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- High School** Paul VI Catholic High School, 2007
Fairfax, Virginia
- College** The College of William and Mary
Williamsburg, Virginia
- Degree** Bachelor of Science, 2011
- Law School** Washington College of Law, American University
Washington, D.C.
- Degree** Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*; Order of the Coif, 2014
Highest Grades: Civil Trial Advocacy, Law and Economics
- Scholarships** The Mussey-Gillett Merit Scholarship
- Awards** Civil Trial Advocacy Award for Outstanding Trial Advocacy
Certificate of Excellence in Legal Research and Writing
- Memberships** American University Law Review, Note and Comment Editor
Mock Trial Honors Society
- Legal Experience**
 - 2015-Present *Associate*, Kalbaugh, Pfund & Messersmith, P.C., Richmond, VA
Assist in civil litigation practice researching and drafting motions on a wide array of procedural and substantive legal matters. Subject matters of legal issues include premises liability, products liability, retail and merchandising safety, UCC and Warranty claims, food borne illness, contaminated food, consumer protection, loss prevention, construction defect, indemnification disputes, and insurance coverage defense.
 - 2014-2015 *Graduate Teaching Fellow*, American University, Washington College of Law
Responsible for two eighteen-student sections of Legal Rhetoric for the 2014–2015 academic year; developed class expectations and graded all



assignments, supervised a team of four teaching assistants, managed weekly office hours for student questions, and prepared a portion of the curriculum for the 2015–2016 academic year. Prepared lectures and taught students how to: write legal memoranda, court briefs, and client letters; perform legal research; analyze legal problems; present oral arguments; and communicate effectively with a superior.

2013-2014

Law Clerk, The Law Firm of Paley Rothman

Assisted in Paley Rothman’s civil litigation practice. Conducted legal research on a variety of procedural and substantive legal issues including: employment, family, trust and estate, real estate, contracts, tax, and tort. Wrote and reviewed pleadings and motions. Wrote two best practices guides for firm use: one discussing best practices for incorporating criminal background checks into hiring policies, and one discussing best practices handling client files after representation has been terminated.

2013-2014

Extern, District Court Screening Unit

Prepared over three dozen case files for Montgomery County Assistant State’s Attorney’s. Interviewed victims, witnesses, and police officers; gathered and reviewed evidence; researched case law; and wrote memos to the Assistant State’s Attorney detailing a chronological narrative of the event and recommending how the case should progress.

Bar Memberships

Virginia State Bar, 2014
Eastern District of Virginia Federal Court, 2015
Western District of Virginia Federal Court, 2015

Affiliations

Claims & Litigation Management Alliance

Publications

Take Off Your Genes and Let the Doctor Have a Look: Why the Mayo and Myriad Decisions Have Invalidated Method Claims for Genetic Diagnostic Testing, 63 Am. U. L. Rev. 101 (2013)