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BAR ADMISSIONS

Texas State Bar, Admitted November 2010
United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
United States District Courts for the Northern, Southern, Eastern, and Western Districts of Texas

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law

Chapel Hill, NC

Juris Doctor, May 2010

- Honors: Dean's List (Three of Six Semesters)
- *North Carolina Journal of Law & Technology*, Notes Editor and Staff Member
- Gressman-Pollitt Award: Best Appellant, Coates College 2008
- Recipient of UNC School of Law Merit Scholarship

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Chapel Hill, NC

Bachelor of Arts with Distinction, Psychology, May 2006

- Honors: Dean's List all semesters
- National Merit Achievement Scholar and Recipient of Merit Scholarships
- Black Student Movement, Community Service Committee

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Deans & Lyons, LLP

Dallas, TX

Litigation Associate, June 2016 – July 2019

- Effectively manage a docket of cases for both plaintiffs and defendants in a variety of civil litigation matters in both state and federal courts, focusing primarily on business disputes, including, but not limited to, cases involving employment law, breach of contract, and breach of fiduciary duty, as well as catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death matters and cases involving professional liability.
- Responsible for the preparation of appellate briefs, including amicus briefs, in both Texas state appellate courts and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in a variety of civil matters.
- Notable successes include obtaining summary judgment on behalf of a financial institution in a breach of contract matter and obtaining dismissals of lawsuits alleging civil rights violations in federal court.

Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP (upon merger with Henslee Schwartz, LLP)

Dallas, TX

Litigation Associate, August 2013 – May 2016

Henslee Schwartz, LLP

Dallas, TX

Litigation Associate, January 2012 – August 2013

- Successfully managed a docket of approximately thirty commercial and civil litigation cases covering a broad spectrum of industries but focusing in professional liability defense, including but not limited to cases involving labor and employment issues.
- Prepared appellate briefs in Texas state appellate courts, including drafting an appellate brief from the appeal of the grant of summary judgment in a legal malpractice case in favor of our client which was affirmed on appeal.
- Presented oral argument in front of the Texarkana Court of Appeals in a professional negligence case.
- Drafted a wide range of pleadings and motions and participated in all aspects of discovery.
- Assisted in trial preparation in a multi-million-dollar wrongful death case by preparing jury charges, motions in limine, trial briefs in support of various motions in limine, and motions to exclude expert witness testimony.
- Prepared and won summary judgment on behalf of an appraiser in negligence and fraud case.
- Prepared and won motion to dismiss on behalf of attorney against allegations of constitutional rights violations.

Texas Court of Criminal Appeals

Austin, TX

Judicial Clerk, September 2010 – August 2011

- Authored four appellate opinions regarding various criminal law issues of first impression during my year as a clerk, the most of any of my judge's previous judicial clerks.
- Conducted extensive legal research on a variety of criminal law matters at the court of last resort for all criminal matters in the state of Texas.
- Drafted internal bench memoranda upon reviewing appellate briefs on cases set for oral argument.
- Reviewed petitions for discretionary review and writs of habeas corpus and provided recommendations to the judge for their final dispositions.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

Martin, Tate, Morrow & Marston, P.C.

Memphis, TN

Summer Associate, June 2009 – August 2009

- Prepared responses to official action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office denying clients' applications for trademarks.
- Reviewed and revised contracts related to real estate transactions.
- Researched and wrote internal legal memoranda on a variety of legal issues, including trusts and estates, civil procedure, bankruptcy, and commercial lending law.
- Researched various aspects of intellectual property law, including copyright, trademark, and patent law, in order to prepare a presentation to be given by a partner at a conference on intellectual property law.

North Carolina Court of Appeals

Raleigh, NC

Judicial Extern, May 2009 – June 2009

- Researched and prepared legal memoranda for judge's review on a variety of issues in cases on appeal.
- Reviewed appellate briefs of cases set for oral argument and prepared bench memoranda containing summaries of the facts and legal issues of the cases as well as provided recommendations to the judge for their dispositions.
- Reviewed drafts of numerous opinions in order to perform citation checking.
- Authored one appellate opinion with the assistance of the judge and judicial clerk.

University of North Carolina School of Law

Chapel Hill, NC

Research Assistant, May 2008 – August 2008

- Performed research in connection with the Educational Diversity Project, a research project that examines the relations between race (and other factors) and educational diversity in incoming students at law schools in the United States, for which my name appears in the acknowledgements for my research work.
- Researched, reviewed, and summarized recent torts opinions from the North Carolina Court of Appeals and North Carolina Supreme Court in order to update the North Carolina Law of Torts textbook supplement.

ASSOCIATIONS AND HONORS

Rising Star, Texas Super Lawyers Magazine, Thomson Reuters (2018 – 2019)

Dallas Bar Association

Dallas Association of Young Lawyers

J. L. Turner Legal Association

Junior League of Dallas

REPRESENTATIVE CASES

Randell v. Galbreath, No. 11-15-00056-CV, 2017 WL 2698113 (Tex. App.—Eastland June 22, 2017, no pet.).