

# Benjamin A. Laufer

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## EDUCATION

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW**, Washington, DC  
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2010;

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

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**ARMSTRONG, DONOHUE, CEPPOS, VAUGHAN & RHOADES, CHARTERED**

*Partner*, January 2019-Present

*Associate*, September 2011-December 2018

- Specialize in defense-oriented litigation of medical malpractice, licensing, premises liability and general civil claims.
- Independently tried and successfully obtained defense judgments in medical malpractice, premises liability and general civil claims.
- Independently taken and defended hundreds of depositions, including 30(b)(6) depositions and expert depositions.
- Presented to physicians, hospitals, nursing homes, and private practices regarding changes to current legislation, developments in the medical field, and best practices for avoiding medical malpractice lawsuits.
- Successfully tried multiple jury trials to verdict.
- Drafted appellate briefs, motions, and discovery documents.
- Argued appellate issues in the Maryland Court of Special Appeals.
- Managed independent case load of approximately 50-60 active cases.

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

*Law Clerk*, August 2010-August 2011

- 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.

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

**Maryland** (2010)

**United States District Court for Maryland** (2011)

**District of Columbia** (2012)

**United States District Court for the District of Columbia** (2017)

**Virginia** (2017)