

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, J.D. 2006

University of Louisville College of Business, MBA *with Distinction* 2017

University of Louisville, B.A. 2003, Psychology

EMPLOYMENT

2021- Current: Corporate Counsel, Waystar, Inc.

2017 – 2021: Associate Attorney, Sam Aguiar Injury Lawyers

2017 – 2017: Adjunct Professor (Evidence), University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law

2011 – 2017: Assistant County Attorney, Office of the Jefferson County Attorney

2008 – 2011: Managing Partner, Baker & Griffin, PLLC

2006 – 2008: Staff Attorney, Louisville Metro Public Defender Corporation

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2021: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace Certification, University of South Florida Muma College of Business

2018: Advanced Deposition College, American Association of Justice

2014: Trial Advocacy in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Course by the National District Attorneys Association

2010: Negotiation Workshop at the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy Annual Convention

2007: Public Defender Trial Advocacy Program by the National Defender Training Project

SERVICE

National Bar Association

- President
- President-Elect
- Vice-President
- Chief of Staff
- Chief of Communications
- Board Member-At-Large
- Region VI Director
- Board of Governors - Affiliate Representative
- Annual Convention Planning Committee

Kentucky Bar Association

- Commission on the Future of the Legal Profession in Kentucky
- Committee for Diversity in the Profession
- Communications & Publications Committee
- Convention Planning Committee
- Young Lawyers Division Board

Louisville Bar Association

- Board of Governors
- Leadership Academy

Charles W. Anderson, Jr. Bar Association

- President
- Vice President
- Social Chair

Kentucky Justice Association

- Board of Governors
- Leadership Academy

University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law

- Alumni Association

ARTICLES & COMMUNICATIONS

“Jury Selection: It Must Be Fixed”, Louisville Bar Association BARbriefs 2017

“The Dangers of Being a Black Man With Car Trouble” (with Benjamin L. Crump),
Time September 2016

“Terence Crutcher’s Death Shows It’s Past Time for a Change in Policing
Tactics in the US” (with Benjamin L. Crump), NewsOne September 2016

“In the Wake of the Death of Alton Sterling, Civil Rights Organizations Launch
Pro Bono Legal Support Program to Defend Rights of Protestors in
Louisiana” (with Rebecca Sturtevant), Press Release July 2016

“National Diverse Bar Associations Urge Senate to Hold Hearing and Vote on
Supreme Court Nominee”, (with others), Press Release March 2016

“Coalition of Bar Associations of Color Holds Annual Meeting”, Press Release
March 2016

“National Bar Survey on Race Relations” (with Jon Peck), Press Release
September 2015

“When the Right to Remain Silent is Detrimental” (with Tanisha Hickerson),
Louisville Bar Association BARBriefs 2015

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Panelist, Metropolitan Black Bar Association Black History Month Program -
Lessons in Leadership, 2023

CLE Presenter, Domestic Violence Temporary and Permanent Civil Relief and
Criminal Impact, 2023 National Bar Association Judicial Council Midwinter
Conference

Keynote Speaker, Charles Houston Bar Association 676h Annual Gala, 2022

Panelist, The State of the Black Woman Lawyer in America, 97th Annual National
Bar Association Convention, 2022

Panelist, My Life as a Lawyer, National Bar Association Gateway to Success
Student Program, 2022

Keynote Speaker, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law BLSA Convocation

Keynote Speaker, Georgia State University College of Law BLSA Leadership In Law, 2021

CLE Presenter, Policing in Communities of Color: Does the George Floyd Case Really Signal Change, National Bar Association Midyear Conference, 2021

Keynote Speaker, 16th Annual National Black Pre-law Conference & Law Fair, 2020

CLE Presenter, "Ethical Considerations in Negotiations", 2017 National Bar Association Region VI Conference

Mistress of Ceremony, "Finding Your Greatness Within: Using Your Gifts to Serve Others", Charles W. Anderson, Jr. Bar Association 3rd Annual Awards Dinner, 2017

Mistress of Ceremony, "Honoring the Past, Present, & Future", Charles W. Anderson Jr. Bar Association 2nd Annual Awards Dinner, 2016

Panelist, "The Importance of Voluntary Bar Membership", American Bar Association/National Bar Association Joint Reception, 2015

Keynote Speaker, University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law, Black Law Students Association' 2015 Convocation

Speaker, National Bar Association Constitutional Law Day, Seneca High School 2014

CLE Moderator, "The Forgotten Party in a Criminal Case", 2013 National Bar Association Region VI Conference

Awards

2022: Kamala D. Harris Woman of Excellence Award, Charles Houston Bar Association

2021: Equal Justice Award, National Bar Association

2020: Wiley A. Branton Award, National Bar Association
2020: Top 40 Under 40 Honoree, Louisville Business First
2020: Daniel Alvarez Champion for Justice Award, Louisville Bar Association
2020: Top 40 Under 40 Outstanding Alumni Award, National Bar Association
2020: Young Lawyers' Division Chairman's Award, National Bar Association
2019: Justice Award, Louisville Urban League
2015: Top 40 Under 40 Nation's Best Advocate, National Bar Association