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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Master of Laws, Expected October 2023

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, May 2014

GPA: 3.47/4.00

Honors: National BLSA - Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition: National Champion.
Mid-Atlantic BLSA - Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition: Regional Champion and Best Respondent Brief.

Journal: *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law & Policy*: Administrative Editor.

Activities: Research Assistant for Professor David Super, Barrister's Council - Appellate Advocacy Division: Team Member,
Black Law Students Association: Member.

University of Tampa, Tampa, FL

Master of Science in Finance, August 2010

GPA: 3.79/4.00

Honors: Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society: Selected from the top 20% of class by professors.

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

Bachelor of Science in Ecological and Evolutionary Biology, May 2008

GPA: 3.23/4.00

Activities: Black Cultural Programming Committee, Chairman and Member: Led 35-person committee and allocated over \$100,000 toward cultural programming.

PUBLICATIONS

Black Corporate Directors, NASDAQ and Millennials,

Work in Progress (arguing that Black board representation must be increased and that through a new Nasdaq board diversity listing standard, information-forcing-substance combined with Millennial norms on corporate purpose will effectively compel recalcitrant companies).

A Critical Jeffersonian Mind for a Community Reinvestment Bond, 23 Marq. Ben. & Soc. Welfare L. Rev. 99 (2022) (arguing that legal education grounded in other disciplines and taught within a critical legal studies lens would better prepare students to tackle systemic matters, particularly those caused by the law).

EMPLOYMENT

American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Assistant Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Entrepreneurship Law Clinic, August 2023 – Present

Advise small businesses, nonprofits, and select entrepreneurs in and around Washington, D.C. Supervise teams of student lawyers. Co-facilitate clinical seminars. Teach seminars regarding business entities, nonprofit law, incorporation, contracts, employment law and lawyering skills. Cultivate relationships with community stakeholders and support the management of the clinic.

Georgetown University Law Center Social Enterprise & Nonprofit Law Clinic, Washington, DC

Clinical Teaching Fellow, July 2021 – July 2023

Advise social enterprises and nonprofits in and around Washington, D.C. Supervise teams of student lawyers. Co-facilitate clinical seminars. Teach seminars regarding business entities, nonprofit law, incorporation, contracts, employment law and lawyering skills. Cultivate relationships with community stakeholders and support the management of the clinic. Enrolled in the *Elements of Clinical Pedagogy* course.

EJF Capital LLC, Arlington, VA

Director (Legal), October 2018 – June 2021

Led the preparation of board materials for Board of Directors meetings for various investment funds and special purpose vehicles. Supervise in-house paralegal. Supervised outside counsel across corporate and finance transactions. Negotiated investor side letters, fund agreements and intracompany arrangements under various jurisdictions and regulatory regimes. Negotiated and drafted employment agreements and separation agreements. Coordinated daily with multiple lines of business and teams from portfolio management (e.g., opportunity zones, litigation finance, bank subordinated debt, securitizations) to accounting and operations.

Latham & Watkins LLP, Washington, DC

Associate (Corporate Department – Investment Funds Practice Group), October 2014 – October 2018

Represented private equity sponsors primarily in 3(c)(1) and 3(c)(7) offerings on investment fund formation, entity dissolutions, investor intake, deal structuring and management matters, M&A transactions and regulatory compliance. Negotiated organizational documents with prospective investors and their counsel. Drafted partnership agreements, limited liability company agreements and

private placement memorandums. Supervised junior associates in various matters.

Firm Leadership:

Pro Bono Committee Member, April 2017 – October 2018

Reviewed and approved pro bono projects and work with referral organizations to provide in-house trainings. Worked to increase greater participation in pro bono work by attorneys and staff.

Multicultural Promotion and Attainment Coalition DC Co-Chair, January 2016 – October 2018

Planned events focused on fostering diversity and inclusion, liaise with partner and counsel advisors to strategize on how to enhance the firm's diversity, support affinity groups, foster junior associate development and promote firm administration participation.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Moderator, *Looking Back: How I Managed the Pandemic as a [Fill in the Blank] Professor*, AALS 2022 Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 10, 2022.

Panelist, *The Corporation and Society* panel, National Business Law Scholars Conference, Norman, OK, June 17, 2022.

Presenter, *For More Black Corporate Directors and Fewer Corporate Opinions Excusing Their Absence*, John Mercer Langston Conference, Atlanta, GA, July 7, 2022.

ADMISSIONS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

District of Columbia and Maryland

Shepherd's Table, Silver Spring, MD

Board of Directors, January 2020 – Present