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BAR ADMISSION

Virginia Bar (April 2014 - Admitted)

United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Virginia (2017 – Admitted)

United States District Court Eastern District of Virginia (March 2017 – Admitted)

United States Tax Court (August 2017 – Admitted)

EDUCATION

Charleston School of Law, Charleston, SC

Juris Doctor, May 2013

Honors: Completing over 100 hours of pro bono service

Courses: Federal Income Taxation; International Tax Planning; Partnership Tax; Estate and Gift Tax

North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC

B.S. Marketing, May 2007, *cum laude*

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Legal Services of Northern Virginia, Manassas, VA

Staff Attorney

June 2016 – June 2020

Senior Staff Attorney

July 2020 – October 2021

Director of Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

October 2021 - Present

- Responsible for managing Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, including, but not limited to, managing day-to-day operations of the clinic, provide training to LITC staff, developing relationships with community partners, fulfilling all grant reporting requirements, determining level of services provided to clients.
- Coordinate outreach and educational events for low-income and/or ESL taxpayers, community partners that serve low-income/ESL clients on tax issues, rights, and laws.
- Research and provide advice and counsel on federal tax issues including underreporting income, innocent spouse/injured spouse, Schedule C expenses, EITC/CTC denial, etc.
- Participate in United States Tax Court Settlement Day by providing advice to pro se taxpayers and negotiating with IRS Counsel to settle tax court cases.
- Successfully negotiate settlements for clients in Offer In Compromise cases.
- Help clients in IRS audits successfully receive refunds or avoid tax liabilities due to disallowed credits.
- Drafted pleadings and represented clients in eviction, family, consumer, bankruptcy, unemployment law cases.

Law Office of Jessica Nicole Harris

Attorney

October 2014 – June 2016

- Represented and obtained protective orders for domestic violence victims.
- Drafted and executed Wills, POAs, Medical POAs for clients.
- Drafted pleadings and represented clients in uncontested divorce proceedings.

BAR ASSOCIATION

- American Bar Association Taxation Section

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- American Bar Association Tax Section, The Loretta Collins Argrett Fellowship (2022 – Current)

PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, 2021 Annual Statewide Legal Aid Conference panel, *Current Tax Issues Affecting Low Income Clients* (October 2021).

- Panelist, 2023 Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grantee Conference, *Understanding the Nexus Between Tax and Race* (December 2022).
- Moderator, ABA Tax Section Fall Meeting, *Writing the Next Chapter: A Guide to Assisting Military Retirees* (October 2022)
- Panelist, National Bar Association, *Understanding the Nexus Between Tax and Race* (February 2023).
- Panelist, ABA Tax Section May Meeting, *Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace and the Impact of Implicit Bias: A Survey of Initiatives and Best Practices in the Legal Profession* (May 2023).

PUBLICATION

- Effectively Representing Your Client Before The IRS – Cite Checker (2023)