

MOGES ABEBE

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BAR ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (admitted December 2008) & Washington, D.C. (admitted March 2010)

EDUCATION

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL Washington, DC
J.D., May 2008

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM New York, NY
M.S., May 2001

WILLIAMS COLLEGE, Williamstown, MA
B.A., Philosophy, May 2000

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NAVIGATE LAW FIRM LC Bowie, MD
Founder / Managing Member / Attorney April 2015 (full time Nov 2015) - *present*

- Managing sole member general-practice law firm; representing clients in a range of practices areas with a central focus on domestic relations law

LAW OFFICE OF CARROLL DRAKE LC Waldorf, MD
Associate Attorney September 2009 – October 2015

- Handling a wide range of cases mostly in the domestic relations, criminal and personal injury practice areas in courts of Charles, Prince George's, Calvert and St. Mary's counties.

CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD Rockville, MD
Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge John W. Debelius, III August 2008 – August 2009

- Drafting memoranda on a wide range of legal issues raised in motions, administrative appeals, bench trials and jury trials.
- Assisting judge in presiding over more than a dozen trials (jury and bench) involving issues ranging from breach of contract, auto negligence and medical malpractice to attorney grievance, child custody, traffic violations, wrongful termination and criminal charges.
- Composing drafts of appellate opinions regarding administrative agency decision
- Founding & participating in a mock trial competition for Montgomery County law clerks.

GEBHARDT & ASSOCIATES LLP Washington, DC
Legal Clerk & Summer Associate (for AV-rated employment discrimination firm) January 2007 – August 2007

- Drafting memoranda in support of motions & briefs; conducting intake interviews; preparing proposed joint pre-trial statement in race discrimination and retaliation suit filed in the U.S. District Court for D.C.
- *Member*, Metropolitan Washington Employment Lawyers Association

BREAD FOR THE CITY LEGAL CLINIC Washington, DC
Legal Intern (for non-profit organization dedicated to civil legal needs of the poor) Summer 2006

- Drafting memoranda on landlord-tenant law; conducting intake interviews; attending motions hearings in landlord-tenant branch of D.C. Superior Court

OTHER PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

DEVRY UNIVERSITY Philadelphia, PA
Adjunct Instructor October 2004 – April 2005

- Teaching English Composition & Advanced English Composition to undergraduates

Freelance Journalist Philadelphia, PA
October 2003 – May 2005

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INSIGHT NEWS TELEVISION LTD.

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Interpreter / Production Assistant

August 2003

- Conducting interviews & translations for documentary film entitled “Surviving Hunger” broadcast by CNN International, Channel Four (UK), CBC (Canada) and 2 Vandaag (Netherlands)

THE SCOPE

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Founder & Managing Editor

August 2002 – May 2003

- Founding, editing, managing & writing / reporting for general-interest English-language weekly newspaper

ENTREPRENEUR & THE ADDIS TRIBUNE

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Editor & Reporter

August 2001 – July 2002

- Editing contents of these two English-language weeklies; writing editorials and stories; training reporters

ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Lecturer (in Journalism)

September 2002 – September 2003

- Devising & teaching introductory course on Journalism; teaching English Composition

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- *Member*, Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) December 2008 – *present*
- *Fellow*, MSBA Leadership Academy June 2009 – June 2010
- *Member*, International Association of Collaborative Professionals October 2014 – *present*
- *Member*, Prince George’s County Collaborative Professionals October 2014 – *present*
- *Member*, Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys’ Association April 2015 – *present*
- *Section Council*, MSBA Family & Juvenile Law Section June 2017 – *present*

SAMPLE ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING

- *Collaborative Practice in Trusts & Estates*, 20 hour course funded by the MD judiciary (AOC) June 2017
- *Mediation*, 20 hour child custody, visitation & support course January 2012
- *Mediation*, 40 hour basic mediation course October 2011
- *Collaborative Practice*, 21 hour course co-sponsored by the MD judiciary (AOC) March 2011

CHILD COUNSEL TRAINING

- *Child Counsel Training*, 6.5 hours (Montgomery County Bar Foundation) March 2018

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

- *Amharic* (the lingua franca of Ethiopia): conversational fluency & fluency in translating conversations to and from English