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**EDUCATION**

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Juris Doctor, May 9, 1998  
**Class Rank:** 12/150

Washington, D.C.

**Honors:**

Howard Law Journal, Editor-in-Chief 1997-98  
Academic Merit Scholarship, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98  
Trustee Scholarship, 1996-97, 1997-98  
Cali Award, Professional Responsibility, 1998  
Cali Award, (formerly the American Dean's Award), Legal Writing II, 1997  
Dean's Award (formerly the American Jurisprudence Award), Contracts, 1996  
American Jurisprudence Award, Legal Methods, 1995  
Who's Who: American Law Students, Spring 1998  
The National Dean's List, 1997

**Activities:**

Vice President, Class of 1998, 1995-96  
Entertainment Law Student Association, 1995-96  
National Bar Association, member  
American Bar Association, member  
Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyer's Association, member

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY**, B.S. in Communications Studies, May, 1991

Evanston, IL

**Honors:**

Dean's List, 1990-91

**Activities:**

Black Undergraduate Law and Business Students, member  
Vice President, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Chi Chapter

## EXPERIENCE

**TME LAW** *Managing Attorney*

Philadelphia, PA

Handles a large caseload of individuals and businesses consisting primarily of entertainment law (literary, music and film), intellectual property (copyright and trademark), estate planning, and municipal finance matters.

April 2003-Present

**YORK COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA** *Adjunct Professor*

York, PA

Taught an advanced survey of music copyright as it relates to music licensing and music publishing. Students developed a comprehensive understanding of the historical contexts and real-life applications of various legal and ethical issues in the music industry related to copyright, music publishing and music licensing agreements, payment of performance and non-performance royalties and the terms of art in the music industry.

Spring 2007

**FYOS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC** *Owner and Co-Founder*

Philadelphia, PA

Doing business as "Legal Write Publications," the company primarily publishes legal reference books for writers and publishing industry professionals. Produces and sponsors a nationally recognized seminar series focused on book publishing and intellectual property protection. Maintains two websites: [www.LegalWritePublications.com](http://www.LegalWritePublications.com) and [www.LiteraryLawGuide.com](http://www.LiteraryLawGuide.com), recognized by *Writer's Digest* as one of the top 101 best websites for writers in 2006.

July 1999-Present

**EVANS & BORDEN EVANS, LLC** *Managing Member*

Philadelphia, PA

Majority interest member who handled a large caseload that consisted primarily of entertainment law (literary, music and film), intellectual property (copyright and trademark), wills, trusts, estates, business law, and municipal finance matters. Managed all firm operations.

January 2002-April 2003

**PEPPER HAMILTON, LLP** *Associate in Personal Law Department*

Philadelphia, PA

Worked in the wills, trusts and estate planning department. Assisted in the administration of estates, will and trust drafting, trust account review, filings with the Orphan's Court, and estate litigation. Focused on high net-worth professional athletes and other high net-worth individuals.

September 2000-January 2002

**DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH, LLP** *Associate in Personal Law Department*

Philadelphia, PA

Worked in the wills, trusts and estate planning department. Assisted in the administration of estates, will and trust drafting, trust account review, filings with the Orphan's Court, and estate litigation.

September 1999-September 2000

**THIRD CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS: Judge Theodore McKee** *Law Clerk*

Philadelphia, PA

Reviewed briefs, prepared bench briefs and drafted opinions on a variety of civil and criminal appellate issues. Attended sittings and mentored judicial interns.

September 1998-August 1999

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**MAYORAL EDUCATION TASK FORCE, Finance Committee Member** Philadelphia, PA  
Appointed by Mayor John F. Street to serve on the Finance Committee of the Task Force. The mission is to evaluate the viability and effectiveness of the Philadelphia School District, to assess its progress in light of the School Reform Commission's oversight, and to make recommendations to the Mayor about how to procure and maximize the District's financial resources and improve education in Philadelphia.

September 2006 to January 2007

**WIRELESS PHILADELPHIA, Board of Directors** Philadelphia, PA  
Appointed by Mayor John F. Street to serve on the Board of Directors of Wireless Philadelphia. The mission is to develop and maintain a citywide digital infrastructure to help citizens, businesses, schools and community organizations make effective use of affordable wireless technology. The goal is to spur economic development, enhance community neighborhoods, help overcome the digital divide, and reduce the cost of delivering government services. Elected Secretary of the Board for 2005-2006.

September 2005 to October 2006

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Contracts Companion for Writers* (2007, Legal Write Publications)  
*Copyright Companion for Writers* (2007, Legal Write Publications)  
*Literary Law Guide for Authors: Copyright, Trademark and Contracts in Plain Language* (2003, 2005, Legal Write Publications)  
*SHINE: Inspirational Poetry* (2001 Book/CD, FYOS Entertainment)  
*Seasons of Her: A Collection of Poetry* (1999, FYOS Entertainment)  
Numerous articles, blogs and short stories

## **FACULTY/PRESENTER EXPERIENCE**

York College of Pennsylvania, Music Licensing, Publishing and Copyright, Spring 2007  
National Black Writer's Conference, Presenter, 2006  
Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Literary Representation course, Instructor, December 2005  
Mt. Airy Learning Tree, Legal Matters That Matter to Writers, 2007  
Mt. Airy Business Center, Small Business Law classes, Instructor, December 2005-Present  
Dell East Music Business Institute, Instructor, 2002 to present  
Writer's Conference at Penn, Instructor, 2004-2006  
Infinity Publishing Writer's Conference, Instructor, 2004-2006  
Howard University School of Law Intellectual Property Conference, Presenter, 2004

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

African American Chamber of Commerce  
Pennsylvania Bar Association ('04-'06 Vice-Chair, '06-'07 Co-Chair, '07-'08 Chair - Sports,  
Entertainment and Art Law Committee)  
Philadelphia Bar Association  
Author's Guild  
National Writer's Union  
PMA: The Independent Book Publishers Association  
National Association of Women Writers  
National Association of Bond Lawyers  
Pennsylvania Association of Bond Lawyers

## **PRO BONO WORK**

Represents or has represented writers, artists, and management in the entertainment industry in the review and negotiation of various contracts through Philadelphia Volunteer Lawyer for the Arts and through private practice. Represented indigent and disabled clients in various capacities for trust and estates issues. Advises churches and non-profit organizations on intellectual property and estate planning issues.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Minority Business Enterprise Council – MBE/WBE certified  
Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

STATE:            Pennsylvania (1998)  
                      New Jersey (1998)  
                      District of Columbia (1999)  
                      New York (2006)

FEDERAL:        Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1999)  
                      The Third Circuit (1999)