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EDUCATION

Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN

J.D. Candidate, Expected May 2026

Honors & Activities: *Vanderbilt Law Review*, Editor; *Vanderbilt Social Justice Reporter*, Editor; Garrison Social Justice Scholar; Chancellor's Law Scholar; Dean's Leadership Award Recipient; Social Action Chair, Black Law Students Association; Street Law Co-Director, Vanderbilt Legal Aid Society; Member, Nashville NAACP Legal Redress Committee; Mentor, One-Elevate Leadership Program

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

B.S. in Public Policy, Minor in International Affairs, *highest honors*, May 2022; GPA: 3.89

Honors & Activities: Stamps President's Scholar; Federal Jackets Fellow; Dean's List, Student Leader Impact Award Recipient; Student Body Vice President; Black Leadership Conference Chair, African American Student Union; Student Assistant for the African American Male Initiative, Office of Minority Educational Development
Senior Capstone: "Exploring Economic Mobility and the Racial Wealth Gap in the United States"

EXPERIENCE

United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Tennessee, Criminal Division, Nashville, TN

Law Clerk: Researched legal questions pertinent to ongoing criminal cases including the Fourth Amendment's particularity requirement for electronically seized evidence, defendant rights under the Speedy Trial Act, and federal sentencing factors, among others; prepared legal memos, appellate briefs, motions in limine, and assisted attorneys in preparing prosecution memos; observed jury trials and sentencing hearings. Fall 2024

American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky, Louisville, KY

Southern Legal Intern: Conducted legal, policy, and regulatory research on First Amendment issues, Section 1983 suits, and conditions of confinement litigation; contributed to electoral organizing campaigns pushing for criminal legal reform; drafted a letter on behalf of the affiliate to universities outlining their First Amendment obligations; reviewed privilege logs and police body camera footage; supported ongoing civil rights pattern-and-practice investigations and observed a FRCP 30(b)(6) deposition; drafted legal and policy memos discussing issues like felony expungement and qualified immunity. Summer 2024

United States Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD), Washington, DC

Speechwriter: Authored daily speeches, statements, and talking points related to foreign and domestic policy issues; prepared policy memos and briefing materials for Senator Cardin; staffed the Senator at field events; drafted grant and press releases; managed and supported press interns. Jan. – July 2023

Staff Assistant: Planned events that advanced the Senator's legislative priorities; drafted constituent correspondence and assisted constituents in accessing federal resources; provided administrative support to the Chief of Staff and Scheduler; managed front office operations. Nov. 2022 – Jan. 2023

Legislative Intern: Prepared policy briefs, memos on presidential nominees, and cosponsor memos; staffed hearings and meetings with constituent groups; supported the Senator's judiciary team and analyzed key federal criminal justice, immigration, and civil rights legislation; garnered the Senator's support for the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act, S.1083, 116th Cong. (2019). Summer 2020

Congresswoman Shontel Brown (D-OH), Washington, DC

Legislative Intern: Drafted correspondence on domestic policy issues and international conflicts; staffed hearings and briefings to advance the Member's legislative priorities; developed recommendations to increase affordable housing in the district; nominated for the prestigious Stennis Congressional Intern Program. Summer 2022

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Visiting cultural centers, historical sites, and museums, running 5k races, gardening, hiking