

Travis L. Gray

EDUCATION

University of Arkansas School of Law, Fayetteville, AR

LL.M. candidate in Agricultural and Food Law; expected graduation, Spring 2025

Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN

J.D., May 2016

Honors and Activities: Dean's List (top 20% of class); VANDERBILT JOURNAL OF ENTERTAINMENT & TECHNOLOGY LAW (Senior Managing Editor); ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & POLICY ANNUAL REVIEW (Articles Editor); Moot Court Board (Associate Justice for the Traveling Team); Vanderbilt Moot Court Competition (Finalist).

University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS

B.A. in Public Policy Leadership, *summa cum laude*, May 2013

B.A. in French and Political Science, *summa cum laude*, May 2013

Honors and Activities: Taylor Medal (highest UM academic honor); Phi Beta Kappa; Phi Kappa Phi; University Judicial Council (Vice-Chair and Acting Chair); Presenter: *Economic Impact Analysis of Agricultural Subsidies in the Mississippi Delta*, 2012 Southeast Conference of Public Administrators and 2013 Delta Directions Consortium.

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Arkansas Law School, Fayetteville, AR (August 2024 – present)

Adjunct Professor: Designed and taught an upper-level writing course on federal appellate litigation, focusing on appellate jurisdiction, procedure, and practice; teaching Federal Courts in Spring of 2025.

Baker Botts, LLP, Houston, TX (October 2017 – present)

Senior Associate, Appellate Litigation: Worked as litigation associate in the firm's appellate group; served as primary brief writer for appeals before the United States Supreme Court, various U.S. Courts of Appeals, the Texas Supreme Court, and Texas courts of appeals; served as head counsel for multiple pro bono immigration and civil rights appeals before the Fifth Circuit; worked as appellate counsel in trial courts, focusing on preservation, legal issues, and charge error.

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Jackson, MS (August 2016 – August 2017)

Law Clerk to the Hon. Rhesa H. Barksdale: Worked closely with federal appellate judge to prepare for oral arguments and draft opinions; conducted legal research and drafted internal memoranda for circulation to panel of judges.

Cajun Sno Shaved Ice, Little Rock, AR (April 2011 – May 2015)

Owner: Founded and organized seasonal shaved ice business during college; managed employees, taxes, and government regulations; drafted contracts, including annual leases and eventual sale agreement.

REFERENCES

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