

Maikieta Antoinette Brantley

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Houston, Law Center, Houston, TX

Lecturer, Lawyering Skills and Strategies, August 2022 – Present

- Teaches legal writing, research, and legal analysis in two semester, first-year course
- Independently develops course curriculum
- Engages in inclusive teaching practices

Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Remote Instruction, Houston, TX

Visiting Assistant Professor, June 2021 – Present

- Teaches first-year and upper-level courses in blended learning format inclusive of asynchronous and synchronous instruction
 - Courses Taught:
 - Introduction to Business Organizations
 - Race, Gender and the Law
 - Trial Advocacy
 - Legal Research, Analysis, and Communication
- Independently develops course curriculum
- Engages in inclusive teaching practices
- Serves on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

Little Mendelson, PC, Houston, TX

Associate Attorney, March 2021 – March 2022

- Represented and advised Fortune 500 corporate clients on federal, state, and local laws in various jurisdictions
- Litigated individual, class, and collective actions on a wide variety of matters
- Investigated Charges of Discrimination by working with cross functional team to develop litigation strategy
- Advised and counseled employers on issues related to Covid-19 and developed related policies
- Negotiated and drafted settlement agreements and contracts
- Investigated and developed strategy for mediation and arbitration
- Drafted substantive legal motions and memoranda in various state and federal courts
- Counseled employers on general regulatory and compliance matters arising under federal, state, and local laws
- Developed and updated employment policies and procedures for employee handbooks

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO

Visiting Assistant Professor, Fellow of Inclusive Excellence, August 2019 – July 2021

- Taught legal writing, research, and legal analysis in two semester, first-year course in Top 10 Nationally Ranked Lawyering Process Program
- Independently developed course curriculum
- Engaged in inclusive teaching practices

Lewis Rice, LLC, Saint Louis, MO

Associate Attorney, September 2017 – August 2019

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- Handled pre-trial matters in commercial litigation (e.g. legal research and writing; motion practice; drafted discovery; deposed plaintiffs; attended case management conferences)
- Counseled national 501(c) organization regarding its labor and employment issues including revising of the employee handbook, drafting letters on behalf of the client to its employees, and advising the client on disciplinary actions
- Drafted organizational documents for private foundations and other non-profit organizations
- Negotiated and drafted settlement agreements
- Independently represented tenants pro bono in contested landlord/tenant matters

Summer Associate, May 2016 – July 2016

- Drafted pleadings; prepared memoranda; and conducted legal research on complex issues involving state and federal law

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Finance Instructor, August 2015 – May 2017

- Taught prerequisite business minor course “Finance 2000” full time to two sections of 50+ undergraduate students during fall and spring semesters

Assistant to Professor Brad Desnoyer in Legal Research and Writing, August 2015 – May 2017

- Assisted Professor Desnoyer in class, with research, and with grading
- Participated in problem development and drafting of sample materials
- Prepared students for appellate argument

Assistant to Professor Rachel Wilson in Tax Research, August 2016 – May 2017

- Assisted Professor Wilson in class, with research, and with grading

Law Library Reference Desk Assistant, August 2015 – May 2017

- Assisted professors, students, and guests with legal research

Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, Kansas City, MO

Summer Associate, May 2015 – July 2015

- Drafted pleadings; prepared memoranda; and conducted legal research on complex issues involving state and federal law

Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit of Texas, Dallas, TX

Intern for Justice Douglas Lang, December 2014

- Conducted legal research on pending cases and assisted Judge Lang in preparation for oral arguments

Price Waterhouse Coopers, St. Louis, MO

Tax Intern, Winter 2013

- Prepared individual & corporate tax returns, as well as individual and corporate tax extensions

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EDUCATION

University of Missouri School of Law, Columbia, MO

Juris Doctor, May 2017

Rank: Top 20%

Dean's List

Order of Barristers

Awards

CALI Excellence Award in Advanced Trial Practice for Highest Grade

R. David Ray Trial Advocacy Award

Roscoe Anderson Award for Excellence in Advocacy

1L Moot Court Top Oral Advocate

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity National 2015 Class of 1L Scholar

Activities

JOURNAL OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION, Layout and Design Editor

Board of Advocates, 1L Moot Court Director

TYLA National Trial Team Member

Missouri Attorney General's Cup Trial Team Member

National Arbitration Trial Team Member

Phi Delta Phi Legal Honors Fraternity

Black Law Students Association

University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

Master of Accountancy, May 2014

Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, Minor in Spanish, May 2014

Dr. Donald Suggs and University of Missouri Full Academic Scholarship

Mizzou '39: Recognition as 1 of 39 Outstanding Seniors from University Class of 5500+

SERVICE AND AWARDS

2023 ALWD Conference Site Committee, Member, July 2022 – Present

Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program (DAPP), *Associate Board Member*, Jan 2020 – Present

LEGAL COMMUNICATION & RHETORIC: JALWD, *Social Media Editor*, July 2020 – July 2021

ALWD Diversity Committee, October 2020 – July 2021

LegalTrek, *Mentor and Mock Trial Coach*, May – July 2020

MISSOURI LAWYERS WEEKLY, *Leader of Tomorrow Award*, April 2017

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

From the Judge's Desk to Your Hands: Legal Writing Tips from the Bench, Book Reviews: 17
LEGAL COMMUNICATION & RHETORIC: JALWD 1

Presenter: "Bluebook? What's that? Introduction to Legal Writing." Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program (DAPP) Virtual Conference, August 2020

BAR ADMISSIONS

Missouri Bar, 2017

Illinois Bar (Inactive), 2018

Texas Bar (Application Pending)

United States District Court, Eastern District of Missouri, 2018