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Practice Areas

Corporate Law

Admissions

Wisconsin

Education

Juris Doctor, Marquette
University Law School, 2018

Bachelor of Science in
Psychology, University of
Pittsburgh, 2015



Ashley Smith is an associate in the Milwaukee office and a member of both the Corporate Practice Group and Startups & Venture Capital Teams. Ashley's practice focuses on various aspects of corporate law, including mergers and acquisitions, commercial financing, corporate governance and general corporate matters representing businesses in a variety of industries. Ashley enjoys helping early-stage companies and founders navigate the common pitfalls of entrepreneurship. As a member of the Startups & Venture Capital Team, Ashley often assists investors in connection with both equity and debt financing.

Prior to joining the firm full time, Ashley worked two summers as a summer associate at Godfrey & Kahn. While in law school, Ashley worked as a pro bono volunteer at the Milwaukee Volunteer Legal Clinic and was inducted into the Pro Bono Honor Society after completing over 50 hours of pro bono work. She served as president of Marquette's Black Law Student Association and was the Midwest Black Law Student Association Regional Secretary. She was also a leader and national competitor of Marquette's Moot Court program. She interned at the Wisconsin Court of Appeals, District I and provided legal counsel to entrepreneurs and start-up businesses on transactional matters as a student associate of Marquette's Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic.

Professional Associations

Milwaukee Bar Association

State Bar of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Association of African-American Lawyers

Activities

United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County Emerging Leaders

Godfrey & Kahn's Fellowship Committee

Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, Board of Directors (2019 – Present)

Fuel Milwaukee, Member (2019 – Present)

United Way, Inc, 2019

Marquette University Law School Alumni Diversity Recruitment, Recent Graduate

Activities

Reception Planning, Annual Diversity Reception Committees

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative, Attorney Volunteer

Milwaukee Legal Volunteer Clinic, Volunteer

The Milwaukee Urban League Young Professionals

State Bar of Wisconsin, Leadership Development Committee (2019 – Present)

State Bar of Wisconsin Leadership Summit 2019

Wisconsin Association of African-American Lawyers, Board of Directors (2019 – Present)

Honors

Member, Pro Bono Society

The Milwaukee Times Black Excellence Awards Special Honoree in Law (2020)

Honored as a National Black Lawyers' Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers in Wisconsin (2020)

Recognized by Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch (Corporate Law, 2023)

Recipient of Milwaukee Bar Association's Inaugural Community Development Award (2022)

Lawyers of Color 2022 Hot List

Recognized by *Super Lawyers* as a *Wisconsin Rising Star* (2022)