

OCTAVIA L. CARSON

EDUCATION

Thomas Jefferson School of Law, San Diego, CA

Juris Doctor, May 2020; GPA: 4.074, Summa Cum Laude; Rank: 1/93

Thomas Jefferson Law Review, Editor-in-Chief

Civil Procedure II & Criminal Law, Teaching Assistant

Publications: The Civil Rights Act of 1866: Salvaging Equal Rights Under the Law for the Contemporary Minority Small Business Owner, April 2019, 41 T. Jefferson L. Rev. 238

#FreeKanye: Federal Regulation of Record Label Contracts Could Free Artists From Pseudo Slavery, April 2020, 42 T. Jefferson L. Rev. 61

Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI

Bachelor of Applied Arts in Integrative Public Relations, Minor in Public Affairs, May 2015; Magna Cum Laude

EXPERIENCE

Mitchell Hamline School of Law

Visiting Assistant Professor, July 2022 – Present

Teach legal writing and other courses to 1L and upper-division law students enrolled in innovative Juris Doctor program.

Washburn University School of Law, Multistate Legal Analysis Class, Virtual

Adjunct Grader, February 2022 – Present

Grade 15 Universal Bar Exam essays a week covering all bar exam subjects. Provide constructive feedback to each student on the quality of their essay. Follow a grading rubric to assign grades to each student based on the content of their essays. Communicate with the professor weekly to understand what type of assistance the professor needs.

Mitchell Hamline School of Law, Legal Writing Center, Virtual

Adjunct Professor, January 2022 – Present

Collaborate with a team of legal writing professors to build a new legal writing center for the law school. Tutor students of all levels weekly in legal writing. Provide students with pointers for improving their research and writing. Assist students with curating a legal writing sample for internship and job applications. Produce one-pagers and other materials that inform students about different aspects of legal research and writing.

Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Department of Justice, Falls Church, VA

Judicial Law Clerk, October 2020 – Present

Drafted more than 32 appellate decisions for various administrative immigration cases including cancellation of removal, asylum, withholding of removal, convention against torture, criminal immigration, visa petitions, and bonds. Researched and implemented jurisdiction specific immigration law for the relevant United States circuit. Compiled summaries of newly published precedential cases for publication on BIA website to assist in attorney research.

The Honorable John A. Houston, Senior Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, San Diego, CA

Extern, February 2020 – March 2020

Veteran: Enlisted, United States Navy; **Languages:** Advanced Spanish; Beginner in Chinese

Completed memorandum on a Motion to Dismiss for a food label misrepresentation case. Researched FDA guidelines for food label misrepresentation, reviewed briefs of both parties. Attended sentencing guideline training lead by Judge Houston. Observed jury trial for a police misconduct case.

WilkMazz, San Diego, CA

Intern, May 2019 – July 2019

Worked remotely and independently to complete projects. Edited client statements for litigation. Edited operational agreement contracts for small businesses and nonprofits. Researched and wrote memoranda to advise clients on trademark, small business, nonprofit, and employment law matters. Created an outline explaining website compliance regulations for the Americans with Disability Act for attorneys and clients. Participated in client consultations.

The Honorable Mitchell D. Dembin, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of California, San Diego, CA

Extern, January 2019 – April 2019

Authored briefs and memoranda used for Judge Dembin's final case opinions. Completed 30-page habeas corpus report and recommendation. Reviewed parties' briefs and discovery materials. Attended case management conferences, settlement meetings, and court sessions. Debriefed court cases with the judge and law clerks.

Higgs, Fletcher, and Mack LLC, San Diego, CA

San Diego County Bar Association Diversity Fellow, Law Clerk, May 2018 – July 2018

Conducted research and produced memoranda for employment, family, criminal, and real estate law practice groups. Prepared interrogatories and interviewed witnesses.

Teaching English as a Second Language, Dominican Republic; Costa Rica; Nicaragua; China

Teacher, February 2012 – April 2017

Taught English abroad to K-12 students and tutored adults. Curated lesson plans and exercises to engage students based on their age and experience. Held voluntary and paid positions for varying intervals from one month to a year.