

RACHAEL D. WILSON

A T T O R N E Y

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BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois – 2019 (UBE)

KEY SKILLS

Litigation
Public Speaking
Writing & Editing
Legal Research & Analysis
Interpersonal Skills
Time management
Common Sense Solutions
Out of the Box Thinking
Event Planning

EDUCATION

Valparaiso University Law School

Juris Doctor (J.D.), 2016-2019

· Activities and Societies: Moot Court Society, Associate Justice of International Competitions and Judging; International Moot Court Society – Jessup Competitor, top 15 Mid-West Regional Oralist; Barbri Student Representative; Steering Committee Chair; Co-Student Circulation Desk Manager

Baylor University

Bachelor's Degree, Film and Digital media, 2011-2014

· Activities and Societies: National Association of Black Journalist (NABJ), Omicron Delta Kappa, Society of Professional Journalists, Green and Gold Pageant Committee

PUBLICATIONS

ABA JUDICIAL INTERN OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM Alumni Spotlight, May 2022

SEVENTH CIRCUIT RIDER
"John Paul Stevens: A True Gentleman of Justice", Fall 2019

REFOCUSSED MAGAZINE
Multiple Articles - 2015

EXPERIENCE

Loyola University, School of Law

Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing, 2023-2024 school year

Corporation Counsel's Office, City of Chicago – Employment Litigation Division

Assistant Corporation Counsel III, June 2023 - present

Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila, LLP

Associate, Aug. 2022 – May 2023

- Conduct research regarding multiple areas of law, including trademark, copyright, tortious interference with contract, and state law evidentiary needs for motions *in limine* and trial
- Draft federal motions *in limine*, state court motions to reconsider, notice of removal, and client presentations

Cook County State's Attorney's Office-Civil Rights/Torts Section

Assistant State's Attorney, Aug. 2019 – Aug. 2022

- Civil Defense Litigation
- Drafted appellate briefs, crossclaim, motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, and miscellaneous motions
- Argued before the Seventh Circuit
- Sat Third Chair in Bowers v. Dart, et al trial Sept. 30-Oct. 3, 2019
- Managed a case load of 15 to 30 cases concerning various state and federal claims, including premises liability, Americans with Disability Act, Section 1983, First Amendment, Fourth Amendment, and Fourteenth Amendment claims
- Conducted depositions and prepare clients for deposition
- Managed client relationships

Cook County State's Attorney's Office-Municipal Litigation Section

Law Clerk, Aug. 2018 – Nov. 2018

- Drafted court documents, including a complaint concerning an abandoned water well, answer, motion for summary judgment concerning FOIA request compliance, and attorney appearances
- Assisted in document production to answer FOIA requests and subpoenas

District of Columbia Office of Police Complaints

Law Clerk, May 2018 – Aug. 2018

- Conducted legal research for complaint investigators in determining whether a violation occurred, including unlawful entry
- Drafted legal argument for report of investigation concerning unlawful entry
- Researched, prepared, and presented policy recommendation regarding alternative citizen reporting systems

United States' Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana, Hammond Division

Law Clerk, Aug. 2017 – Feb. 2018

- Assisted in drafting an appellate brief
- Conducted legal research on a variety of subjects, including sidewalk defects and the ostrich jury instruction
- Assisted with development of legal theories and discovery in criminal and civil cases

United States' District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division

Summer Judicial Extern for the Honorable John A. Gibney, Jr. May 2017 - July 2017

- Collaborated with Law Clerks on 10 different projects
- Drafted two judicial opinions
- Drafted three orders

VOLUNTEERING

- iMentor Chicago – Mentor 2020 to May 2023
- Minority Legal Education Resources, Inc – Board President and Chairperson December 2022-present; Board Member January 2022-present; Lead Tutor Winter 2021-present; Tutor Winter 2020
- Loyola University Law School, Thurgood Marshall Moot Court Competition – Coach 2021-present