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HONORS AND AWARDS

Super Lawyers Rising Star 2020-2023

Nation's Best Advocates 40 Under 40, National Bar Association 2017

LEADERSHIP, MEMBERSHIP, AND SERVICE

Texas Bar College 2015-Current

Dallas Bar Association, WE LEAD 2021

Associate Member, Higginbotham American Inn of Court 2019

J.L. Turner Legal Association

- Member since 2014
- Positions held: President, Director, Corresponding Secretary

Dallas Bar Association

- Member since 2013
- Positions held: Secretary-Treasurer, Director

American Bar Association

- Positions held: YLD Delegate, YLD Family Law Section Content Editor

National Bar Association

Dallas Women's Lawyers Association Dallas

Hispanic Bar Association

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

National Association of Certified Mediators

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

“**Probate: Probate Tips and Ethics**”, Dallas Minority Attorney Program, October 2020.

“**Child Support Considerations When Disabled Children Receive SSI**”, Dallas Bar Association *Headnotes*, September 2018, Volume 43, Number 9.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Notable Federal Trials

Joseph Cooper v. Broderick Steven “Steve” Harvey.

- Represented Defendant, Steve Harvey, radio and television personality against Plaintiff, Joseph Cooper, in a breach of contract suit.
- At the end of a successful trial, Defendant was granted a gag order against Plaintiff, who recovered nothing.

Radio Networks, L.L.C. v. Baisden Enterprises, Inc. and Michael Baisden v. Cumulus Media, Inc.

- Represented Defendant/Counter-Plaintiff, Michael Baisden, radio personality and author in claims against Radio Networks, L.L.C. and Cumulus Media, Inc. in breach of contract suit.

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Gradney, P.C.

Managing Shareholder

February 2018- Present

- Civil Litigation, Estate and Probate Attorney, Complex asset division, certified mediator
- Practice areas include business, personal injury, post-divorce litigation, probate matters (including crossovers wrongful death, trusts, real estate, and family)
- Attorney and guardian ad litem certified

Kastl Law, P.C.

June 2017- January 2018

Attorney

- Civil Litigation- Trial experience includes representing plaintiffs in personal injury, wrongful death, and medical malpractice, as well as parties in business/contractual disputes.
- Other areas of practice include probate and ad litem/amicus representation.

Law Offices of Audrey Moorehead, P.L.L.C.

September 2014- April 2017

Senior Associate Attorney

- Family Law- Majority of legal practice consists of representing clients in contested family matters, including CPS cases serving as Amicus, Attorney Ad Litem and Guardian Ad Litem. Practice encompasses divorce, adoption, custody and child support issues within Dallas, Collin, Ellis and Tarrant counties.
- Probate – Practice entails probate, heirship, and guardianship proceedings, including duties of Attorney and Guardianship Ad Litem.
- Civil- Represent clients in real estate, insurance, and debtor/creditor actions
- Criminal Defense- Practice includes misdemeanor and parole representation.

Law Offices of Shelton, Harrison, Pinson, P.L.L.C.

February 2013-September 2014

Associate Attorney; Intern for Derrick Shelton (January 2013-November 2013)

- Assist lead attorney with discovery on civil suits
- Counsel clients on various civil and bankruptcy issues and conduct negotiations to favorably settle cases
- Appear in court on civil and bankruptcy matters (including telephonic hearings)
- Sole manager of Baton Rouge satellite office/ control operations of boutique law office, including receiving service, managing funds/deposits, adhering to court deadlines, and communicating with clients, attorneys, and courts.

Ursus Holdings, L.L.C.,

February 2013-September 2014

Title Curative Attorney

- Counsel clients on a multi-jurisdictional level regarding title issues pre and post-foreclosure
- Evaluate various mortgage and loan documents, including title reports
- Analyze bankruptcy documents and draft proof-of-claims

SULC Bankruptcy Clinic, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

August 2012 – April 2013

Student Attorney

- Represent clients in Chapter 7 bankruptcy cases from intake to discharge
- Appear on behalf of client at 341 Hearings, Reaffirmation Hearings, and Chapter 13 Hearings
- Advise clients as to creditor rights, applicable law and possible repercussions of filing bankruptcy

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Nineteenth Judicial District Court, Baton Rouge, Louisiana *Student Clerk for Honorable Judge Wilson Fields*

August 2011 – May 2012

- Manage very heavy civil docket with at least one jury trial per week
- Schedule hearing and trials, direct status conferences, and review trial notebooks, memorandums, TRO's, summary judgment
- Research pending issues before the court and give recommendation to judge for review
- Assist with complex litigation dealing with pharmaceutical companies, class actions, and products liability, including: *State of Louisiana v. Abbott Laboratories, et al.*, and *State of Louisiana v. McKesson Corp., et al.*

EDUCATION

TCDLA Trial College 2015 Graduate, Huntsville, Texas

Southern University Law Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Juris Doctor, 2013, G.P.A. 3.15, Rank: 54/188

- Junior Editor, *Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty*
- American Inns of Court

Leadership Positions

- Student Bar Associate, *Chief of Staff*
- Business Law Society, *President*

Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas

Master in Business Administration, 2010

Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas

Bachelor of Science Business Administration, 2008