

## CLEVELAND LAWRENCE III



### EDUCATION

#### **George Washington University Law School**

Juris Doctor, With Honors, May 2001  
Public Contracts Law Journal

Washington, DC

#### **Georgetown University**

Bachelor of Arts, English, May 1997  
Bachelor of Arts, Government, May 1997

Washington, DC

### BAR ADMISSIONS

Virginia State Bar, 2001  
District of Columbia Bar, 2003

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Taxpayers Against Fraud/TAF Education Fund**

*Co-Executive Director*  
*Acting Executive Director*  
*Director of Legal Education*

Washington, DC

2013 – Present  
2010 – 2011  
2008 – 2013

- Educate whistleblowers, the public at large, and government and private attorneys on False Claims Act and whistleblower issues.
- Draft and file *amicus curiae* briefs on False Claims Act and whistleblower issues in federal and state courts across the country, including the United States Supreme Court.
- Submit oral and written testimony and comment letters to federal and state legislative and regulatory bodies.
- Editor-in-Chief of law journal, *False Claims Act & Qui Tam Quarterly Review*.
- Organize the country's largest annual national conference on False Claims Act issues and coordinate national seminars on the IRS, SEC, and CFTC whistleblower programs.
- Frequently speak at conferences and other educational events for whistleblowers and their counsel.
- Manage day-to-day office operations, budget, and staff, serve as in-house counsel, and manage outside counsel.

**Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP**

*Litigation Associate*  
*Hiring Committee*  
*Litigation Law Clerk*  
*Summer Associate*

**Washington, DC**

2001 – 2008  
2006 – 2008  
Spring 2001  
1999; 2000

- Represented Toyobo Company, Ltd. and Toyobo America, Inc., in False Claims Act/*qui tam*, class action, personal injury, and wrongful death litigation regarding the manufacture and sale of bullet-resistant vests.
- Engaged in all aspects of complex commercial litigation in a wide variety of fields, including Insurance Coverage, Antitrust, Products Liability, Bankruptcy, Healthcare, Class Actions, Mass Tort/Environmental, White Collar Crime, and Trade Secrets.
- Performed due diligence and provided environmental consulting concerning potential corporate acquisitions, responded to administrative subpoenas from government agencies, and performed investigations on behalf of a federal government agency.
- Argued motions before federal and state courts.
- Conducted and defended depositions, and prepared fact and expert witnesses for deposition and trial.
- Participated in settlement negotiations.
- Managed document review and production of documents.
- Performed legal research and drafted briefs and other pleadings and memoranda to courts, clients, and for internal use.

**Pro Bono**

- Appointed guardian *ad litem* for eleven year old boy whose parents were engaged in a child custody dispute.
- Represented individual appealing a disaster assistance award and seeking replacement trailer from FEMA, following Hurricane Katrina.
- Brought class action lawsuit against FEMA, alleging constitutional and statutory violations in connection with the administration of FEMA's rental assistance program, following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

**Baker & Hostetler, LLP**

*Summer Associate*

**Washington, DC**

2000

- Performed legal research on matters within the firm's Commercial Litigation, Medical Malpractice, Antitrust, and First Amendment departments.
- Provided support during depositions and client meetings.
- Received offer for permanent associate position.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Lagniappe Education Foundation**

*Founder, President & CEO*

**New Orleans, LA**

2009 to Present