

JOSEPH KARL GRANT

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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

APPALACHIAN SCHOOL OF LAW

Assistant Professor of Law.

Grundy, Virginia

August 2005 to Present

Courses taught include Legal Process, Estate Planning, Secured Transactions, and Federal Income Taxation. Currently serving as a faculty facilitator/advisor to the Democratic Law Society, SPIA, Black Law Students Association, and the ASL Recycling Team. Member of the Admissions, Faculty Appointments, and Ad-Hoc Planning Committees. Served as a Bar Mentor in a 2007 summer pilot bar mentorship program. Served as a summer externship advisor in the 2006 summer extern program.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Lecturer in Law.

Morgantown, West Virginia

August 2004 to July 2005

Taught Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing to first-year students. Served as a faculty facilitator/advisor to the Class of 2007, Black Law Students Association, West Virginia Law Review, and West Virginia Moot Court Board.

SAFFOLD, GRANT & MASON LLC

Partner.

Cleveland, Ohio

January 2003 to November

2003

Co-founded a full service law firm representing clients in the areas of corporate, real estate, trusts, estate planning, employment discrimination, personal injury, and criminal law.

THE GRANT LAW FIRM LLC

Managing Attorney.

2004

Cleveland,

October 2001 to July

Established a full service law firm representing clients in the areas of corporate, real estate, trusts, estate planning, employment discrimination, personal injury, and criminal law.

THOMPSON HINE & FLORY LLP

Associate.

Cleveland, Ohio

April 2000 to September 2001

Corporate and Securities Practice Groups

Advised and counseled clients on mergers, acquisitions, asset purchases and assignments, general corporate, governance, non-profit, intellectual property and e-business/internet emerging technology law. Assisted clients with the registration of securities under the Securities Act of 1933, on-going disclosure and periodic reporting under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, private security placements under Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933 and state blue sky laws, and compliance with New York Stock Exchange and NASDAQ listing requirements.

SQUIRE, SANDERS & DEMPSEY LLP

Associate.

Cleveland, Ohio

September 1998 to March 2000

Corporate, Labor and Employment Practice Groups

Advised clients on mergers and acquisitions, general corporate, commercial, banking, real estate and securities law. Defended management in employment discrimination and tort lawsuits in federal and state court. Defended management in arbitration and administrative proceedings. Counseled public school districts on educational law matters. Drafted arbitration post-hearing briefs, position statements, termination agreements, settlement agreements, memoranda, briefs, pleadings, motions, discovery requests and responses.

EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Durham, North Carolina

J.D., May 1998

Duke Merit Scholar

Duke Bar Association, President

Black Law Students Association, Member

Moot Court Competition

Poverty Law, Negotiation and Mediation, Appellate Practice and Civil Trial Practice Clinics

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Providence, Rhode

Island

A.B. Political Science, May 1995

Undergraduate Council of Students, Academic and Administrative Affairs Committee Chairman

Onyx Senior Society, President

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON, *Queen Mary and Westfield College*

London, United

Kingdom

Junior Year Abroad, September 1993-June 1994

BAR ADMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Ohio Supreme Court

District of Columbia Court of Appeals

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals

United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio

American, Ohio State, and District of Columbia Bar Associations

CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIUMS

Second National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2004

Work-In-Progress Commentator

Panel Moderator: Cuba and Puerto Rico in Transition (Panelists: Pedro Malavet, Berta Hernandez-Truyol, and Francisco Valdez)

Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, February 2005

Work-In-Progress Presenter: The Estate Attorney's Dilemma: Ethically Counseling the Client with Alzheimer's Disease

West Virginia Law Review Symposium, Morgantown, West Virginia, February 2005

Panelist: A Look at Brown v. Board of Education in West Virginia, Remembering the Past, Examining the Present, and Preparing for the Future

Southeast Association of Law Schools Conference, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, July 2005

Young Scholar's Commentator

Southeast Association of Law Schools Conference, Palm Beach, Florida, July 2006

Panel Moderator: Sorting Through the Wreckage of Katrina: The environmental, social and legal issues of a (un)natural disaster (Panelists: Andre Cummings, Gregory Germaine, Mitchell Crusto, and Douglas R. Williams).

Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Richmond, Virginia, January 2007

Work-In-Progress Presenter: Shattering the Gutenberg Paradigm: The Dawn of the Electronic Will

PUBLICATIONS

Shattering the Gutenberg Paradigm: The Dawn of the Electronic Will, 42 University of Michigan Journal of Law Ref. ____ (forthcoming Fall 2008).

In the Shadow of Brown: On African-American Perspectives and Diversity in the Legal Profession, Africalogical Perspectives (September/October 2005).

The Estate Attorney's Dilemma: Ethically Counseling the Client with Alzheimer's Disease (Work-in-Progress).

The View From The Top: Perception and Reality for African-American Attorneys at the Top 100 Law Firms (Work-in-Progress).

Joseph K. Grant on *Life Insurance Trusts* (Lexis-Nexis Expert Commentaries 2008).

Joseph K. Grant on *Family Limited Partnerships* (Lexis-Nexis Expert Commentaries 2008).

Joseph K. Grant and Jennifer O'Connell on *Business Continuity and Succession Planning: The Special Appeal of Limited Liability Companies* (Lexis-Nexis Expert Commentaries 2008)

Joseph K. Grant and Jason Shorter on *Knight v. Commissioner: The United States Supreme Court Issues a Critical Ruling on the Taxation of Trusts* (Lexis-Nexis Expert Commentaries 2008)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Alabama-Greene County Civic & Social Club, Pro Bono General Counsel

ASL Sutin/Blackwell Committee for Law, Art, and the Community

West Virginia Alzheimer's Association Regional Council, Member, Board of Trustees

Home Repair Resource Center, Trustee, Board of Trustees

Omni Resources, Inc., Trustee, Board of Trustees

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, Volunteer Attorney

Garrett Morgan Cleveland School of Science, Mentor

Mayfair Upper Elementary School, Mentor

Werner United Methodist Church, Nominating Committee

Society of Urban Professionals, Member

AWARDS

Urban League of Greater Cleveland, African-American Family-of-the-Year Award, 1996

Cleveland Scholarship-In-Escrow Committee, Alumni of the Year, 1991

PERSONAL

Interests include international relations, politics, classical history, architecture, genealogy, and cattle ranching. Have traveled extensively throughout the United States, Mexico, Europe, and the South Pacific.

