

PIAYON LASSANAH

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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Penn LPS Coding Bootcamp Certificate, 2020

- An intensive 24-week-long bootcamp dedicated to designing and building web applications
- Skills learned: HTML5, CSS3, Javascript, JQuery, Bootstrap, Firebase, Node.js, MySQL, MongoDB, Express, Handlebars, and React

University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY

Juris Doctor, May 2013

- Provost Scholarship Recipient
- UKBLSA: Community Service & Social Chair, 2011-2012
- NBLSA: Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial, Nelson Mandela International Negotiations Competition

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Minors in Business Administration & Sociology, January 2009

- *Cum Laude*
- Organization of African Students

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Partner, *Kannah & Lassanah, LLC*, Philadelphia, PA

October 2017 to Present

- Represent clients in personal injury matters
- Manage own caseload, handling various aspects of litigation, including discovery, legal research, motion practice, arbitration, and trial

Associate Attorney, *Law Office of Shaka Johnson, LLC*, Philadelphia, PA

December 2014 to October 2017

- Represented clients in personal injury, contract disputes, and family law cases
- Managed own caseload, handling various aspects of litigation, including discovery, legal research, motion practice, arbitration, and trial

Associate Attorney, *Kasuri & Levy, LLC*, Edison, NJ

June 2014 to December 2014

- Interviewed potential clients and assist supervising attorneys with case preparation
- Represented clients in criminal, bankruptcy, foreclosure defense, and family law hearings
- Performed legal research, draft legal briefs, memoranda, motions, and other legal documents

Volunteer Attorney, *Montgomery County Public Defender's Office*, Norristown, PA

August 2014 to October 2014

- Represented defendants during preliminary hearings, pre-trial hearings, and plea negotiations
- Visited incarcerated defendants in county prison to discuss offers, and potential probation and parole violations
- Reviewed case files, discuss case and communicate offers to clients, and make recommendations to the Investigation and/or social service departments

Legislative and Policy Research Fellow, *Philadelphia City Council*, Philadelphia, PA

August 2013 to December 2013

- Conducted research and drafted reports and memoranda on legislative and public policy issues
- Drafted memoranda on programs and policies at the federal, state, and local level
- Analyzed and outlined the pros and cons of pending bills and tracked the history of legislation

Extern, Department of Public Advocacy, Kentucky Innocence Project, Frankfort, KY

August 2012 to May 2013

- Conducted investigation on an assigned homicide case involving a claim of factual innocence
- Interviewed and visited the Client, drafted monthly correspondence to the Client, located and interviewed witnesses, and researched legal issues to support the Client's claim of innocence
- Drafted memoranda, reports, and correspondence to assist the supervising attorney in preparing and presenting the Client's claim of relief in post-conviction proceedings

Law Clerk to the Hon. Leon W. Tucker, First Judicial District of Pennsylvania, Court of Common Pleas - Trial Division (Motions Court), Philadelphia, PA

May 2012 to August 2012

- Researched applicable law and drafted legal memoranda and judicial opinions relating to various motions presented before the Court
- Reviewed record from local administrative hearings and drafted legal recommendations based on applicable standard of reviews
- Attended hearings and conferences, filed orders and opinions, and discussed matters of law and jurisprudence, that were subject to interpretation, conflict, or ambiguity, with the Judge

Law Clerk, City of Philadelphia Law Department, Claims Unit, Philadelphia, PA

June 2011 to August 2011

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda for pleadings, motions, discovery, settlement, sanctions, and other legal issues relating to claims filed against the City of Philadelphia
- Developed correspondence timelines, medical summaries, and briefed supervising attorneys on relevant issues gathered during document review
- Attended hearings and conferences with supervising attorneys

BAR ADMISSIONS

- Pennsylvania Bar
- New Jersey Bar,
- U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

AFFILIATIONS

- American Association for Justice, Member
- Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, Member
- Street Soccer USA, Member, Board of Directors
- Philadelphia Lone Star, FC, Member, Board of Directors