

JOAN SMITH

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EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law, Austin, Texas

J.D., May 2009, G.P.A. 3.93 –high honors

Order of the Coif

- › Supreme Court Clinic, Spring 2008
- › Children's Rights Clinic, Fall 2007
- › Recipient, Presidential Scholarship in Law, 2006-2007

Boston College, Boston, Massachusetts

B.A. in English, May 2003, G.P.A. 3.93 –highest honors

- › Phi Beta Kappa
- › Cap & Skull Honor Society (0.5% of graduating class selected)
- › Boston College General Honors Program
- › Massachusetts Outstanding Scholar

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

DLA Piper, Austin, Texas

Associate, Business and Financial Services Litigation January 2011 – present

Summer Associate, May – July 2006, May – July 2007

Handle all aspects of cases in both state and federal court, including discovery, written motions, hearings and dispositions Cases have involved:

- › Fair debt collection practices
- › Consumer protection and credit reporting practices
- › Contract Claims and financial fraud
- › Mortgage lending and servicing practices

Fifth Court of Appeals, Austin, Texas

Contract Attorney, September 2010 – December 2010

- › Drafted opinions in collaboration with three justices

Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson, Texas Supreme Court, Austin, Texas

Law Clerk, August 2009 – August 2010

- › Drafted opinions in collaboration with Chief Justice and staff attorney
- › Prepared study memos making recommendations to the Court on petitions for review

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Fidelity Financial, Newark, New Jersey

Leadership Development Program, Operations & Systems Track, July 2003 – July 2004

- › Served as team lead in six month rotations through departments

ACTIVITIES

MAMAs Austin (Mother Attorney Mentoring Association), Member, 2011 – Present

Volunteer Legal Services, Volunteer Attorney, 2010 – Present

ADMISSION

State Bar of Texas, 2009