

ASHTON MCCARY

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EDUCATION

SMU Dedman School of Law

Dallas, Texas

Juris Doctor, May 2025

- Dean's Scholarship
- Dallas Bar Association Family Law Section, *Student Member*

The University of Texas at Dallas

Richardson, Texas

Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, May 2011

- NanoTech Institute
- American Chemical Society

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Goranson Bain Ausley, PLLC

Dallas, Texas

Family Law Attorney, October 2025 – Present

- Represent clients through the family law process with empathy and objectivity

Law Clerk, September 2024 – October 2025

- Researched legal and procedural issues related to family law
- Prepared initial drafts of legal documents, including petitions, motions, proposed orders, letters to clerks, distribution deeds, and discovery requests

SMU Dedman School of Law

Dallas, Texas

Legal Assistant, December 2023 – May 2024

- Assist Professor Joanna L. Grossman with her probate, adoption, and family law DVAP cases by drafting petitions, motions, final decrees of divorce, certificates of adoptions, and proposed orders
- Contact clients to collect information needed to draft legal documents for their cases
- Completed 30 pro bono hours; now a student worker

Palmer Law Group

Allen, Texas

Paralegal, December 2023 – September 2024

- Researched legal and procedural issues regarding probate, estate planning, trusts, guardianships, and family
- Prepared initial drafts and efiled legal documents, including petitions, motions, proposed orders, letters to clerks, distribution deeds, and inventories, for each client assigned to me
- Managed and communicated case deadlines, collected information from clients, and kept clients up-to-date on their cases for each client assigned to me

VanSickle Family Law Clinic

Dallas, Texas

Student Chief Counsel, January 2024 – May 2024

- Represented client in divorce proceeding on issues related to property division, spousal maintenance, and constructive fraud and successfully finalized client's case
- Assisted student associates with their family law cases
- Provided limited scope representation to pro se litigants and incarcerated mothers on family law matters

Associate Member of the State Bar of Texas, August 2023 – December 2023

- Represented client in divorce proceeding on issues related to property division, spousal maintenance, and constructive fraud and successfully represented client at mediation, resulting in favorable settlement
- Researched legal issues and drafted memoranda regarding contractual alimony, constructive fraud, property division, spousal maintenance, and custody matters
- Drafted final decree of divorce
- Provided limited scope representation to pro se litigants and incarcerated mothers on family law matters

Norcross Law

Dallas, Texas

Law Clerk, May 2023 – October 2023

- Researched legal issues related to real estate, contract, and family law
- Drafted final decrees of divorce, petitions, federal and state trial briefs, discovery, and responses to dispositive motions

The Honorable Tom Nowak, 366th Civil District Court

McKinney, Texas

Judicial Intern, May 2023 – June 2023

- Observed hearings, trials, and plea deals for family law, civil, and criminal cases and discussed rulings with judge

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**Stanley Black & Decker**

Fort Worth, Texas

Process Engineer, January 2022 – August 2022

- Optimized production costs and developed manufacturing processes that produced high-quality Craftsman sockets, wrenches, and ratchets

Raytheon Space and Airborne Systems

McKinney, Texas

Senior Multi-Disciplined Engineer, May 2012 – May 2021

- Investigated multi-million-dollar missile, radar, and satellite component failures for a reputable defense contracting company as a chemist in the largest of four failure analysis labs across Raytheon nationally
- Ensured compliance in North Texas ISO Cleanrooms
- Optimized production costs and developed manufacturing processes for military products built in Space and Airborne Systems Microwave Automated Factories
- Served in various leadership roles for Raytheon Women's Network
- Served as co-chair in corporate Raytheon Cleanroom Management Technical Interest Group

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Prakash Sista, Enhancement of OFET Performance of Semiconducting Polymers Containing Benzodithiophene upon Surface Treatment with Organic Silanes, 49 J. Polymer Sci. Part A: Polymer Chemistry (ISSUE) 10, 2292 (2011)
- Presented on the analysis performed to determine the root cause of a polyurethane paint failure on an aluminum assembly (2018)
- Co-presented on the analysis performed to determine the root cause of a head mirror coating delamination (2019)
- Co-presented on the Raytheon McKinney Failure Analysis Lab capabilities (2019)

VOLUNTEER

- Co-chair of Raytheon Cleanroom Management Technical Interest Group (2015-2021)
- North Texas Director of Raytheon Women's Network (2018)
- Active member, including various leadership positions of Raytheon Women's Network (2018-2021)
- Active member of Society of Women Engineers (2021)

INTERESTS

Interests include playing violin, West Coast swing dancing, reading, and spending time with family.