

NEERA CHATTERJEE

EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN

J.D., May 2003

GPA: 3.24, Legal Writing A+, International Civil Litigation A

Honors and Activities: Vanderbilt Scholastic Excellence Award in Legal Writing; Moot Court Competition, Octofinalist; Research Assistant for Professor John Goldberg, researched cognizable injuries in toxic tort cases; Nashville Child Advocacy Center, volunteer.

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

B.A., June 2000

GPA: 3.60

Major: Political Science, Minor: French

Honors and Activities: Dean's List; Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society; Intern at Public Defender of Cook County.

EXPERIENCE

Haynes & Boone, LLP, Austin, TX

Associate, Business Litigation Section

September 2006-Current

- Advise clients regarding open records issues; draft briefs relating to the Texas Public Information Act and submit to the Attorney General of Texas as well as draft pleadings and briefs filed in district and appellate courts; represent clients at hearings and oral argument in district and appellate courts relating to open records litigation.
- Draft pleadings and motions at all stages of litigation and conduct legal research involving other legal issues such as: federal jurisdiction, conflict of laws, anti-trust, contract disputes, and tort law.
- Advise clients regarding various litigation issues such as: discovery, trial strategy and collection issues; advise clients regarding licensing issues.
- Participated in Houston Municipal Court Program; served as volunteer prosecutor for the City during a five month period.

United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin, TX

Law Clerk to the Honorable Robert Pitman, United States Magistrate Judge

June 2005-September 2006

- Drafted recommended findings on dispositive motions involving issues such as: contract disputes, constitutional law, and employment law.
- Drafted orders regarding discovery and jurisdictional issues.
- Conducted research needed for trial and oral arguments on motions.

United States District Court for the District of New Mexico, Las Cruces, NM

Law Clerk to the Honorable Leslie C. Smith, United States Magistrate Judge

August 2003-May 2005

- Drafted opinions on dispositive motions involving issues such as: qualified immunity, contract disputes, constitutional law, and employment law.
- Drafted jury instructions.
- Conducted research needed for trial, dispositive motions, and *Daubert* hearings.

Altheimer & Gray, Chicago, IL

Summer Associate, 2002

- Drafted memoranda regarding: statistical evidence needed to establish *prima facie* case of employment discrimination in disparate impact cases, IRS filing requirements of tax exempt organizations, and estate planning issues.
- Received offer of permanent employment; Firm subsequently dissolved Summer 2003.

District Attorney's Office, Nashville, TN

Summer Intern, 2001

- Prepared responses to discovery requests; researched issues for motions and trial.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

Illinois, 2003 (currently inactive status); Texas, 2005.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Austin Young Lawyers Association; Volunteer Legal Services; Texas Minority Counsel Program, annual participant; Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, 2007 annual conference attendee.

OTHER

Enjoy travel; avid sports fan; Meals on Wheels, volunteer. Conversational in French.