

TONY LI

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Professional License and Affiliations

- **State Bar of Texas**, *passed February 2016 bar examination*
- **Dallas Asian American Bar Association**, *Mentor and Awards Night Committee Member*
- **Dallas Bar Association**, *member*
- **Dallas Young Lawyers Association**, *member*

Education

SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

Dallas, TX

Juris Doctor, May 2015

- Jackson Walker Moot Court, *Best Oral Advocate in Round*; 2L/2E Moot Court Competition, *Semi-finalist*
- Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, *Mentor*; Black Law Students Association, *Member*
- Dallas Kids Project, *Mentor*
- Themis Bar Review, *Student Representative*
- Dean's Scholarship Recipient

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration, May 2011

- Presidential Scholar; National Merit Finalist; Cardinal & Gold Student Recognition Award
- USC Actuarial Association, *Co-Founder and Branding Director*
- USC Dragon-boat Team, *Coach, Executive Board, and MVP*

Work Experience

PLATT CHEEMA & RICHMOND PLLC

Dallas, TX

Legal Clerk, August 2015 to February 2016

- Legal clerk to partners of boutique commercial litigation and real estate firm on trial and transactional matters
- Drafted and edited all forms of litigation motions—including petitions, discovery requests and responses, summary judgments, motions to compel, and settlement agreements—as well as transactional documents including lease amendments, letters of intent, §1031 sale-leaseback agreements, and all components of purchase-sale agreements for high-worth commercial properties
- Researched and drafted memoranda for 14 clients on matters of breach of contract, negligent misrepresentation, derivative suits, sovereign immunity, quiet title, commercial developing, and landlord-tenant conflicts
- Assisted counsel in a high net-worth will-drafting and estate planning transaction
- Analyzed cash flow, historic profit/loss statements, and site assessments for two property acquisitions
- Served as primary contact point for two real estate transactions, negotiating with civil engineering firms, commercial developers, and commercial landlords

SMU CONSUMER ADVOCACY CLINIC

Dallas, TX

Student Attorney with Third Year Bar Card, Spring 2015

- Researched, wrote memorandum, and produced advice letter for clients on prohibited debt collection practices under Texas Finance Code; defense against breach of contract claims under Texas Business Organizations Code; and defense against city demolition orders under Dallas Housing Code
- Served as primary contact point for three cases, negotiating with opposing parties, insurance company, and city attorneys
- Represented client through all phases of a fraudulent business practices lawsuit under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act: performing intake interview and legal research; appearing in pre-trial conferences and negotiations; drafting and filing answer, counter-claim, and motion for summary judgment; and successfully arguing summary judgment in Justice of the Peace Court

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Dallas, TX

Litigation Intern, Fall 2014

- Proposed and organized investigations on potential false-advertising/negative-billing case by drafting declarations, potential testimony lists, and Civil Investigative Demands
- Researched and drafted memoranda on ability to garnish social security benefits and property exempted from execution under federal, Texas, and Oklahoma state laws

AT HOME (formerly GARDEN RIDGE INC.)**Plano, TX***Legal Intern, Summer 2014*

- Assisted in-house counsel of aggressive-growth, private equity-held retailer operating in 22 states, leading cross-department projects, including researching and implementing state employment/wage/benefits law posters; researching anti-dumping and §1031 tax issues; and maintaining portfolio of worker compensation and premise liability cases
- Performed due diligence by auditing documents using virtual data-rooms to work with outside counsel for rebranding campaign (audited 70+ commercial real estate leases, reviewed tax documentation, and drafted new corporate governance documents) and two multi-property sale-leaseback agreements
- Drafted four lease amendments, two purchase and sale agreements, and three estoppel/usage agreements

PROFESSOR WILLIAM DORSANEO III, SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW**Dallas, TX***Research Assistant, Spring 2014*

- Edited 14 notes and four chapters for course-book *Texas Civil Procedure: Pretrial Litigation*, by updating research with current case developments on jurisdiction, types of claims, venue, and motion practice

DICKMAN LAW OFFICES, PLLC**Dallas, TX***Part-time Legal Assistant, Fall 2013*

- Drafted 20+ petitions, 30+ default judgments, and various motions for subrogation and bankruptcy cases
- Responsible for screening, organization, and entry of all new cases

JEONG & LIKENS, LC**Los Angeles, CA***Summer Associate, Summer 2013*

- Drafted and filed four copyright/trademark complaints, two breach of contract complaints, and two motions to dismiss, with supporting memoranda and affidavits
- Drafted four distributor agreements and employment contracts, and two settlement agreements
- Reviewed and identified potential evidence and arguments from depositions, voluminous medical records, and records of client interviews in medical malpractice, intellectual property, and breach of contract cases
- Performed legal research and drafted memoranda on issues of derivative and constructive copyright claims, scope of employment for State employee, and creditor's rights during bankruptcy

Skills and Interests

- Native Mandarin Chinese speaker; fully fluent in spoken Mandarin
- Proficient in Excel, SQL, and web application coding (PHP, JavaScript, JSON, JQuery, CSS, Linux, Apache)
- Interests include Muay Thai boxing and running
- Eagle Scout (2005)

Professional References

- **BILL RICHMOND**, (214) 559 - 2700
Former supervising attorney at Platt Cheema & Richmond PLLC
- **ROMY CHEEMA**, (214) 559 - 2700
Former supervising attorney at Platt Cheema & Richmond PLLC
- **MARY SPECTOR**, (214) 768 - 2578
Professor and supervising attorney at the SMU Consumer Advocacy Clinic
- **REID TEPFER**, (214) 979 - 9395
Former supervising attorney at the Federal Trade Commission