



BAKER SIMPSON LAW

CURRICULUM VITAE

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Baker Simpson Law, LLC Denver, CO
Owner, Attorney

July 2019 – Present

Managing criminal defense and employment discrimination law firm. Contracted with the State of Colorado as Alternate Defense Counsel for various post-conviction criminal matters ranging in Rule 35(c) petitions for homicide convictions, felony drug convictions, and convictions falling under the Colorado Organized Crime Act. Litigating employment discrimination cases and complex felony litigation throughout Colorado.

Senter Goldfarb & Rice, LLC Denver, CO
Civil Litigation Associate

September 2019 – June 2020

Litigated a diverse caseload of civil litigation matters ranging from personal injury auto accidents, wrongful death disputes, and insurance bad faith claims. Represented high profile clients including national corporations such as Office Depot and Torrid. Engaged in numerous depositions and tactful settlement negotiations while advocating for the interest for each client.

Whitcomb | Selinsky P.C. Denver, CO

April 2018 – September 2019

Trial Attorney, United States District Court, Court of Federal Claims, U.S. Court of Appeals – Tenth Circuit

Chief litigator representing clients with ADA and Title VII workplace discrimination claims at the state and federal EEOC, federal district courts, and federal appellate level. Conducted several depositions in both employment matters as well as civil litigation matters for contract disputes. Engaged in extensive motions practice and aggressive settlement negotiations. Interpreted high level commercial and corporate agreements during government contracting disputes.



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Office of the Colorado State Public Defender

August 2016 – April 2018

Trial Attorney, Colorado State Courts – First Judicial District

Managed a caseload between 65 – 170 clients with charges ranging from traffic infractions to homicides. Tried no less than 18 jury trials, a multitude of constitutional motions hearings, and restitution hearings. Oversaw the in-house training calendar and implemented a number of trainings ranging from inmate related programs to diversity initiatives. Participated in a number of statewide training sessions focused on various topics to include appellant advocacy, motions practice, and litigation strategy. Drafted a number of appellant briefs and constitutional motions that required extensive legal research.

Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office Charlotte, NC

Summer 2015

Summer Intern

Received a Third-Year Practice Certificate to conduct direct representation of clients in North Carolina. Worked with clients facing misdemeanor charges during bond hearings, probation violation hearings, plea-bargaining, mediations, and trials. Conducted legal research on issues surrounding each clients case and underwent all in-house training offered by the Public Defender's Office.

The Honorable Judge Margaret Seymour Columbia, SC

Summer 2014

United States District Court for the District of Colorado

Judicial Intern

Participated in a federal judicial clerkship for a Senior United States District Court Judge appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1998. Assisted in drafting opinions in federal wrongful death and police brutality cases and high-level securities fraud litigation disputes.

The Honorable Judge Michael McCarthy Washington, DC

Summer 2014

District of Columbia Superior Court

Judicial Intern

Assisted the law clerks and the Magistrate Judges Chambers and drafted orders for several motions. Frequently conducted legal research to assist in deciding motions. Maintained the Judge's calendar daily to organize hearings and mediations.



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The Office of the Honorable James Clyburn Charleston, SC Fall 2010
Local representative for the Majority Whip of the U.S. House of Representatives

Professionally complied with confidentiality procedures to handle constituent files and cases. Expeditiously drafted reports regarding constituent cases to be filed for future reference. Represented the Congressman at events throughout the district as well as volunteered at different organizations such as the Teacher's Supply Closet on behalf of the Congressman.

EDUCATION

Charlotte School of Law Charlotte, NC
Juris Doctor, May 2016

Honors: Top 25%, Pro Bono Honors
 Recipient of Charlotte School of Law's academic scholarship (merit-based)
 Dean's List – Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015
 Cali Award – Advanced Decedent's Estates, Spring 2015
 Pro Bono Highest Honors

Activities: Access to Justice Academic Journal, Associate Editor/Articles Editor
 Phi Alpha Delta – Legal Fraternity

The College of Charleston Charleston, SC
Bachelor of Arts in Communications, May 2013

Honors: Alexander M. Sanders, Jr. Presidential Legacy Award for Outstanding Public Service

Activities: Student Government Association – Student Body Secretary, Chief of Staff, Senator

 Black Student Union – Community Service Chair

Minor: African-American Studies



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PUBLICATIONS

Whitcomb | Selinsky Law P.C.

Discriminatory Jury Selection: Part one – Batson Challenge	January 12, 2019
How the Criminal Justice system is Failing Women	July 16, 2019
A Case of Mistaken Identity Part I	July 21, 2019
A Case of Mistaken Identity Part II	July 22, 2019
Racial Bias and the Criminal Justice System	July 23, 2019
Treating a Growing Epidemic with Mass Incarceration	July 29, 2019

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Sam Cary Bar Association – Member, 2021 Young Lawyers Division Chair
- Colorado Bar Association – Board of Governors
- Colorado Criminal Defense Bar - Member
- First Judicial Bar Association – Board of Trustees
- Alpha Kapa Sorority, Incorporated
- Colorado Attorneys Against Police Violence
- Colorado Black Women for Political Action – Member
- Downtown Aurora Visual Arts – Board of Directors

HONORS & AWARDS

- National Trial Lawyers Association Top 40 Under 40 – Criminal Defense
- National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40

WEBSITES & MEDIA

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