

MARQUES L. RICE

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS DALLAS COLLEGE OF LAW, DALLAS, TEXAS (2024 – PRESENT)

Director of Academic Success and Bar Readiness & Professor of Practice

- Develop and teach courses and workshops focused on foundational legal skills, academic success, and bar preparation.
- Provide thorough one-on-one advising for students on academic probation to help improve grades and continue matriculation
- Coordinate with College of Law faculty to incorporate bar-focused materials and skills into courses
- Oversee department operations, and supervise department faculty and staff

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO SCHOOL OF LAW, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (2017 – 2024)

Academic Support Specialist – Academic Achievement Program (2018-2024)

- Helped students identify performance barriers (academic and non-cognitive), gain deeper understanding of course material, and achieve higher grades
- Coached graduates during a feedback-intensive “boot camp” to help them prepare for the bar examination
- Collaborated with state board of bar examiners to align UIC’s bar preparation courses with the UBE

Adjunct Professor of Law (2017-2024)

- Taught courses focused on foundational legal skills, legal research and writing, and bar preparation:
 - Expert Learning (first-semester academic skills development course)
 - Lawyering Skills III (appellate legal writing, oral argument, and intrascholastic moot court competition)
 - Writing for the Practice of Law (bar preparation course for the Multistate Performance Test)
 - Bar Essay Writing (bar preparation course for the Multistate Essay Examination)

1L Orientation Committee Team Member (2018-2024)

- Partnered with senior administrators to plan and execute the semi-annual, weeklong orientation program
- Created a post-orientation assessment using Stanford University’s SPARQtools to gauge 1L preparedness

Moot Court Honors Program – Program Advisor (2018-2024)

- Assisted program director with oversight of high-performing students involved in moot court activities
- Coached National Moot Court Competition and the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition teams
- Served as judge during the UIC Law 1L Moot Court Competition

Associate Director – Career Services Offices (2017-2018)

- Coordinated all office programming, spearheaded diversity initiatives, and moderated guest speaker panels
- Advised students and alumni about career options; reviewed cover letters, resumes, and writing samples

LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF LAW, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (2008 – 2017)

Assistant Corporation Counsel III – Tort Litigation Division (2014-2017)

- Extensive first- and second-chair experience in dozens of jury trials and mandatory arbitrations
- Significant experience drafting motions, briefs, and client advisory memoranda that assessed litigation risks
- Handled all phases of litigation, e.g., discovery, depositions, jury selection, and settlement negotiations
- Trained and supervised junior attorneys, law clerks, and staff

Assistant Corporation Counsel – Administrative Review Division (2014-2016)

- Represented City client departments in appeals filed pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Review Act
- Managed 50+ appeals each month while obtaining favorable outcomes in over 85% of cases
- Counseled client departments about the legal issues surrounding multimillion-dollar municipal programs

Assistant Corporation Counsel – Collections, Ownership & Administrative Litigation Division (2011-2014)

- Advised client departments and outside counsel on compliance issues related to debt collection
- Negotiated the collection of over \$1 million for unpaid judgments and cost recovery claims
- Created and presented administrative law continuing legal education (CLE) courses for attorneys and clerks

Assistant Corporation Counsel – Municipal Prosecutions/ Administrative Hearings Division (2008-2011)

- Lead prosecutor; responsible for overseeing nearly 400 administrative hearings each month
- Trained and supervised a team of 15, including law clerks, paralegals, and administrative support staff

OTHER EXPERIENCE

MINORITY LEGAL EDUCATION RESOURCES, INC., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (2009 – 2014)

Bar Preparation Program Coordinator; Program Tutor; Board Member

- Developed program curriculum, class schedules, practice examinations, and trained program tutors
- Taught bar writing, test strategies, and stress management skills to diverse and first-generation law graduates

JUST THE BEGINNING SUMMER JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP DIVERSITY PROJECT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (2011-2013)

Seminar Co-Creator and Panelist

- Collaborated with Hon. Ann Claire Williams (retired - U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit) to create national research and writing seminar for federal judicial interns from underrepresented backgrounds
- Evaluated writing assignments and gave clerking tips during national webinar

APPELLATE COURT OF ILLINOIS, FIRST DISTRICT, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (SPRING 2008)

Judicial Extern to Justice Robert E. Gordon

- Researched substantive and procedural issues in criminal and civil appeals
- Drafted Rule 23 court orders

CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (2007 – 2008)

Illinois Supreme Court Rule 711 Law Clerk

- Drafted research memoranda in tort, appellate, commercial, and employment law
- Drafted arguments in a winning state appellate brief (Gordon v. Chicago and CTA, No. 1-06-2087)

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO (f/k/a THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL), CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Juris Doctor, May 2008

- Black Law Students Association National Moot Court Competition – First Place & Best Advocate (2007)
- Comparative Law Study Abroad – King's Inn, Dublin, Ireland (Summer 2006)

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, May 2004

- Illinois Wesleyan University Men's Soccer
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. – Eta Tau Chapter, President

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois No. 6297508 (admitted 2008)

Northern District of Illinois – General Bar No. 6297508 (admitted 2012)