

# LA KEISHA WRIGHT BUTLER

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## EDUCATION

**New York University School of Law**, New York, NY

Masters of Law in Taxation, Executive L.L.M. Program, May 2011

**Vanderbilt University Law School**, Nashville, TN

Doctor of Jurisprudence, May 2007

*Honors and Activities:* Merit Scholarship recipient; Research Assistant (Professor Jeffery Schoenblum); Black Law Students Association - Treasurer; Women Law Students Association; Mock Trial; Moot Court; Street Law Instructor; Child and Family Law Policy Clinic.

**University of Maryland Baltimore County**, Baltimore, MD

B.A., Political Science, *cum laude*, May 2004

B.S., Information Systems, *cum laude*, May 2004

*Honors and Activities:* Sondheim Public Affairs Scholar, Dean's List; Academic Honors; Golden Key International Honor Society.

## EMPLOYMENT

**City of Milwaukee, Department of Administration**, Milwaukee, WI

July 2017 – Present

*Legislative Liaison Director:* Oversee operation of the Division of Intergovernmental Relations for the City of Milwaukee and manage relationships between the City and any other governmental entities such as other municipalities, counties, the state legislature, federal government, and community stakeholders; manage a staff of 3, including two lobbyists and one administrative professional; analyze legislative bills to determine their impact on the City and make recommendations to positions to be taken thereon; develop state and federal legislative agendas and strategies for implementing policies and legislation favorable to the City.

**City of Milwaukee, Office of the City Attorney**, Milwaukee, WI

October 2014 – July 2017

*Assistant City Attorney:* Represent the City of Milwaukee in cases in federal and state court involving mainly employment, constitutional violations, property damage loss, and challenges to the actions of the Common Council in licensing businesses for operation within the boundaries of the City; provide legal advice, both informally and formally, to various elected officials, city commissions, departments, and committees including the licenses committee, health department and the Fire and Police Commission.

**Wisconsin Department of Revenue**

August 2010 – October 2014

*Attorney:* Represent the Department in all varieties of cases before the Tax Appeals Commission and Circuit Courts through all facets of litigation up to and including trial; research various legal issues; draft motions; conduct discovery; engage in pretrial conferences before the Tax Appeals Commission; provide legal advice, assistance, training and opinions to officials of the Department of Revenue, other government officials and employees, usually on tax related matters; review tax legislation and rules, tax information and proposed rulings.

**Blackburn Domene & Burchett, PLLC**, Louisville, KY

September 2007 – August 2010

*Associate:* Managed cases from initiation, including initial client contact; prepared and filed pleadings; prepared for and conducted discovery, including taking depositions; drafted motions and memoranda addressing various issues in tort, evidence, civil procedure, foreign collections, and subrogation; prepared for and argued motions; evaluated cases for settlement value and advised clients regarding strategy in litigating case.

## ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

State Bar of Wisconsin – Member

State Bar of Wisconsin Diversity Inclusion and Oversight Committee - Member