

Conisha T. Hackett

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EDUCATION

The University of Mississippi School of Law: Oxford, Mississippi

Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2020

- Trial Advocacy Board, *member*
- Student Bar Association, *Vice President*
- Dean's Leadership Council, *member*
- Public Interest Law Foundation, *member*
- Law Association for Women, *member*
- American Constitution Society, *Vice President*
- National Black Law Students Association, *member*
- Southern Region of the Black Law Student Association, *Vice Chair*
- Constance Slaughter-Harvey Chapter of the Black Law Student Association, *Historian*
- Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, *Bailiff*

Howard University / University of the Western Cape: Cape Town, South Africa

Summer Study Abroad, May 2018 – July 2018

- International Law Courses:
International Business Transactions; Comparative Constitutional Law; International Human Rights Law

Mississippi State University: Starkville, Mississippi

Master of Arts in History, May 2017, Summa Cum Laude

- Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society

Tougaloo College: Tougaloo, Mississippi

Bachelor of Arts in History, May 2015, Cum Laude

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The Honorable Bernice Donald, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Memphis, Tennessee

Judicial Intern, July 2018 – August 2018

- Reviewed staff attorney memorandums and proposed orders.
- Prepared initial Rule 34 recommendations for law clerks' review.
- Reviewed case materials and prepared summaries for panel rehearing petitions.

Alexander Law, PA, Jackson, Mississippi

File Clerk, July 2014 – May 2015

- Filed open and closed workers' compensation cases. Answered incoming perspective clients' calls. Contacted the court to schedule hearings and cases.
- Maintained and updated system files.
- Assessed, processed and destroyed sensitive and outdated case information in an online database.

Dowdy, Cockerham & Watt, Magnolia, Mississippi

Legal Intern, May 2013 – January 2014

- Met bi-weekly to facilitate case progress in areas of wills and estate planning, custody and guardianships.
- Drafted and filed correspondence and pleadings with the court.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, Baton Rouge, Louisiana and Jackson, Mississippi

Summer Research Fellow, Summer 2014

- Researched and investigated cold cases and unresolved crimes from the Jim Crow and Civil Rights eras.

Mississippi State University, Department of History, Starkville, Mississippi

Teaching Assistant, August 2015 – May 2017

- Analyzed the legal histories of Jackson, Mississippi in the early Twentieth century.
- Examined the ways the political process affected economic and health disparities in the state of Mississippi.

RESEARCH and PRESENTATIONS

- Rust-Tougaloo Symposium and Colloquium, 2015 - "Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired": An Interdisciplinary Exploration of the Black Quest for Social Justice
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Greetings!

My name is Conisha T. Hackett, and I am a second-year law student at the University of Mississippi School of Law. I am writing to ask for your support and your vote as I vie for the Delegate of Diversity and Inclusion position because I am **Built to Serve** you!

In my short time as a law student, I have been especially impressed with the work of the students who serve others. I have attended a host of events centered around social justice and how to use one's platform to serve others for the greater good. Many of the speakers such as Judge Bernice Donald, John Grisham, and Ed Stanton pointed out the importance of being involved and being present. They charged the students like me who were in attendance to not only be knowledgeable about current events but to also encourage others to join in the work as well. Moved by their speeches, I accepted the charge with honor.

Being an advocate of diversity and inclusion is not new to me. I have served at my law school in several capacities including Vice President of the American Constitution Society, Chair of the Black Law Students Association's Social Action Committee, and Vice President of the Student Bar Association to name a few. In these capacities, I was a part of creating dialogue and events which allowed several different groups of students to bring their ideas of diversity and inclusion to the table. Of these events, I am most elated to have been a part of the planning of #BelieveSurvivors Walkout event; A Walk in Her Shoes, highlighting the role of women in law from Mississippi; and Threat to Justice: Judicial Nominations and What's at Stake discussing recent judicial nominations and the importance of understanding diverse perspectives on the bench.

In accepting the charge, I want to extend my service beyond the four walls of my law school and bridge the gap between law students throughout the nation. My goal is to create **Sustaining Efforts to Revitalize the Value in Everyone (SERVE)**! I plan to implement programming that is enlightening and exciting to students of color and other diverse individuals. Additionally, hosting events with other entities who may have similar or even different missions would encourage students with differing identities and perspectives to attend events. More perspectives, more networks, and more diverse ideas equal a more diverse and inclusive law student division!

I am **Built to Serve**! As the ABA law student division grows more diverse, we must be ready and willing to adapt and reflect that growth. The 2021 law classes are made up of diverse students with diverse perspectives. I have experience in bringing diverse groups of students together to engage in intersectional discussions. I am a candidate who has demonstrated my commitment to bringing together communities of students from different walks of life with diverse perspectives. I do so by considering the perspective of the student who would typically not voice their opinion. I listen and take careful notice of the needs of the students, and my service hinges upon ensuring that the voices of all students are projected and resounded in the implementation of programs and ideas. Most importantly, I work to **serve and get things done!**

I want to **serve** my ABA law student division, and **I am Built to Serve!**

Respectfully,

Conisha T. Hackett
