

Elise Miller, J.D.

EDUCATION (Law Degree, Journalism Degree)

University of Oklahoma College of Law, *Juris Doctor* (May 2024) | Oklahoma Christian University, *Bachelor of Science, Journalism* (Dec 2020)

EXPERIENCE

Publication Experience: The Talon, *Editor in Chief*; Arizona State University; The Christian Chronicle; Fair Trade America

Albany County Public Defender's Office | Albany, NY (August 2024-Current)

Community Outreach, Mitigation, and Legal Research Paralegal

- Engages in community outreach, mitigation and oral and written advocacy for low-income clients through excellent representation, client-centered practice, and tireless dedication and commitment to justice.

Damario Solomon-Simmons Law | Norman, OK (Spring 2024)

Legal Intern

- Assisted the legal team representing the *two living survivors of the Tulsa Race Massacre* through legal writing, and policy campaign participation.

Still She Rises | Tulsa, OK (Summer 2023)

Legal Intern

- Assisted attorneys, advocates, and investigators through research, drafting motions, court observation, and interacting with clients.

University of Oklahoma College of Law | Norman, OK (Fall 2022-Current)

Research Assistant; OU Legal Clinic (Civil)

Conducted research for Professor, and Ada Lois Sipuel Fischer Chair, Carla Pratt, with a focus on black history, civil rights, race relations, and accessibility to the legal field. Led divorce, child custody, and guardian ad litem cases.

Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals | Oklahoma City, OK (Fall 2023)

Legal Intern

- Internship for Judge David B. Lewis at the highest criminal court in the State of Oklahoma where I focused on legal writing.

Oklahoma County Public Defender's Office & Oklahoma Indigent Defense System (OIDS) | Oklahoma City, OK (Summer 2022)

Legal Intern

- In addition to working frequently on death row, I aided Assistant Public Defenders in their daily tasks such as creating client engagement, trial strategy, writing briefs, speaking to clients, and combing through discovery.

United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination | Remote (2022-2023)

Student Researcher

- Compiled information regarding the discriminatory practices within the country of Slovakia and helped to write a report along with suggested questions for UN diplomats to ask at the 107th session.

TEEM (The Education and Employment Ministry) | Oklahoma City, OK (Summer 2022)

Pre-Trial Intern

- Assisted TEEM's attorney in her daily responsibilities at the Oklahoma County Courthouse, and the Oklahoma Halfway House by engaging with incarcerated, and recently incarcerated individuals to help them find a path toward re-entering society.

Oklahoma Christian University | Edmond, OK (January 2021 – May 2021)

Diversity Initiative Assistant

- Through protest, I helped to open the office of DEI at Oklahoma Christian where I worked alongside underrepresented students by organizing DEI events, social media writing and communication, mentoring, and providing academic support.

The Talon, Editor-in-Chief (2020) | Edmond, OK (August 2017-December 2020)

- Responsible for running a daily newspaper, managing a team of editors, and contributing weekly news and editorial stories.

The Christian Chronicle | August 2017-May 2019

- Freelance editorial writer and part-time webpage developer.

Awards

- National BLSA Chapter of the Year
- Justice John Paul Stevens Fellow
- OU Law Dean's Leadership Fellow
- Over 150 Hours of Pro Bono and Public Service
- 1L Moot Court Distinguished Speaker

Activities

- Black Law Students Association (BLSA), *President* (2024)
- American Constitution Society, Social Media Coordinator
- The Justice Initiative, Harvard Law Project
- Legal Aid Law Clerk
- DEI Task Force, Oklahoma Christian University