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# JOSEPH ABRAHAM BAHGAT

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

- Third-year attorney, exceptional research and drafting skills, appellate court clerkship—drafted dozens of published judicial opinions, including one Supreme Court of Ohio opinion.
- Top-billing non-partner at a well-respected, large law firm.
- Juris Doctor from top-tier law school with honors, law review, and national moot court team; master and bachelor degrees from Rutgers University.
- Former professional musician, performed with Ray Charles, significant knowledge of intellectual property law as it pertains to the music and entertainment industries.
- Admitted to practice law in New Jersey (2008), Ohio (2007), and federal courts, and eligible for admission on motion to New York, Pennsylvania state bars in 2012.

## EDUCATION

### **The Ohio State University College of Law**, Columbus, OH

*Juris Doctor, with Honors, Public Service Fellow with Dean's Special Recognition, Certificate of Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2007*

- Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution
- National Moot Court Team
- Student Director, Westlaw, and Bar/Bri Bar Review
- Co-founder, Ohio State Chapter, *Just Democracy* (grassroots voter protection)

### **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**, Newark, NJ

*Master of Arts, High Academic Honors, focus on Historiography, 2004*

### **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**, New Brunswick, NJ

*Bachelor of Arts, in Jazz Studies, 2001*

## LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **OHIO COURT OF APPEALS, TENTH APPELLATE DISTRICT**

**Staff Attorney/Judicial Clerk**

**[www.tenthdistrictcourt.org](http://www.tenthdistrictcourt.org)**

**Columbus, OH**

**2/07 to Present**

Law clerk in Ohio's busiest appellate court with exclusive jurisdiction over appeals from county trial courts, Ohio Court of Claims, and nearly every state agency, including Ohio Elections Commission, Industrial Commission, and State Medical Board of Ohio. Review criminal and civil appeals of construction, commercial real estate, professional liability, employment/contract, and family law cases. Review emergency motions and applications for extraordinary writs; draft orders and advisory memoranda.

- Drafted more than four-dozen judicial opinions, including a high-profile employment case involving the State, and a \$2.5M verdict, collateral review of a capital case, and several multi-million-dollar construction delay/defect cases.
- Responsible for creating numerous judicial decisions that materially changed existing state law in evidence, constitutional law, alternative dispute resolution, and the burden-of-proof requisite to terminate parental rights.
- Contributing editor to BRYAN A. GARNER, *GARNER'S MODERN AMERICAN USAGE: THE AUTHORITY ON GRAMMAR, USAGE, AND STYLE* (Oxford 2009).
- Chair of the court's Environmental Responsibility Committee, est. 2008.
- Completed Bryan Garner's *Advanced Judicial Writing* and *Advanced Legal Writing & Editing* continuing legal education workshop seminars.

### **HUPRICH AND LEWIS LLC**

**Legal Assistant**

**Columbus, OH**

**8/06 to 2/07**

Recruited by senior counsel from Thompson Hine's construction group to start boutique litigation firm. Managed deadline-driven research projects. Drafted complaints, motions, and discovery. Investigated and prepared case evaluations of new matters.

- Communicated directly with firm clients.
- Managed and organized war room in connection with construction litigation.
- Prepared motion for new trial, successfully averting \$1M adverse jury verdict.

**THOMPSON HINE LLP**  
**Summer Associate**  
**[www.thompsonhine.com](http://www.thompsonhine.com)**

**Columbus, OH**  
**5/06 to 8/06**

Intense summer clerkship with progressive responsibility and legal experience within the construction litigation and combined IP/antitrust/white-collar crime practice groups.

- Assisted in preparation for and participated in a week-long summary jury trial of a construction delay claim that resulted in a \$1M verdict for our client.
- Contributed to an appellate brief to Supreme Court of Ohio in a \$5M *Eichleay*-claim, and contributed to two Sixth Circuit briefs, appealing a RICO and securities fraud conviction.
- Developed outside business relationships that generated new firm business.
- Exceeded 270 billable hours in July 2006; top-billing non-partner, firm wide.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**DELAWARE CITY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE**  
**Special Assistant City Prosecutor**  
**[www.delawareohio.net](http://www.delawareohio.net)**

**Delaware, OH**  
**8/06 to 12/06**

Prosecuted misdemeanor and traffic offenses in municipal court as a certified legal intern. Interviewed victims, witnesses, and law enforcement personnel, and prepared them for trial. Examined and gathered evidence, evaluated pre-sentence investigations, engaged in plea negotiations, and made sentencing recommendations to the court.

- First-chaired numerous court appearances on behalf of the state of Ohio.
- Obtained guilty pleas and convictions in 100% of cases managed.

**SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**  
**Judicial Extern, Chambers of Justice Paul E. Pfeifer**  
**[www.sconet.state.oh.us](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us)**

**Columbus, OH**  
**1/06 to 5/06**

Reviewed and researched jurisdictional petitions seeking discretionary appellate review by the state's highest court, and advised the court of conflicting Ohio law and relevant foreign state law through bench memoranda.

- Drafted a published Supreme Court opinion adopting a new proposition of law that distinguished Ohio's mailbox rule and savings statute.

**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**  
**Research Assistant to Professor Chris Fairman**  
**<http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/faculty>**

**Columbus, OH**  
**1/05 to 8/06**

Researched and assisted with drafting and editing scholarly articles for publication.

- All projects published; one such article became the most downloaded law review article to date on Social Science Research Network [www.ssrn.com](http://www.ssrn.com).

**FRANKLIN COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT**  
**Mediator, Small Claims Division**  
**[www.fcmcclerk.com](http://www.fcmcclerk.com)**

**Columbus, OH**  
**8/05 to 1/06**

Facilitated negotiation and settlement between adverse parties in court-ordered mediation cases involving commercial/consumer transactions, landlord-tenant, and premises liability disputes.

**ABE BAHGAT CO., LPA**  
**Legal Assistant**

**Columbus, OH**  
**5/04 to 5/06**

Provided research and case management assistance in family law practice. Obtained acquittal of an immigrant honors student falsely accused of weapons possession:

- Researched, drafted, and argued a motion to suppress; then prepared an appeal of the court's decision overruling the motion.
- Won reversal on appeal by arguing that the police seizure of evidence was the product of an unlawful *Terry*-stop.

PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS

New Jersey State Bar Association  
Middlesex County Bar Association  
Ohio State Bar Association  
Columbus Bar Association

AWARDS & CIVIC  
SERVICES

**Pelotonia** | [www.pelotonia.org](http://www.pelotonia.org) (2009)

Raised over \$2,000.00, and bicycled 180-miles in the inaugural tour of southern Ohio, which raised over \$4.5M for cancer research at Ohio State's James Cancer Hospital.

**Franklin County Board of Elections** | Precinct Election Official/Judge (2007–08)

**Habitat for Humanity** | [www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org) | Construction Crew Lead (2007–08)

Built and supervised complete construction of two homes from foundation to finish, and contributed to and oversaw construction of aspects of several other new-home builds.

**Columbus Bar Foundation** | [www.columbusbarfoundation.org](http://www.columbusbarfoundation.org) | Pro Bono "Helping Hands" Award (2007)

**Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation** | [www.olaf.org](http://www.olaf.org) | "Public Service Fellow" Award (2007)

**Ohio State University Alumni Association** | Life Member (2007–)

**LexisNexis** | [www.lexisnexis.com](http://www.lexisnexis.com) | "High Personal Standards" Award (2005)

**Williams-Sonoma, Inc.** | "Catch the Spirit" Award (2002, 2003)

Two-time recipient of corporate award to top associate for demonstration of extraordinary customer service, leadership, and teamwork.

**New Brunswick Jazz Institute** | Music Instructor (1998–2000)

Taught weekly private and group music lessons on saxophone, flute, clarinet, and music theory to underprivileged middle-school-aged children.

REFERENCES &  
TRANSCRIPTS

Available upon request.