

# Adriena X. Clifton

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## EDUCATION

### Seattle University School of Law / Seattle, WA

JURIS DOCTOR CANDIDATE, CLASS OF 2023

- GPA: 3.54
- Scholarships: Washington Scholar Scholarship, 2022 OUTLaws Civil Rights Scholarship
- Fellowships: Admissions Fellow, LEAD Fellow, Richard S. White Fellow
- Activities
  - Organizations: OutLaws, *President*; APILSA, *Member*; Moot Court Board, *Board Member*; Seattle Journal for Social Justice; *Senior Staff Editor and Author of "Privacy, Network Effects, and Law Enforcement: The Gap Between Technology and the Law"*
  - Defender Clinic Rule 9 Intern (Fall 2022)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Hellsell Fetterman LLP / Richard S. White Fellow and Associate Attorney

MAY 2022 – PRESENT SEATTLE, WA

- Practice focused on representing individuals, contractors, and public and private companies in real estate and land use matters.
  - Draft commercial and residential real estate purchase and sale agreements, leases, unlawful detainer pleadings and notices, REETAs, and deeds
  - Negotiate commercial and residential lease agreements
  - Examine underlying documentation support for property ownership and encumbrances
  - Review title reports and land surveys to address liens, easement, and violation issues
  - Engage in litigation related to Homeowners Associations, boundary disputes, adverse possession, purchase and sale of real property, unlawful detainer, and landlord and tenant disputes
- Practice focused on representing public and private companies in corporate finance and general corporate matters.
  - Drafting, negotiating and reviewing various transaction documents, including securities offering documents and memoranda, underwriting and purchase agreements, security and pledge agreements, asset and stock purchase agreements, stockholders' agreements, confidentiality agreements and legal opinions
  - Preparing and reviewing various federal and state filings, including annual reports, quarterly reports, current reports, proxy and information statements, and Corporate Transparency Act materials
  - Providing general corporate and securities law services, including corporate governance compliance for public companies and contracts database maintenance and facilitation
- Practice focused on litigating insurance defense matters.
  - Represent clients, including insurance companies, in complex civil personal injury litigation matters
  - Conduct all phases of litigation, including case assessment, legal research, drafting pleadings, and discovery
  - Prepare and argue motions, including motions for summary judgment, dismissals, and other dispositive motions
  - Draft and review pleadings, briefs, and contracts with attention to compliance with procedural laws
  - Engage in negotiations for settlement agreements, attend mediations, and actively participate in alternative dispute resolution
  - Take and defend depositions of fact witnesses, expert witnesses, and corporate representatives
  - Attend court appearances, hearings, and trials, providing representation in state and federal courts
  - Analyze insurance policies, coverage issues, and claims to determine defense strategies.
  - Work with experts in areas such as accident reconstruction, medical records, and forensic analysis to support case development

### Justice Steven C. González / Judicial Extern

JANUARY 2023 – APRIL 2023 SEATTLE, WA

- Conducted in-depth legal research and drafted bench memos on constitutional, administrative, and civil law issues
- Assisted in drafting and analyzing judicial opinions, providing recommendations on case outcomes
- Observed oral arguments and participated in discussions on case strategy and judicial reasoning
- Reviewed petitions for review and prepared summaries to aid in judicial decision-making
- Gained insight into appellate advocacy and the judicial decision-making process at the state's highest court

### Carney Badley Spellman PS / Summer Associate and Legal Intern

MAY 2021 – APRIL 2022 SEATTLE, WA

- Researched various litigation issues and created memorandums summarizing results on topics such as collateral estoppel, class certification, hearsay, and evidence admission
- Researched and prepared all manner of pleadings, discovery requests, motions, records request responses, and appellate briefs.
- Attended depositions, mediations, and client meetings