Octavian Pemberton-Asante

Judicial Law Clerk

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BAR ADMISSION

Pennsylvania, admitted 2024

Law review articles editor, 2022 to 2023

SUMMARY

Judicial law clerk with 2 years of experience at a state trial court and 2 summer clerkships at a litigation firm. Write bench memos, draft opinions and orders on civil motions and check every citation before it reaches the judge. Drafted about 120 orders and 18 published or circulated opinions in 2 years. Admitted to the Pennsylvania bar in 2024.

EXPERIENCE

Judicial Law Clerk to the Hon. Margaret Ellsworth-Danso — Court of Common Pleas, Civil Division

Philadelphia, PA · Sep 2023 – Present

- Draft about 60 orders and 9 opinions a year on summary judgment, discovery and dismissal motions.
- Write about 150 bench memos a year summarising facts, arguments and recommended rulings within 5 days of briefing.
- Researched 14 questions of first impression for the judge, with 11 of the recommended outcomes adopted.
- Checked about 3,000 citations a year in Bluebook form with 0 errors found on appeal review.
- Managed a docket of about 400 active civil cases, flagging 35 overdue motions for the judge each quarter.

Summer Law Clerk — Whitcombe Harlow LLP

Philadelphia, PA · May 2021 – Aug 2022

- Wrote 22 research memos on contract, employment and insurance questions over 2 summers.
- Drafted 4 sections of opposition briefs filed in federal court.
- Reviewed about 6,000 documents for privilege across 2 commercial cases.

SKILLS

Legal Research: Westlaw, Lexis, case law, statutes, legislative history, secondary sources

Legal Writing: Bench memos, research memos, draft opinions, orders, briefs

Court Procedure: Civil procedure, rules of evidence, docket management, local rules

Citation and Review: Bluebook, cite checking, proofreading, document review

EDUCATION

J.D., Temple University Beasley School of Law, 2023

B.A. Political Science, University of Pittsburgh, 2020

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