

Kavin Williams

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School

Juris Doctor

- Events Chair, ACLU: University of Michigan Law School
- Research Desk Assistant, University of Michigan Law Library

Ann Arbor, MI
May 2017

University of Puget Sound

Bachelor of Arts in Politics and Government

- Varsity Football
- NCAA National Student Athlete Advisory Committee
- Public Affairs Office Intern, United States Merchant Marine Academy
- Intern, City of Tacoma's Coalition to End Homelessness

Tacoma, WA
December 2009

EXPERIENCE

KAW LAW

Owner/Attorney

- Attorney owner of low bono tenant and consumer rights law firm
- Trial and appellate litigation
- Residential and commercial unlawful detainer defense
- Foreclosure defense and mortgage service litigation

San Francisco, CA
September 2022-Present

Eviction Defense Collaborative

Staff Attorney

- Right to Counsel attorney for residential tenants in eviction actions.
- Full scope civil litigation defense through trial.
- Represented tenants in limited scope appeals to San Francisco Superior Court.

San Francisco, CA
October 2019-September 2022

Murphy Pearson Bradley & Feeney

Associate Attorney

- Represented clients with matters involving professional liability defense, insurance coverage litigation, commercial litigation, employment litigation and counseling, business transactions, real estate litigation and transactions, and personal injury litigation.

San Francisco, CA
December 2017-September 2019

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area

Michigan Legal Practitioner Fellow: Legal Services for Entrepreneurs Program

- Provided transactional legal services to entrepreneurs, businesses investing in distressed communities, and businesses facing displacement.
- Counseled clients on contracts, entity formation, employment law, intellectual property and other business law matters.
- Represented clients in pre-litigation leasing disputes including negotiating extensions and early terminations, drafting demand letters, and negotiating settlements.
- Hosted workshops and clinics for entrepreneurs and small business throughout the Bay Area.

San Francisco, CA
August 2017-November 2017

Legal Services of South Central Michigan

Law Clerk

- Advised clients regarding wage garnishment, the FDCPA, payday lending, and landlord tenant issues.
- Conducted legal research, drafted legal memoranda, prepared motions and briefs, attended hearings and conferences.

Ann Arbor, MI
January 2017-April 2017

HUD Region III: Office of Regional Counsel

Legal Intern

- Reviewed transactions for potential conflicts of interest in the community development block grant program.
- Drafted memo providing recommendations regarding copyright liability for elderly communities.

Philadelphia, PA
May 2016-July 2016

University of Michigan Community and Economic Development Clinic

Student Attorney

- Provided transactional legal support to nonprofit and community organizations.
- Negotiated lease agreement for urban farm with municipal government.
- Developed public-private partnership proposal for solar infrastructure project.

Ann Arbor, MI
January 2016-May 2016

ACLU of Michigan

Legal Intern

- Drafted memoranda regarding disability law, municipal services, and Flint water crisis.
- Drafted memoranda regarding Title VII discrimination in police hiring.

Detroit, MI
May 2015-August 2015

TalentWise

Market Development Representative

Bothell, WA
September 2013-August 2014

Continuant
Account Executive

Fife, WA
August 2011-June 2013

University of Puget Sound Football
Assistant Football Coach

Tacoma, WA
August 2012-December 2012

Helsinki Roosters American Football Club
Imported Professional Player

Helsinki, Finland
February 2011-June 2011

Basel Meanmachine American Football Club
Imported Professional Player

Basel, Switzerland
February 2010-July 2010

ADMISSIONS

All Courts in the State of California
Federal District Court in the State of California, Northern, Southern, and Central Districts
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

SELECT PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Paying California Workers During A Natural Disaster (Three Part Series), co-authored with Patrick J. Wingfield, Society of Human Resource Managers (www.shrm.org), September 17, 2018

Preparing a Proper Certificate of Independent Review, co-authored with Arthur Harris, Daily Journal, April 20, 2018

How to Properly Prepare a Certificate of Independent Review, co-Presented with Arthur J. Harris, Marin County Bar Association, Alameda County Bar Association, Sonoma County Bar Association, summer and fall of 2018.

Sip, Sip; Snip, Snip: Examining the Implementation of the Drybar Bill in California, Salon Today, September 28, 2018.

SELECT AWARDS

Most Effective Counsel, Murphy, Pearson, Bradley & Feeney 2018 Annual Mock Trial.

Swiss American Football Association National Champion, 2010

All-Northwest Conference Quarterback, 2006 & 2008.

San Francisco Lawyers League Softball Champion, 2018, 2021