

Benjamin A. Laufer

EDUCATION

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2010; GPA 3.66

Activities: Mock Trial Society, 2008-2010
Criminal Justice Clinic-Defense, Full Year 2009-2010

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Durham, NC

Bachelor of Arts, *Honors*, May 2006

Activities: Men's Volleyball, 2002-2005 (2004 DIAA National Champions)
Pi Kappa Alpha

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland (2010)

United States District Court for Maryland (2011)

District of Columbia (2012)

WORK EXPERIENCE

ARMSTRONG, DONOHUE, CEPPOS, VAUGHAN & RHOADES, CHARTERED

Associate, September 2011-Present

- Specialized in defense-oriented litigation of medical malpractice, premises liability and general civil claims.
- Independently tried and successfully obtained defense judgments in medical malpractice, premises liability and general civil claims.
- Drafted appellate briefs, motions, and discovery documents.
- Managed independent case load of approximately 20 – 25 active cases

HON. MICHAEL D. MASON, MARYLAND CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Law Clerk, August 2010-Present

- Prepared briefs, legal memoranda, bench memos, orders, opinions, and draft judgments, primarily in complex civil litigation matters such as complex commercial litigation, medical malpractice, breach of fiduciary duty, breach of contract and fraud.
- Conduct legal research for oral motions made during trials.

THE PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE, *Trial Division*, Washington, DC

Law Clerk, May 2009-August 2009

- Assisted counsel in high Felony II cases by drafting motions and legal memorandum, and preparing openings, direct and cross-examinations, and closings.

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, *White-Collar Crime*, Washington, DC

Extern, January 2009-April 2009

- Worked on white-collar crime cases involving bank, check and wire fraud, and money laundering, including preparation of responses to motions to suppress.

PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE, Arlington, VA

Law Clerk, May 2008-August 2008

- Drafted legal memoranda related to suppression of evidence, possession of controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, homicide and other felonies and misdemeanors.

FOX SPORTS NET, Los Angeles, CA

Production Assistant, May 2006-April 2007

- Researched sports statistics, conducted and filmed interviews with high school and university coaches and students. Edited video and audio clips from multiple sporting events.

DURHAM LEGAL AID, Durham, NC

Intern, January 2005-May 2005

- Provided legal support, including research and client interviews for family law cases in the Durham area.