

Summary

I'm a creative, thoughtful trial lawyer who has engaged with our legal system from many angles. I've represented the government, large corporations, and individual people, practicing civil and criminal law, in both federal and state courts. I love leveraging the human side of the law to solve problems and have a knack for optimistically making things happen.

Education

Stanford Law School Stanford, California

J.D. with Pro Bono Distinction, 2011

- Editor of *Stanford Law Review*
- Kirkwood Moot Court Competition Semi-Finalist and Best Oralist in the Preliminary Rounds
- Teaching Assistant for Trial Advocacy, Federal Pretrial Litigation, and Legal Research and Writing
- Book Prizes for Outstanding Performance in Constitutional Law, Antitrust Law, and Clinical Practice
- Completed independent research project for the Stanford Criminal Justice Center

University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

B.A., *summa cum laude*, in Political Science with concentration in American Politics, 2007

- Interned in the U.S. Senate and also in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Studied for one year (2003 – 2004) at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado
- Studied for one year (2006 – 2007) at Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts

Selected Experience

Libbey Van Pelt Law, PLLC Arlington, Virginia

Owner, 2021 – Present

Brings wealth of experience and a radiant spirit to personal injury clients, including those who've experienced sexual harassment and assault. On a very select basis, will try cases in other matters, including on behalf of federal criminal defendants.

Blankenship & Keith, PC Fairfax, Virginia

Counsel, 2019 – 2021

Built practice representing sex abuse victims in civil litigation, as well as those injured in car crashes and by dangerous conditions or defective products. Extensive experience working with and negotiating with stakeholders. Successfully litigated, and ultimately resolved, cases totaling over \$21 million dollars in settlements. Also defended individuals and companies in business tort litigation.

Hollingsworth, LLP Washington, DC

Associate, 2018 – 2019

Defended corporate clients in lawsuits across the country. Examined witnesses and argued motions in five-week trial involving complex commercial dispute arising from near billion-dollar expansion of chemical plant. Took and defended dozens of depositions. Amassed significant experience in brief writing and case management.

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware

Assistant United States Attorney, 2015 – 2018

Special Assistant United States Attorney, 2013 – 2015

Investigated and prosecuted wide variety of federal offenses involving fraud, cyberstalking, violent crime, and national security. Served as the office's Human Trafficking Coordinator. Directed complex grand jury investigations (including Title III wiretap interceptions), led subsequent prosecutions, and argued before the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Representative experience includes:

- *United States v. Kan Chen*: lured out of China and prosecuted Chinese national responsible for illegally exporting military technology from the United States
- *United States v. Dalian Washington*: secured conviction of sex trafficker who exploited a victim on a military base
- *United States v. Cory D. Foster and Lawrence Payton*: successfully first-chaired jury trial involving multiple expert witnesses; briefed and argued appeal, which resulted in an important precedential opinion

Round-the-World Trip

2012 – 2013

Planned and executed longtime dream of solo backpacking around the world. Bungee jumped in New Zealand. Couch surfed in the Middle East. Hiked 1,200 miles of the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to New York.

The Honorable Rebecca Beach Smith, Chief Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia

Law Clerk, 2011 – 2012

- Drafted orders, opinions, and bench memoranda addressing business and contract disputes, corporate liability, employment and labor laws, criminal and civil rights cases, and copyright, trademark, and patent infringement claims
- Advised judge during trials regarding legal and evidentiary issues

Boies, Schiller & Flexner, LLP Washington, DC

Summer Associate, 2010

Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office San Jose, CA

Law Clerk, Summer and Fall 2009

Education

- Security clearance when I left the government: TS/SCI
- Bar admissions: Virginia, District of Columbia, and Delaware

References available upon request.