

BREEAN WALAS, ESQ.

EXPERIENCE:

WALAS LAW FIRM, PLLC

November 2013-present

Attorney

Assist solo practitioners and law firms with their legal research and briefing needs that arise before, during, and after litigation. Develop case strategy and analysis of legal issues, including drafting and preparing complaints, discovery, motions, memoranda of law, and trial briefs. Attend and argue at hearings. Attend and take depositions. Serve as lead or co-counsel at trial. Serve as appellate counsel, writing briefs and arguing matters before state and federal appellate courts. Case assessment for settlement purposes. Provide general counsel to small businesses on matters such as LLC formation and general employment contracts (less than 1% of services provided)

LION LEGAL SERVICES

September 2018-April 2021

Of Counsel

Serve as “of counsel” in appellate cases handled by the firm; specifically responsible for research, writing briefs and arguing matters before state and federal appellate courts. Provide general counsel to Lion Legal Services in complex civil and/or criminal cases on an as-needed basis.

CARNEY, BATES & PULLIAM PLLC

March 2013-November 2013

Associate Attorney

Prepared legal pleadings, discovery, motions, memoranda of law, and appellate briefing, at the federal and state levels, in consumer class action litigation. Conducted research on various consumer law-related issues, including the Dodd-Frank Act, class certification, state arbitration, state unfair and deceptive trade practices acts, and federal preemption. Reviewed discovery production.

BEASLEY ALLEN LAW FIRM

October 2012-February 2013

Of Counsel

Handled trial briefing and evidentiary hearings; authored motions and memoranda; researched legal issues; took depositions; and drafted appellate pleadings and briefing for Bellwether and remanded cases in the hormone therapy litigation, *In re Prempro Products Liability Litigation*. Prepared deposition designations as part of the class action on behalf of California consumers who purchased hormone therapy drugs, *Krueger v. Wyeth, Inc.*

LITTLEPAGE BOOTH

June 2012-October 2012

Associate Attorney

Drafted memoranda and researched legal issues, including the admissibility of expert testimony under the federal *Daubert*-standard, in the hormone therapy litigation, *In re: Prempro Products Liability Litigation*, Case No. MDL 1507, as well as in remanded personal injury hormone therapy cases.

GARY HOLT & ASSOCIATES, P.A.,

June 2008-June 2012

Appellate, Research, and Trial Attorney

Authored legal pleadings, discovery, motions, memoranda, appellate briefing, mediation statements, and post-trial briefing, at the state and federal levels, in cases involving products liability, legal malpractice, civil rights, nursing home abuse, and other areas of personal injury litigation. Handled oral arguments and hearings at the federal and state levels.

Researched legal issues, including federal civil rights, employment discrimination, and state tort laws. Conducted depositions and prepared witnesses for trial.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT

August 2005-May 2008

Law Clerk to Associate Justice Donald L. Corbin

Conducted legal research, prepared bench memoranda, and drafted opinions.

OHIO JUSTICE & POLICY CENTER

Summer 2004

Legal Intern

Researched and drafted memoranda concerning the constitutional rights of inmates and ex-offenders.

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

Summer 2003

Legal Intern

Researched and drafted memoranda concerning the constitutional rights of inmates; drafted pleadings; attended arraignments

ADMITTED:

Arkansas (2006)

Illinois (2005)

U.S. Court of Appeals, Eighth & Ninth Circuit

U.S. District Court, Eastern and Western District of Arkansas

EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI COLLEGE OF LAW, *Juris Doctor*, 2005

Awards: Order of the Barristers

Dean's List

Outstanding Participant Award at 2004 Luke Charles Moore Moot Court Competition

Activities: Moot Court – Member and Finance Director

Human Rights Quarterly - Articles Editor

Out and Allies – President

Phi Alpha Delta – Marshal

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, *Bachelor of Arts - American Studies*, 2002

Awards: W.B.C.A. Charles T. Stoner Law Scholarship

Dean's List

Red Key Scholar-Athlete

Activities: Varsity Women's Basketball

Ivy League Rookie of the Year

All Ivy

All Ivy-Academic

Student-Athlete Advisory Council - President

PRESENTATIONS:

“Trying a Case During a Pandemic,”

Connectionology® Jury Trials in the Age of Covid-19, May 2021

ATLA Annual Convention, April 2021

“APPEALS. Always Practice Proper Etiquette and Laugh Sometimes,”

ATLA Webinar Week, November 2020

“Who Needs A Vacation? The Ethics of a Balanced Life,”

ATLA Annual Convention, April 2018

- “Legislative Update,”
ATLA Annual Convention, April 2017
- “The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals,”
Arkansas Bar Association’s 2015 Appellate Advocacy Institute, March 2015
- “The *Daubert* Motion: A Tool You Should Have and Use,”
ATLA Cutting Edge Legal Education At Your Desk CLE, November 2014
- “Appeals: Preserving/Making Your Record,”
ATLA Annual Convention CLE, May 2012

PUBLICATIONS:

- “Overcoming the Misconceptions of ‘Expert Exclusion’,”
ATLA Docket, Spring 2015,
<https://issuu.com/bgordy/docs/spring2015>
- “Marriage Equality,”
ATLA Docket, Winter 2014,
https://issuu.com/bgordy/docs/atla_docket.1.24.14/12
- “Marriage Equality: Civil Unions and Domestic Partnerships Are Not Marriage,”
ATLA Docket, Winter 2014,
https://issuu.com/bgordy/docs/atla_docket.1.24.14/12
- “Case Note: *Standard Fire Insurance Company v. Knowles*,”
ATLA Docket, Fall 2013,
https://issuu.com/bgordy/docs/2013_fall_atla_docket/30
- “Chapter 7 - Personal Injuries (Other Than Car Wrecks),” (with Matthew R. House, Esq.)
18 and Life to Go: A Legal Handbook for Young Arkansans, First Edition,
prepared by Arkansas Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section (April 2009)
- “The Disenfranchisement of the Re-Enfranchised: How Confusion Over Felon Voter Eligibility in Ohio Keeps Qualified Ex-Offender Voters From the Polls,” (with David Singleton, Esq.),
Ohio Justice and Policy Center, 2004
<http://www.ohiojpc.org/text/publications/disenfranchisement.pdf>

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Association for Justice
- Arkansas Bar Association
- Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association
 - Vice-President (2021-2022)
 - Secretary-Treasurer (2020-2021)
 - Board of Governors (2013-2020)
 - Listserv Committee – Chair (2019-2020)
 - Legislation Bill-Drafting Committee (2013-present)
 - Publications Committee (2013-2017)
- National LGBT Bar Association
- Pound Civil Justice Institute (Member Fellow)
- Public Justice Foundation

**COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS:**

ACLU of Arkansas
Fellowship Hall of Bozeman
Greater Little Rock Rugby Club
Human Rights Campaign
Little Rock Women's Rugby Club

AWARDS:

Arkansas Trial Lawyers Association
 Outstanding Member, Young Lawyers Division (2014-2015)
 President's Award (2013 & 2017)
National LGBT Bar Association Best LGBTQ+ Attorneys Under 40 (2019)

OTHER:

ATLA Trial Skills Academy Graduate (2017)