

Nichelle Pate Sims, Esq.

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Highly talented and accomplished professional attorney, skilled and experienced in identifying organizational goals and utilizing the necessary tools/resources to develop and implement a plan to ensure successful output or completion.

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Proven leadership abilities to steer a team or individuals toward desired goals
Demonstrated strategic thinker, project management and organization skills
Innovative thinker, adept at problem solving and analysis
Detail oriented, able to succeed under pressure
Established negotiation and research abilities
Outstanding written and verbal communication skills
Admitted to practice law in Georgia; GA Court of Appeals; GA Supreme Court

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Turnbull Law Group LLC

Feb 2019-Present
Atlanta, GA

Associate Attorney

- Represent clients in civil litigation cases against creditors
- Supervise and manage a heavy and diversified caseload of client debt settlement negotiations and settlement accounts through completion of debt resolution program
- Counsel clients on debt resolution process and rights against creditors
- Approve settlement negotiations and conduct reviews of client files to ensure clients are progressing in accordance with the goals of the debt resolution program

Hemophilia of Georgia, Inc.

October 2015 – June 2019
Atlanta, GA

Associate Director of Research and Advocacy

- Partnered with lobbyists to achieve the agency's advocacy goals; coordinated with state health agencies in efforts to further the agency's legislative initiatives
- Worked alongside pharmacy department to secure network provider contracts, and assisted with contract negotiation to ensure quality and cost improvements for payers and providers
- Developed and directed the new Bleeding Disorder Advocacy Program; created and conducted training sessions for new advocates
- Stayed abreast of clinical trial process and phases of new drugs for agency-funded research
- Revived and chaired the state-mandated Hemophilia Advisory Board, which makes recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on treatment and medication options for people with bleeding disorders
- Presented advocacy presentations and trainings at client events and ensured clients were always informed about legislation and litigation that may impact them, organized client volunteers for advocacy work
- Represented the agency on coalitions and boards that advocate for the agency's goal of helping people affected by bleeding disorders to live as normally and productively as possible

Pro Bono case work assisting Davis Bozeman Law Firm

January 2015 – October 2015
Decatur, GA

Attorney

- Civil Rights cases: drafted motions and filed with the court, performed investigations and interviews to gather supporting documentation for civil suits
- Personal Injury cases: analyzed and drafted complaint packages; filed packages with the court for suit

Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

March 2014 – December 2014
Atlanta, GA

Independent Contract Attorney

- Performed high level privilege review of all discovery materials and preparation of privilege log entries for a large nuclear contract dispute litigation case

- Perform analytics, privilege and relevancy coding, and redactions in Discovery Radar platform

Alston & Bird LLP

July 2010 – February 2014

Project Attorney

Atlanta, GA

- Performed high level due diligence and contract review for multiple securities and licensing, mass torts and product liability cases
- Contract drafting and amendment, and varied practice area substantive work for trials
- E-Discovery reviews of discovery materials in a multitude of cases using several platforms

Law Office of Nichelle Pate LLC

August 2011 – December 2013

Solo Attorney

Atlanta, GA

- Represented clients with litigation regarding all aspects of Family Law and Domestic Relations cases; including divorce, child custody, and legitimation matters
- Defended clients in all aspects of Personal Injury cases including drafting demand packages, negotiation, settlement

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, *The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law*, Columbus, OH (2007)

- **Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Judicial Extern for Judge Guy Reece II**
 - Researched and drafted Judge Reece's decisions on civil litigation claims
- **Criminal Prosecution Practicum, Student Advocate**
 - Assigned misdemeanor cases from a local District Attorney's Office; handled the cases from witness interviews through plea negotiations or trial
- *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, Member
- Moot Court Frederick Douglass Team, Member
- OSU Office of Admissions, Student Ambassador
- Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, Member

Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, *University of Georgia*, Athens, GA (2004)

COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

- Former Vice-Chair of United States Tennis Association GA Diversity Committee/Task Force
- Former Program Director for the United States Tennis Association (USTA)\100 Black Men Tennis & Health program
- Developed and taught a debate course to middle school students as part of the Youth Leadership Debate program
- Researched and developed a training curriculum for the campaign "A Future, Not a Past" aimed at stopping child prostitution in Georgia