

**JAMES G BELL**  
Ellicott City, MD 21042

**BAR ADMISSION**

**MARYLAND 12/15/2015**

**Federal Admission for Maryland Federal Courts**

**EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, MD

Juris Doctor, May 2015

*cum laude*, GPA: 3.407, class rank: 81/275

Trial Team – ABA Employment and Labor Law

**BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY**, Bowie, MD

Bachelor of Science Elementary Education, December 2008

summa cum laude, GPA: 3.92

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Maryland Legal Aid,**

Baltimore, MD

November 2021 - current

Staff Attorney

Member of the Eviction Rapid Response Team. As the first attorney hired onto this team, I built the team structure as it currently exists based upon the parameters of the grant. I provided “day of hearing” representation for Tenants in Landlord Tenant disputes.

In July 2022 I transferred to the Baltimore County as a staff attorney under the ACE grant. In that position, I have worked with our partner organization to maximize coverage in both more complex eviction related litigation and day of representation. My core duties involve complex eviction and habitability cases as they are assigned and providing day of representation at the landlord/tenant special proceedings docket. The special proceedings docket includes; Tenant Holding over, Breach of Lease, Wrongful Detainer and Rent Escrow cases.

**Sanchez Garrison**

Baltimore, MD

July 2021 - November 2021

Bankruptcy Associate

Managed all aspects of Bankruptcy including all necessary motions in a large chapter 13 and chapter 7 case load.

**THE LAW OFFICE OF RICHARD ROSENBLATT Rockville, MD**

Jan. 2019 - July 2021

Head of Bankruptcy

Managed all aspects of Bankruptcy including all necessary motions in a large chapter 13 and chapter 7 case load.

**BWW LAW GROUP**

Rockville, MD

April 2016 - Dec 2018

Bankruptcy Attorney

Maintained a the largest caseload in the Bankruptcy department(5 attorneys). Resolved matters for a creditor rights firm including chapter 7, 11 and 13 matters. Regularly attended hearings on bankruptcy matters including motions for relief, plan objections, lien strips, 'cram downs', Proof of Claim objections and other matters as they arose. Trained new attorneys through their ability to handle a complete caseload. Handled client based audits from large clients for the department.

**V-M PROPERTIES**

Suitland, MD

Oct.2015- April 2016

Law Clerk

Drafted commercial lease agreements. Interviewed, drafted and executed estate planning documents with clients under supervision of a managing lawyer. Documents include trusts, wills, power of attorney, advance medical directives and codicils. Managed bookkeeping and accounts for the roughly forty properties.

**MARYLAND STATE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE** Annapolis, MD

January 2015-April 2015

Legal Intern

Researched and analyzed issues to create documents provided to the members of the Judiciary Committee in order to provide complete information on an issue. Provided research on bills on the following areas of law: Criminal, Civil, Evidence, Victim Rights, Banking regulation, Garnishment, and DUI.

**COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS, THE HON. JAMES KENNEY** Leonardtown, MD July 2014-Sept. 2014

Summer Clerkship

Harmonized and synthesized opposing appellate arguments into comprehensive, succinct bench memorandum, which also included suggestions on which party prevailed on each issue as well as possible questions to ask during oral arguments. Drafted unpublished opinions on criminal, civil and land use cases.

**MARYLAND STATE ETHICS COMMISSION** Annapolis, MD

July 2013- Sept 2013

Intern

Researched and drafted succinct inter office memorandum comparing Maryland and other states Ethics laws. Participated in depositions related to an ongoing instigation. Drafted interrogatories for an ongoing investigation.

**OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**, Upper Marlboro, MD

Feb 2009-Feb 2012

General Education Teacher August 2009—Feb 2012

Taught classes of up to 30 students in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades with a MSA passage rate of 89.7% for math, and 92.3% for reading. The district wide the passage rates were 83.4% and 79% for the last academic year I taught. Acted as the Teacher representative with the Parent Teacher Organization.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

2018 FORTH QUARTER ATTORNEY OF EXCELLENCE, BWW LAW GROUP

2020 PANELIST, BANKRUPTCY SPRING BREAK