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Tanisha"s 2025 Bio - July 2025.pdf

Good Afternoon Carrie:

I am interested in the position of Clerk for the Representative Assembly. Please find attached an updated BIO, and my CV. Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if I missed anything!

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TANISHA M. DAVIS, ESQ. BIOGRAPHY

Tanisha M. Davis is a graduate of University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. As a lawyer, tech founder, mother, and woman of many hats, she is also a success story born out of humble beginnings. A product of a single mother who valued education, Tanisha has definitively made a seat at tables where no placing was set. Tanisha graduated from Georgia State University with a B.A. in English, and a minor in African-American studies. While attending the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, Tanisha served as President of the Black Law Student Association (BLSA, Chair of the Job Fair Committee for the National Black Law Student Association (NBLSA), and spearheaded a number of initiatives that earmarked the importance of diversity in the legal space, including the creation of a scholarship for retired Judge Denise Langford-Morris, a UDM alum who heavily support diversity in the law school. Tanisha clerked for federal Judge Gerald Rosen of the Eastern District of Michigan, and Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly of the Michigan Supreme Court. As a young lawyer, Tanisha credits her mentor, Marlon B. Evans, a prominent Detroit criminal defense attorney that helped bring out the tenacity in her advocacy. "Marlon believed that the law had a fine flexibility; if you argued well enough, it would always bend for you."

Tanisha started her solo law practice, Tanisha M. Davis, Attorney at Law, PLLC, while also working as managing partner of TMD Law Group, PLLC. Although beginning as a general practitioner, Tanisha's expertise has morphed into a specialization in family law, probate & estates, and business law. Tanisha was first introduced to service to the State Bar of Michigan through her commitment to the Solo & Small Firm and the Law Practice Management Sections. She later chaired the Solo & Small Firm Section and brought a new perspective to a large body of practicing attorneys. It also gave her a keen view into the immense value of Michigan's State Bar, and all the amazing work the bar and its representatives do for the judges and lawyers it serves. She is presently a member of the Representative Assembly's 6th Circuit where she proudly serves as a voice and an ear of the issues addressing the legal profession. She was also appointed as Chair of the Diversity Committee of the Representative Assembly.

Tanisha was selected as the 2025 Kimberly M. Cahill Leadership Award by the State Bar of Michigan and is extremely humbled by the recognition. She was a 2021 Michigan Chronicle "Women of Excellence" honoree, and serves on multiple Boards, including serving as immediate past president of D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, the current Vice President of Black Women Lawyer's Association of Michigan, council member of Law Practice Management Section, Member of the State Bar of Michigan's Family Law Council, former Chair of Policies & Procedures of the Detroit Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., member of the National Bar Association, the American Bar Association, and Wolverine Bar Association, among others. Tanisha has also frequently spoken as a panelist at the Family Law Institute. She is founder of Kounsel Konnect, a mobile app in its infancy stages that connects lawyers with substitute counsel as well as a referral service. She enjoys mentoring young lawyers, particularly solo lawyers who can use a plethora of support as they build their practices. Yet, out of all her titles, the best one is called "Mom"—by her two beautiful daughters, imoRa and Jhordis, who are her absolute "why's.".

CURRICULUM VITAE

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- 2025 Kimberly M. Cahill Leadership Award Recipient
- Member, State Bar of Michigan's Representative Assembly Member, 6th Circuit, 2024 present
- D. Augustus Straker Bar, President, 2023-2024
- Black Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, Vice President 2025-2027; Recording Secretary, 2023-2025
- State Bar of Michigan, Family Law Council Member, 2023 2026
- National Bar Association, Constitution & Bylaws Committee Member, 2022-2023
- Tanisha M. Davis, Attorney at Law, PLLC Solo Manager, May 2008-Present
- Players Only Holding, LLC, Corporate Counsel Oct 2021- December 2022
- Webber Wellness, LLC, Chief Corporate Counsel
- Kounsel Konnect, Founder & CEO Mobile App Platform for Lawyers
- Systems Unplugged, Founder & Executive Director, Non-Profit
- D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, President-Elect, 2022-2023
- Black Women Lawyers Association of MI, Parliamentarian 2021-2022
- Program Co-Coordinator, Solo & Small Firm Section, SBM, 2020-2021
- Solo & Small Firm Section, Co-Chair of Newsletter, 2020-2021
- Chair. Solo & Small Firm Section. SBM. 2016-2017 & 2013-2014
- Wayne County Family Bar Association, 2020-2021
- Oakland County Bar Association, Member, 2018-2019, 2020-2022
- Modest Means Work Group, SBM, 2016-2017
- Bar Leadership Conference, Participant, 2013, 2016, 2017
- D. Augustus Straker Bar, Member 2012-2013, 2020-2021, 2021-2022
- University of Detroit Black Law Student Association, President

Bar Admission Date: May 8, 2008, Licensed to practice in the State of Michigan

EDUCATION

May 2007 University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, Michigan. Juris Doctor Graduated Magna Cum Laude. Dec 1998 Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. Dean's List 6 consecutive quarters, Honors of Distinction in Literary Work for Dissertation on Toni Cade Bambara Faculty Scholar Sept. 1993- Aug. 1994 New York University – Tisch School of the Arts, New York, NY Film and Creative Writing Sept. 1991-May 1993 Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; Medill School of Journalism, Print Journalism, Full Journalism Scholarship **EXPERIENCE** May 2008 - present Tanisha M. Davis, Attorney at Law, PLLC, Lathrup Village, MI Senior Attorney & Counselor at Law, specializing in family law, business law, and estates and trusts Players Only Holding, LLC, Detroit, MI Oct 2021 Dec 2021 Corporate Counsel, Licensing & Contract Manager July 2020 – present Webber Wellness, Woodland Hills, CA Chief General Counsel, PPE Distribution Company, managing the legal policies and contractual obligations of a global PPE distribution company Sept 2019 – present Systems Unplugged, Southfield, MI Founder & Executive Director, Legal Non-Profit educating inner city youth on the criminal "in"-justice system, before they become part of the system Sept 2017 – present Kounsel Konnect, Detroit, MI Founder & CEO, Web-based legal marketplace that provides an online marketplace for lawyers to find and provide substitute counsel *June* 2006 – May 2008 Marlon Blake Evans & Associates, Detroit, MI Associate Attorney, Criminal Defense and Family Law Summer 2006 Federal Judicial Clerkship, Detroit, Michigan **Intern** to the Honorable Gerald Rosen Extensive research in criminal sentencing guidelines; assisted in preparation for oral arguments at the U.S. Court of Appeals Sixth Circuit Summer 2005 DaimlerChrysler Services, Farmington Hills, Michigan Intern - Office of General Counsel

Conducted legal research in the areas of banking, motor vehicle sales, and corporate law; Developed policy for new bank opening and conducted extensive outsourcing legislation analysis

Summer 2004

University of Detroit Mercy, School of Law, Detroit, MI Research Assistant (Under the leadership of Prof. Deborah Paruch)

Conducted legal research; Drafted memos and detailed analysis in family law concerning the procedure for termination of parental rights.

Jun 2000 - May 2007

UAW-DaimlerChrysler National Training Center Detroit, Michigan Senior Staff Writer, Editor of Retiree Newsletter

Conducted interviews and wrote human interest articles and program information for UAW and Chrysler company magazine, website and newsletters; Managed all company advertisement and photography; Prepared speeches for top UAW leadership

Sept 2000-Jan 2002

Bodman LLP, Detroit, MI *Legal Secretary*

Coordinated and managed attorney schedules, files, billing, travel and client contacts; Prepared legal documents for SEC filings; Prepared memos and client letters

Jan 1999 –Sept 2000

Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, Detroit, Michigan Legal Secretary

Prepared, revised, and reviewed documents in preparation for government filings for corporate entities; Restructured filings and scheduling system; Arranged travel and handled attorney billing

Achievements and Awards

2025 Kimberly M. Cahill Leadership Award Recipient

D. Augustus Straker Bar Association Michael K. Lee President's Award, 2025

D. Augustus Straker Bar Association Member of the Year Award, 2023

D. Augustus Straker Bar Association, Member of the Year, 2022

State Bar of Michigan, Family Law Council Member, 2023 - 2026

Black Women Lawyers, Social Action Event Moderator

Michigan Chronicle, Women of Excellence, 2021

UDM - Solo & Small Firm Institute - Business Basics Panelist

Solo & Small Firm Institute "Tips & Tricks" Contributor

Start-Up Boost Detroit Alum, Fall 2019 Kounsel Konnect

Founder Gym Alum, Cohort 5 Kounsel Konnect

Panelist for 11th Annual Solo & Small Firm Institute; 2014, 2016

Panelist for Family Law Institute, Child Custody 2016

Howard & Howard Scholar

Creator and Coordinator, Junior Justice Program (UDM-BLSA)

High school Mentoring Project (UDM-BLSA) National Job Fair Coordinator (NBLSA) Job Fair Coordinator-Midwest Region (NBLSA)

Memberships

D. Augustus Straker Bar Association
Black Women's Lawyer Association of Michigan (BWLAM)
Wolverine Bar Association
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated
National Black Law Student Association
American Bar Association (ABA)
National Bar Association (NBA)

Community Involvement

- Delta Sigma Theta Detroit Alumni Chapter, *Chair and Co-Chair, Policies & Procedures*,
- Volunteer, Transition 1.2.3. Inc. provide legal assistance to domestic abuse victims
- D. Augustus Straker Bar Association expungement clinics, driver license restoration clinics
- Higher Educational Funding mentorship and scholarship initiative

Interests:

Creative Writing, Jazz music, writing, and listening to spoken word poetry, yoga, meditation