

# Devin D. Gabriel

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## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### MCNELIS + ASSOCIATES, PLLC

*Associate Attorney*, June 2018 - present

- Represents owners, developers, general contractors, subcontractors, and others in all aspects of construction law litigation, including breach of contract, lien and bond claims, defect and delay claims, and defective design claims in court and arbitration proceedings.

### DAVIS & SANTOS, P.C.

*Senior Associate Attorney*, October 2013 – June 2018

- Handled all elements of complex litigation, including the drafting of pleadings and motions, conducting discovery, taking and defending depositions, dispositive proceedings, mediation, hearings, and appeals.
- Represented individuals and entities, plaintiffs and defendants, in matters involving fiduciary litigation, business disputes, trusts and estates, financial institution litigation, and breach of contract disputes.

### EDUCATION MANAGEMENT SERVICES, LLC

*In-House Counsel*, April 2012 – September 2013

- Provided legal opinions and counsel to a conglomerate of companies and senior management on a wide range of topics including complex business litigation, corporate law, employment and labor, entertainment, ongoing national television advertisement campaign, trade secrets, intellectual property, international business development, and state and federal sales compliance.
- Managed state and federal litigation and arbitration including case strategy, pleadings, discovery, hearings, depositions, and settlement negotiations.
- Responsible for monthly, quarterly and annual compliance trainings of 100+ salespersons on topics that included FTC telemarketing, sales and advertisements, state DTPA best practices, and state attorney general consumer protection division issues.
- Coordinated complex multi-state litigation and compliance issues with 7+ outside firms.

### THE LAW OFFICE OF FREDERICK R. ZLOTUCHA

*Attorney*, November 2010 – March 2012; *Law Clerk*, September 2010 – November

- Represented clients in all aspects of civil litigation, including matters involving complex business torts, breach of contract, oil and gas, divorces, personal injury and probate.
- Managed personal injury docket including automobile collisions, medical malpractice, and slip and fall cases.
- Propounded and responded to extensive discovery, researched and drafted pleadings, participated in hearings, and prepared legal briefs and memoranda in support of senior litigators.

### TULANE LAW SCHOOL CRIMINAL CLINIC, New Orleans, LA

*Student Attorney*, August 2009 – May 2010

- Represented indigent clients under the supervision of a licensed attorney in range of legal settings from pretrial motions to post-conviction habeas relief.
- Interviewed and communicated with clients, examined witnesses on the stand in open court, and supervised team of investigators.
- Drafted pretrial motions and successfully argued those motions in open court.
- Researched, drafted and submitted Petitioner's brief to the Louisiana Supreme Court.

AYRES, WARREN, SHELTON & WILLIAMS, L.L.C., Shreveport, LA

*Summer Associate*, Summer 2009

- Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda on issues involving commercial disputes, oil and gas, estate planning and insurance law.
- Drafted motions in limine, settlement demand offers, and client advice letters on subjects such as trust protection and trustee liability, liability of a mineral lessee, mineral transactions and products liability.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, Victims and Witnesses Unit, The Hague, Netherlands

*Fellow*, Berkeley-Tulane Initiative on Vulnerable Populations, Summer 2008

- Rendered assistance on legal research and analysis of statutes, case law, and the impact of court decisions on the Unit's service program.
- Regularly prepared interoffice memoranda on court decisions for Unit directors.
- Managed the VWU Witness Feedback Program which required the development of a multi-language survey, database and reporting mechanism for analysis and benchmarking of the Unit's services.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Pleas to the Jurisdiction/Sovereign Immunity (How Not to Plead Out of Court)*, May 22, 2015 Bench Motions and Trials, Bexar County Style, co-authored with the Hon. Stephani Walsh and Guillermo Benavides.

## **EDUCATION**

TULANE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL, New Orleans, LA

Juris Doctor, May 2010

GPA: 3.226; Dean's Scholarship

- Certificate, International and Comparative Law
- Administrative Justice of Academic Affairs, Tulane Moot Court
- Semifinalist, 2010 Texas Young Lawyers Association Mock Trial Comp.
- Participant, 2009 Texas Young Lawyers Association Mock Trial Comp.
- Junior Editor, Civil Law Commentaries (Journal)
- Treasurer, Technology & Intellectual Property Society

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Palo Alto, CA

Bachelor of the Arts, Psychology, May 2000