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**BAR ADMISSIONS AND HONORS**

- District of Columbia Bar, *Admitted July 2017*
  - Maryland Bar, *Admitted August 2022*
  - The National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40, *Selected September 2022*
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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Community Economic and Equity Development Law Clinic, American University, Washington College of Law,  
Washington, DC**

**Children’s Law Center, Washington, D.C.**

*Staff Attorney, Guardian ad Litem Project, October 2016- July 2019*

- Successfully represented the best interests of children in guardianship, adoption, termination of parental rights, and neglect trials resulting in granted adoptions, granted guardianships, and numerous children reunified with their parents
- Represented best interests of children in abuse and neglect court proceedings and custody matters, from case initiation through permanency, including investigations, client counseling, drafting, and filing motions and reports to the court, informal advocacy with government agencies
- Managed a multi-disciplinary team consisting of an investigator, social worker, and special education attorney
- Provided brief services and referral information on the organization’s helpline, and contributed to the completion of program deliverables, such as publicly available practice kits for other attorneys to research legal issues and Child and Family Service Agency policies
- Facilitated “case rounds,” allowing attorneys to troubleshoot cases in a group setting
- Supervised the 2018 summer law clerk program
- Supervised the mentoring program, connecting senior attorneys with less experienced attorneys

**Criminal Law Clinic, American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC**

*Student Attorney, September 2015- December 2015*

- Conducted misdemeanor criminal and traffic trials in Maryland District Court
- Prepared for trial by discussing trial strategies with supervising attorney
- Negotiated pleas with Public Defenders
- Prepared criminal and civil dockets for court by researching criminal histories, police reports, and lab reports
- Interviewed victims and witnesses before trial

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.**

*Judicial Intern to The Honorable Judge Rhonda Reid-Winston, May 2015- August 2015*

- Conducted legal research on criminal law topics including search and seizures, custodial interrogations, and right to counsel
- Researched and drafted memoranda regarding the admissibility of evidence under the confrontation clause and analyzed how the D.C. Court of Appeals has construed Crawford v. Washington
- Worked on a Felony I calendar
- Communicated with attorneys from Public Defender Services and U.S. Attorney’s Office regarding filing motions and orders

**United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, VA**

*Judicial Intern, The Honorable Judge Gerald Bruce Lee, January 2015 – May 2015*

- Conducted legal research, prepared bench memoranda, drafted judicial opinions in civil and criminal cases
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**EDUCATION**

**American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC**

*Juris Doctor*, May 2016

- Leadership: Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project - Dean's Fellow, Juvenile Justice Society – Co-Founder, Co-Director
- Activities: Black Law Students Association; Criminal Law Society, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project - Teaching Fellow

**University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland**

*Bachelor of Arts, Government and Politics*, May 2013

- College Park Scholars- International Studies Program
- Dean's List; Black Honors Caucus; Students Against Mass Incarceration
- Internship: Children's Defense Fund – Freedom School

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- The Brown Bag Project (Co-founder) - a D.C. nonprofit organization that provides food, hygiene products, and clothing to people experiencing homelessness in the District of Columbia
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