

Renée Marie André

EDUCATION

West Virginia University College of Law, Morgantown, WV

J.D. GPA: 3.43 (22/163)

May, 2007

- Member – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., W.E.B. DuBois Fellow, Black Law Student Association President 2005-2006, CALI Awards in Torts I and Civil Procedure I, Brown W. Payne Scholar, West Virginia University Black Law Alumni Association (founding member and former ex officio member), Cultural Diversity Committee member, BarBri Representative, Research Assistant, Tutor, Mentor
- Federal Externship Paper: Breaking Into the Unknown; Shorebreak Waves and the Duty to Warn

Bar and Court Admissions

West Virginia State Bar, Bar I.D. # 10557

Admitted: Oct. 11, 2007

West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals

United States District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia

Virgin Islands Bar, Bar I.D. # 10092

Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands

Admitted: July 16, 2008

United States District Court of the Virgin Islands

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Florida State Bar, Bar I.D. # 0085702

Admitted: Oct. 8, 2010

Supreme Court of the United States

Admitted: May 29, 2025

Paine College, Augusta, GA

B.A. GPA: 3.99 (Valedictorian)

May, 2003

- Valedictorian, Presidential Scholar; Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Student Marshall; Augusta-area Psychological Association Outstanding Undergraduate Award; Student Ambassador; 2001-2002 International Student Association Vice-President, 2002-2003 ISA President

EXPERIENCE

Marjorie Rawls Roberts, PC

Partner, St. Thomas, VI

Oct. 2024 – present

- Litigation: Extensive experience handling court-appointed and private family matters before the court, to include juvenile delinquency, custody, GAL, involuntary commitment, guardianship, adoption, and tax litigation and audit matters.
- Economic Development: Responsible for the successful application for EDC benefits from initial conference through board decision meeting. Oversee the preparation of EDC applications and handle extensive multi-year compliance audits.
- Real Estate Transactions: Responsible for overseeing real estate closings, entity transfers, and resolution of title matters.

- Estate Planning: Responsible for preparing trusts, wills, financial and healthcare directives and the successful transfer of assets to trusts and continued follow up for modifications to trust agreements.
- Corporate Transactions: Communicate with clients regarding entity structure and provide oversight and assist where necessary with entity formations and amendments, licensure and annual reporting and prepare corporate resolutions.
- Training: Supervisory oversight of employees, to include training of attorneys and staff in job duties and providing oversight of client matters delegated to attorneys and staff.

Associate Attorney, St. Thomas, VI

Oct. 2008–Oct. 2024

- Real Estate Transactions, including: Preparation of closing documents (deed, note and mortgage, HUD, 1099S form, etc.), resolve/litigate pending title issues, resolve/litigate tenant occupancy issues.
- Economic Development Transactions, including: Handle application process, post-application, public hearings, post-public hearings, and post approval matters. Handle compliance controversies, including procurement and reporting, residency, employee benefits, and employee hires for existing EDC companies.
- General Litigation, to include: court-appointed criminal matters; court-appointed family matters (involuntary commitment, divorce, custody revocation), general civil matters (real estate, land-lord tenant).
- Training: Responsibilities include training new attorneys and paralegals in various aspects of Economic Development matters, and training litigation paralegal staff in pre-trial matters including preparation of certificates of service, document in-take and filing procedures, calendaring, and motion/responsive pleading timetables.

United States District Court of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas/St. John

Law Clerk, St. Thomas, VI

Aug. 2007–Sept. 2008

- Managed over 100 civil cases in the District Court. Responsibilities include conducting extensive research on motions before the Court and drafting and finalizing court opinions on those issues.
- Managed criminal cases and their disposition, including Speedy Trial issues, and motions to suppress or motions for judgment of acquittal, and other motions and issues raised during trial.
- Duties also include attending trial from *voir dire* to verdict and conducting intensive research on critical issues that arose during examinations or at side bar.
- Managed appellate cases from the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands. Duties included reviewing appellate record, conducting research, and drafting bench-memos and *per curiam* opinions for approval of the appellate panel.
- Performed administrative duties in managing the civil docket and closing cases. Responsibilities included keeping abreast of both dispositive and non-dispositive motions filed with the Court and following through to their disposition. Duties also included uploading orders and memorandum opinions using the District Court's electronic case filing system.

Law Clerk Intern, St. Thomas, VI

Jan. 2007–April 2007

- Assisted law clerks in researching and drafting bench-memos on various cases before the court and writing Orders on motions before the court.
- Participated in a criminal trial and conducted legal research on critical issues during the trial.

Jackson Kelly, PLLC

Summer Associate, Washington, DC

July 2006–August 2006

- Participated in Indian gaming and government contract cases; assisted with the preparation and organization of summary judgment motions.
- Researched legal issues and prepared letters and/or memoranda for various clients, government agencies, and partners of the firm; drafted client alert on how to minimize exposure to recalls and products liability litigation.

Summer Associate, Charleston, WV

May 2006–June 2006

- Conducted legal research involving environmental, product liability, and bankruptcy law.
- Assisted an associate in 1st degree murder case; researched issues such as bifurcation of criminal trials; reviewed case file to locate inconsistency in witness testimony.
- Compiled an extensive and comprehensive outline on West Virginia case law regarding negligence.

Marjorie Rawls Roberts, PC

Office Assistant/Paralegal, St. Thomas, VI

Oct. 2003 - Aug. 2004

- Performed intern duties to include filing, message relay and courier services
- Assisted associates with editing documents, drafting client memoranda, drafting letters to various agencies, transmitting files, and conducting research.

Guardian Insurance, Co.

Underwriter Assistant, St. Thomas, VI

Aug. 2003 – Oct. 2003

- Evaluated vehicular policy renewals, provided quotes for new and renewal policies, data entry

Paine College Tutorial Enrichment Center

Level I Tutor, Augusta, GA

2002 - 2003

- Tutored college and college-bound students in all subject areas.
- Formulated individualized education programs for clients to ensure the successful transition of clients from remedial to mainstream courses by the end of the relevant term.

Paine College Business Office

Office Temp, Augusta, GA

June 2001 – Aug. 2001

- Organized and categorized files.
- Switchboard operator.

PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author of “Investing in the US Virgin Islands, Trends and Developments,” *Chambers Global Practice Guides*, 2021-2024.

Co-author of “A Win-Win Situation: What the EDC Program Can Do for Your Business,” *The Aviator Journal*, March 2004 issue.

Co-author of “DNA and Innocence,” *Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties*, December 2006.

Co-author of “Honoring West Virginia’s Legacy: A Tribute to J. R. Clifford, Esq.,” *Africalogical Perspectives*, Volume 2, Number 1 – September/October 2005.

ORGANIZATIONS

Superior Court of the Virgin Islands Family Division CIP Multidisciplinary Taskforce, Chair (2022-present)

Superior Court of the Virgin Islands Family Division Court Improvement Program (CIP) Committee, Member (2021-2022)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Children’s Bureau USVI State Team Planning Committee (2018-2020)

Virgin Islands Bar Association, By-Laws Committee Chairperson (2014 - 2015)

District Court of the Virgin Islands Lawyers Advisory Committee, President (2011 - 2014)