

Faith Nicole Watson

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EDUCATION

The University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law

J.D., May 2016 | Memphis, TN

Honors and Activities:

- *University of Memphis Law Review* (Staff Member)
- *Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Team* (2015-2016)
- *Vice President*, Black Law Students Association (BLSA) (2015-2016)
- *Executive Secretary*, BLSA (2014-2015)
- *In-School Mock Trial Competition*: Finalist, Top 5 Oral Advocate, Best Motion Winner (2016)
- *Leo Bearman Sr. American Inns of Court* (Pupil)
- *Recipient*, Ratner and Sugarmon Scholarship

The University of Tennessee

B.A. in Communications and Business, December 2012 | Knoxville, TN

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, University of Memphis

Assistant Professor of Teaching - Legal Methods

August 2023 - Present | Memphis, TN

- Develop and instruct curriculum for first-year legal methods courses, emphasizing foundational legal analysis, research, and writing skills.
- Guide students in legal reasoning, statutory interpretation, case analysis, and objective and persuasive writing.

Divorce Law Practicum

May 2024 – July 2024 | Memphis, TN

- Designed and taught the Divorce Law Practicum, offering students hands-on experience with case analysis, client interaction, and the procedural aspects of divorce law.
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

City of Memphis

Assistant City Attorney

June 2022 - Present | Memphis, TN

- Manage legal matters for the city, including defense in civil and federal lawsuits, employment matters, and civil rights cases.
- Represent the city in cases involving workplace harassment, discrimination, and wrongful termination.

Shelby County District Attorney's Office

Assistant District Attorney

January 2021 - June 2022 | Memphis, TN

- Investigated, indicted, and prosecuted a range of criminal cases.
- Prepared civilians and police for hearings and conducted preliminary hearings.

Rice Caperton Rice, PLLC

Associate Attorney

November 2018 - December 2020 | Memphis, TN

- Drafted and argued motions and briefs in state courts, Tennessee Court of Appeals, and Tennessee Supreme Court.
- Provided trial preparation support and legal representation to clients in civil matters.

United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee

Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable William L. Campbell, Jr.

March 2018 - November 2018 | Nashville, TN

- Researched and drafted judicial opinions on civil and criminal issues.
- Assisted with courtroom management, including pretrial conferences and hearings.

Shelby County Chancery Court

Judicial Law Clerk to Chancellor JoeDae L. Jenkins

December 2016 - March 2018 | Memphis, TN

- Conducted legal research and analysis to assist in civil litigation matters and prepared recommendations for the Chancellor.

BAR ADMISSION

- Tennessee State Bar
- U.S. District Court for the Western District of Tennessee

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- *Tennessee Board of Law Examiners | Tennessee Bar Exam Grader (2021-2023)*
- *Memphis Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division (Vice President/President Elect)*
- *Association of Women Attorneys – Memphis Chapter (Vice President/President Elect)*
- *Tennessee Bar Association, Young Lawyers Division (West Tennessee Bar Governor; Law School Liaison 2023-2024; Star of the Quarter 2024)*
- *Leo Bearman, Sr. American Inn of Court (Barrister and Team Leader 2023-Present)*

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- *Emmanuel Center, Board Member (2023-Present)*
- *Shelby County Library Board, Member (2021-Present)*

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT COMMITTEES

- *Next Gen Bar Exam Committee, Memphis Law School (2023-Present)*
- *National Mock Trial Coach, Memphis Law School (2023-Present)*
- *Admissions Committee, Memphis Law School (2023-Present)*
- *Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee (TLAC), Memphis Law Representative (2024-Present)*
- *Student Bar Association, Faculty Advisor (2024-Present)*
- *Law Review Faculty Note Advisor, Memphis Law (2024-Present)*