

CORAL D. PLEAS, ESQ.



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

February 2002-
Present

LANIER, PLEAS & HOPKINS, LTD.
Partner/Head of Litigation Division

Milwaukee, WI

Head of Litigation Division of Business/Civil Litigation Law Firm. The litigation division practices in both state and federal court and specializes in insurance defense litigation including auto and premise liability claims, coverage issues, UM/UIM claims, subrogation claims, business, contract, real estate litigation and serious personal injury claims.

March 1998 -
February 2002

SCHULZ, DUFFEY & O'BRIEN, S.C.
Attorney

Milwaukee, WI

Civil Litigation Attorney. Practice included handling all aspects of insurance defense litigation including drafting pleadings, conducting and responding to discovery demands, settlement negotiations, lay and expert depositions, mediation, arbitration and trial, legal research, drafting Circuit Court and Appellate Court briefs, prosecuting serious personal injury and medical negligence claims and general business litigation.

January 1996 -
March 1998

BUTLER RODGERS LAW OFFICES
Attorney

Milwaukee, WI

General Practice Attorney. Practice included felony and misdemeanor criminal defense litigation, personal injury, worker's compensation, unemployment compensation, employment law, contract drafting and negotiation, divorce and custody disputes, formal and informal probate, guardianships and will drafting, state and federal court civil litigation. Recruiting, training and supervision of associate attorneys and support staff.

June 1993 -
January 1996

LEGAL ACTION OF WISCONSIN, INC.
Attorney

Milwaukee, WI

Staff Attorney. Represented low income clients in administrative hearings for public benefit claims, handled intake and representation of clients in social security claims, unemployment compensation, consumer law issues, landlord tenant disputes, and family law. Drafted Appellate Court briefs and pleadings for federal class action litigation.

EDUCATION

August 1990 -
May 1993

MARQUETTE LAW SCHOOL
Juris Doctorate, May 1993

Milwaukee, WI

President Black Law Student's Association, W. Dale Phillips Scholarship Recipient, Woolsack Society Award.

August 1986 -
May 1990

**MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**
Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy, May 1990

Milwaukee, WI

Marquette University Orchestra, First Violin, President Third World Pre-Health Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarship Recipient, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship Recipient, Black Student Council, Boy's & Girls Club Scholarship Recipient, Upward Bound Tutor/Counselor, Educational Opportunity Program Big Sister

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE:

- State Bar of Wisconsin, May 1993
- Federal Court Wisconsin Eastern District, May 1993

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Wisconsin Association of African-American Lawyers, President (2005), Visiting Nurse's Association, Director (2004), MATC Paralegal Advisory Board (2004), State Bar of Wisconsin Federal Practice Committee (2004), State Bar of Wisconsin Planning Committee (2003) Metcalfe Park Resident's Association Board of Directors Chair, Personnel Committee (2003), Friendship Living Center Inc. Board of Directors (2003), State Bar of Wisconsin Gender Equity Committee (2003), Wisconsin Association of African-American Lawyers Mock Trial Coordinator (2003), Lanier for Assembly Campaign Volunteer (2002), Bryant & Stratton College Law & Ethics Guest Lecturer (2001), YMCA Holton Youth Center Board of Directors (1998), Milwaukee Leader's Forum (1997), State Bar of Wisconsin Indigent Defense Committee (1996), Alverno College Assessor's Training Program (1996), St. Mark's AME Church Career Day Speaker (1996), Wisconsin Association of African-American Lawyers Mock Trial Coach (1996).