

DERRICK PARKER

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EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

J.D.

Cambridge, MA

May 2021

Activities: Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, SJC Rule 3:03 Student Housing Attorney; Black Law Students Association, Communications Chair; Harvard Defenders, Student Attorney; Harvard Law School Admissions Fellow; 1L Section Planning Committee; BarBri Representative

Honors: NAACP Legal Defense Fund Scholar; National Bar Association: Gateway to Success Scholar

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE

Atlanta, GA

B.A., *summa cum laude* in Political Science (4.0/4.0 GPA, Valedictorian)

May 2018

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Rhodes Scholar and Truman Scholar Finalist; Alpha Lambda Delta Omicron Delta Kappa, and Pi Sigma Alpha Honor Societies; Morehouse College *Man of the Year*; Top Ranking Scholar Award; White House HBCU All-Star

Scholarships: Gates Millennium Scholarship; Anne Frank/ING Scholarship Award; Coca-Cola Scholarship; GE-Reagan Scholarship; Sidley Austin LLP Pre-Law Scholarship

Activities: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity; Morehouse Moot Court Team; Morehouse Debate Team, Pre-law Society Presidential Ambassador, Student Government Association – Attorney General, Sophomore Class President, W.E.B DuBois Hall President

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WACHTELL LIPTON ROSEN & KATZ

New York, NY

Corporate Associate

September 2021 – Present

- Engage in a broad-based corporate practice with experience in mergers and acquisitions, private equity, securities, and takeover defense
- Advise companies on corporate governance issues, including SEC and listing requirements, ESG metrics, takeover defenses, poison pill implementation, and corporate formation matters
- Prepare SEC filings, SEC comment letters and requests for SEC exemptive/no-action relief

HONORABLE DUANE BENTON, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, EIGHTH CIRCUIT

Kansas City, MO

Judicial Extern

August 2020

- Conducted legal research, analyzed trial records, and drafted a legal opinion on several complex issues

WACHTELL LIPTON ROSEN & KATZ

New York, NY

Summer Associate

May 2020 – July 2020

- Researched and assisted with motion on Payroll Protection Program (PPP) 7(a) Loans for small businesses under the CARES Act
- Drafted due diligence memoranda based on public filings and documents in provided data room

CLEARY GOTTlieb

New York, NY

Summer Associate

May 2019 – July 2019 / July 2020

- Prepared documents, including subordination and nondisturbance agreement and assignment of leases and rent, for real estate deal
- Conducted research on New York Freedom of information Law (FOIL) and drafted appellate brief for pro bono litigation

JONES DAY

Atlanta, GA

SEO Law Fellow/Summer Associate

May 2018 – July 2018 / August 2020

- Performed research with litigation team and provided trial assistance for a case tried in the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Drafted governance handbook and board policies for non-profit organizations

OFFICE OF THE FULTON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Atlanta, GA

Intern

December 2016 – May 2017

- Drafted memoranda to assist attorneys preparing for trials
- Prepared interview outlines and conducted interviews with witnesses for investigations

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Kansas City, MO

Congressional Intern, Office of Rep. Emanuel Cleaver, II (MO-05)

May 2015 – August 2015

- Drafted constituent correspondence and provided research
- Assembled and entered data into Internet Quorum Government data system

JERMAINE REED FOR CITY COUNCIL

Kansas City, MO

Campaign Manager

May 2015 – August 2015

- Attended committee meetings and provided assistance as needed
- Handled Representative's calendar and responded to constituent concerns

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Trombonist; football - quarterback; reading; connect 4