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State Bar Admission/Memberships:

State Bar of Wisconsin, Active, Good Standing	<i>(June 2010 - Present)</i>
State of Wisconsin, Board of Governors, District 2	<i>(July 2018 – June 2023)</i>
State of Wisconsin, Administrative & Local Government Law, Member	<i>(July 2020- Present)</i>
State of Wisconsin, Government Lawyers Division, Member	<i>(July 2021 – Present)</i>
Wisconsin Association of African American Lawyers, Member	<i>(September 2010 – Present)</i>
Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Inc. Board	<i>(July 2023 – Present)</i>

Education:

University of Wisconsin Law School , Madison, WI J.D., May 2010	North Carolina A&T State University , Greensboro, NC B.A., Political Science, May 2006
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Notable Trainings/Awards:

2023 WI Worker’s Compensation Forum
Society of Corporate Compliance and Ethics – Basic Compliance and Ethics Academy
Mediator Training – Family Mediation Center Professional Training
Trauma-Informed Improves Criminal Justice System & Trauma Informed Care
Family Lawyer as Neutral: Opportunities and Landmines in Mediation
2017 Young Lawyers Division - Outstanding Mentor Award
CLE Organizer - Advanced Training for Guardian ad Litem in relations to Domestic Violence
A Framework for Decision-making in Domestic Violence-Related Child Custody Disputes
2015 State Bar of Wisconsin Leadership Development Summit

Experience:

Manager of Procurement & Risk Management, Milwaukee Public Schools, Milwaukee, WI (November 2020- Present)

- Handles litigated Workers’ Compensation cases in conjunction with the City Attorney’s Office and directs the district’s third-party administrator on managing these claims.
- Prepares litigated Workers’ Compensation and Civil cases for mediation and hearings, including preparing and submitting filings of exhibits on behalf of the Office of the City Attorney.
- Negotiates, drafts and reviews contracts, agreements, MOUs and leases on behalf of the District.
- Oversee and train the Contract Law Specialist, Risk Management, Procurement department.
- Assess and advises the District staff on contracting and risk/liability matters.
- Reviews and analyzes insurance coverage and RFP/bid exceptions.
- Review, assess and report on criminal background check appeals for potential employees and volunteers.

Director of Compliance, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI (April 2018 – December 2020)

- Develop and manage a compliance management hotline and webpage that responds to the ethical and compliant issues presented by 800+ staff and the general public.
- Create, organize, and oversee the Compliance Advisory Committee.
- Review and approve contractual agreements, waivers, legal, and other documents between all 45 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Milwaukee (BGCGM) locations, five administrative departments, and other third parties.
- Identify areas of potential vulnerability and risk, develop/implement corrective actions plans, and provide general guidance on how to avoid or deal with similar situations in the future.
- Generate reports to inform the staff and board members of changes needed to improve full transparency within the organization.
- Serve on the Executive Board Committee and Board of Trustees. Provide quarterly reports.
- Assist in the creation and implementation of organizational wide manuals and protocols (ie: Covid Restart Procedures, Employee Handbook, Member Manual, Parent Handbook, etc.)
- Counsel on legal organizational matters, as well as communicate with outside counsel and third-party agencies.

Supervising Attorney - Guardian ad Litem - Family Court Division, Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee, Inc., Milwaukee, WI

(May 2013 – April 2018)

- Managed, supervised, trained, and assigned cases to the Guardian ad Litem Division, social workers, interns, and staff.
- Represented the legal best interest of minor children in family law cases involving issues of (but not limited to) custody, placement, child support, and marital/divorce presumption. As well as, represented mentally incapacitated clients in Harassment/Restraining Order hearings.

- Represented minor mothers in paternity hearings regarding issues of genetic testing, custody, placement, and child support.
- Organized and sought various trainings for the GALs and Social workers which include, domestic violence, AODA, mental health, mediation, CHIPS, forensic interviewing, immigration, etc.
- Worked alongside various stakeholders and participated with various committees that helped improved services to families of Milwaukee County.
- Tracked and reported the monthly and annual statistics reported to the Courts.
- Conducted and organized monthly trainings for the Family Court Guardian ad Litem division, as well as assisted in organizing Legal Aid Society's semi-annual ethics seminar and attended various speaker's bureaus for United Way of Greater Milwaukee.

Associate Attorney, Laster & Associates, LLC, Milwaukee, WI

(February 2011 – May 2013)

- Provided legal services to clients in areas of family, criminal, small claims, civil, and administrative hearing.
- Drafted pleadings, briefs, memos, and correspondence; attended court appearances; conducted research; marketed, solicited, and retained clientele; and any other tasks as needed.
- Appeared before various Wisconsin Circuit Courts, Wisconsin Court of Appeals – District I and District II, United States District Court - Eastern District of Wisconsin.
- Assisted in the hiring process and led the training of new associates and interns.

Associate Attorney, Law Office of Tarena W. Franklin, LLC, Brookfield, WI

(June 2010 – June 2011)

- Provided legal services to clients in areas of family, personal injury, civil, and administrative hearing.
- Drafted pleadings, briefs, memos, correspondence; attended court appearances: conducted research; marketed, solicited, and retained clientele; and any other tasks as needed.
- Assumed various roles in the firm to provide full service to clientele, which included paralegal, legal secretary, notary, and process server.

Additional Community Involvement:

- Board of Director – *Vice President* – Highland Community School *(Fall 2019 – Fall 2022)*
- Classroom Parent Coordinator – Highland Community School *(Fall 2023- Present)*
- General Member – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Kappa Omega Chapter *(Spring 2005 – Present)*
- General Member – NAACP Milwaukee Branch *(Fall 2023- Present)*
- General Member - Leander J. Foley, Jr. Society of Family Lawyer *(Fall 2013- Fall 2017)*