could continue working for indigent individuals while also learning from who he considers the best attorneys practicing in the field.

Steven lives in Detroit with his girlfriend and their three-year-old son. When he's not working, he enjoys reading comic books with his son and also watching horror movies and arguing with strangers online about what the director was really getting at.