

My name is Jhanalyn Blount and I am running for International Vice Justice. I currently serve as the Assistant District Justice for Arkansas in District VIII. I joined P.A.D. as a pre-law member at Wingate University. While at Wingate, I served as Justice of the chapter. I maintained active membership in P.A.D. when I attended the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law: I served as the 1L representative; as a 2L I served in the role of Vice Justice; and as a 3L I served as Justice. At Bowen, I helped continue our tailgate for Razorback football in Little Rock as our signature event, and even got Themis as one of the sponsors. I also helped to create a fundraising and social event, Zero K. The event benefitted a local organization in Arkansas called the Van. The Van works with the homeless population in Little Rock and started out as a mobile shower unit. We were able to raise money, give out door prizes, and get local bands to volunteer their time to play. For the past four years, I have served as the Assistant District Justice ("ADJ") in District VIII for Arkansas. As ADJ under Peter Scimeca, I have learned so much about Phi Alpha Delta - how it works, how much passion and pride is in this organization, and how supportive other people in this organization are with one another. In June of 2019, I felt honored to participate in P.A.D. Day at the Supreme Court.

I will bring a willingness and desire to work to make P.A.D. more inclusive by pushing the core value of diversity. I believe the organization does well with other core values but falls short when it comes to diversity. Becoming more inclusive means being intentional about diversifying membership from the pre-law level up to the alumni level. We are a fraternity of firsts, but it is not enough to say we were first if we don't continue to push to uphold what made us the first. Diversity makes any organization greater and in diversity lies our strength.

The organization has a duty to maintain connections with 3Ls, especially those in areas without an alumni chapter. I want to work to help keep them connected to Phi Alpha Delta as they navigate the bar and even alternate career paths should they decide not to take the bar.

I believe in transparency. I will push for there to be a better understanding on how to become a member of the International Executive Board and the Tribunal. This will include a one sheeter that would give an idea of what each position entails and the anticipated time commitment. I will also push to have an area on the P.A.D. website dedicated to those who want to run for a position that includes deadlines, webinars, and other pertinent information

I really excelled at being Vice Justice at the law school level and I enjoyed serving in that capacity. I liked being the support of the executive board. So much so that I have also continued that endeavor by serving as a member of the Better Community Development board, The Young Alumni Board for the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law, and the Junior League of Little Rock. I have used the skills I gained from serving as Vice Justice, such as being a liaison between members and the board as well as listening and watching to fully comprehend problems, offer valuable suggestions and implement viable solutions. I have learned to effectively manage my time by keeping a calendar to help navigate tasks. My time management skills enable me to ensure that I complete all membership requirements while maintaining a work/life balance. I have a proven track record of performing well under pressure and with time constraints. My leadership roles have taught me to listen and make sure people understand that I heard them and believe their input matters. I have no problem voicing my opinions or opinions of others who may not be ready to speak up.

I hope that I will have your vote for International Vice Justice. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me and let's talk.

Jhanalyn Blount

Legal Experience

Kinesso, LLC | Corporate Counsel February 2020

- Read and write commercial contracts
- Research and draft documents related to privacy

PerfectVision Manufacturing, Inc. | Legal Counsel August 2016 – September 2019

- Researched and analyzed United States and international law for the preparation of legal memoranda
- Analyzed legal documents for internal clients related to outside parties, counsel, vendors, and customers
- Anticipated and mitigated potential legal problems involving the company
- Drafted and administered various commercial, technology, and corporate agreements
- Reviewed all bankruptcy documents and made recommendations to upper management regarding strategy
- Analyzed all debt escalations and wrote demand letters, complaints, and affidavits in preparation for litigation
- Handled all legal work for the international department

Mays, Byrd & Associates | Law Clerk May 2013 – May 2014

- Reviewed relevant law and legal documents to provide detailed analysis on cases related to filing and strategy
- Wrote interrogatories, deposition outlines, and briefs for the appeals courts
- Aided in and developed skills related to case management and time management
- Communicated with clients and prepared correspondence to gather information and provide status updates
- Worked on contracts for different endeavors, including the creation of a television station
- Wrote complaints and answered complaints with guidance from a supervising attorney

UA Little Rock Tax Clinic | Student Attorney; Advanced Student Attorney June 2013 – May 2014

- Helped clients understand IRS correspondence and the steps needed to solve their IRS issues
- Completed tax forms and wrote letters to the IRS on behalf of clients

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission | Law Clerk for the Honorable Judge Lamb January 2014 – April 2014

- Talked to attorneys and clients to provide status updates on their cases
- Researched law pertaining to cases on the Judge's docket
- Wrote opinions for the judge based on his notes and dictations
- Organized case files

Education

University of Arkansas at Little Rock | Master of Business Administration December 2016

University of Arkansas at Little Rock Williams H. Bowen School of Law | Juris Doctor May 2014

- Black Law School Association | 1L Liaison; Mock Trial
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity | Justice; Vice Justice; 1L Representative
- Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers | Treasurer
- American Bar Association | Elected Representative

University of North Carolina at Greensboro | Bachelor of Arts in Int'l & Global Affairs and Development August 2009

- Studied abroad at the University of Botswana in Gaborone, Botswana

Wingate University | Bachelor of Science in Marketing

August 2007

- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity | Justice
- Student Government Association | Voting Member

Publications

Arkansas Real Estate Review, Vol. 6 No. 1 Spring 2013 and Vol. 6 No. 2 Fall 2013 – Case Abstracts

Community Service and Activities

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International; Better Community Development (BCD) Board of Directors; Junior League of Little Rock; Central Arkansas Chapter of Urban League Young Professionals; Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers Mentor/Mentee Program; Arkansas Association of Women Lawyers Women's Shelter Project; The Van Warehouse; Arkansas United Community Coalition Citizenship/Deferred Action (CASA) Workshop; Little Rock Kickball Association Player