

BENJAMIN A. LAUFER

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)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Armstrong, Donohue, Ceppos, Vaughan & Rhoades, Chartered

Partner, January 2019-Present

Associate, September 2011-December 2018

Representation of long-term care and skilled-nursing facilities, acute-care hospitals, physicians, physician-practices, nurses and other healthcare providers before the courts of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia and the licensing boards of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Substantial trial experience in all three jurisdictions. Oral argument before appellate courts and preparation of appellate briefs. Presentation of continuing education and in-service lectures, mock-depositions and mock-trials for long-term care facilities, acute-care facilities and physician groups.

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. Conducted 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)
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2023)

MEMBERSHIPS

Montgomery County Inns of Court (2019-2020)
Montgomery County Bar Association
Diversity Committee for the Montgomery County Bar Association
American Bar Association
Defense Research Institute (DRI)

RECOGNITIONS

Best Lawyers, Ones to Watch (2021-2026)
Super Lawyers (2024-2026)

LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS

Top Ten Maryland Statutes for Physicians, 2014

Difficulty Patients, 2017

Long-Term Care Malpractice Actions in Maryland, 2025