



## Semaj Garrett

*Associate*

**Determined. Innovative. Results Driven.**

Semaj is an empathic advocate that will zealously fight in your defense. She is known for being goal-oriented and charismatic. Her thirst for success will allow her to take on any case with confidence, even in the most challenging situations. With a focus on outstanding client service, Semaj offers poise, passion, and persistence tailored to each client's needs.

### **UNIQUE PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND**

Born in Fort Worth and raised in Arlington, Semaj earned her law degree from the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law. Semaj's academic success equipped her to become a first-generation college graduate and a first-generation Doctor of Jurisprudence, which shows her commitment and dedication to any task she has at hand as well as her grit to overcome any obstacle placed in her way. Before becoming a first-generation Doctor of Jurisprudence, Semaj attended the University of North Texas in Denton. She obtained her Bachelor's Degree while working full-time for a Fortune 500 Company. In addition to her nearly 12 years of experience in Corporate America, she provides an invaluable entrepreneurial skillset that allows her to navigate and resolve any client's issue with ease.

### **SERVANT LEADERSHIP**

Semaj follows a servant leadership approach to advising business clients on defending personal injury disputes and handling employment workplace issues, for example, reproductive rights, discrimination allegations, and the impact of cannabis legislation. Semaj is ready and willing to spend as much time as it takes meeting with clients, understanding their needs, and breaking down the complex legal process. Over the years, she has been a pillar in her community through her active participation and willingness to serve others. She is the President of the HOA in her community, the past President of the Christian Legal Society at UNT Dallas College of Law, and she leads the marriage ministry (with her husband) at their local church. Semaj desires to create a legacy for her children rooted in a sound education and solid principles while also being a tangible example of legal excellence for others in her community.

# SEMAJ'S BACKGROUND

*"Semaj is a tireless advocate and dedicated employee."*

## ***Education***

**J.D., UNT Dallas College of Law**

**B.S., University of North Texas**

- Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice

## ***Admissions & Legal Associations***

- State Bar of Texas
- Dallas Bar Association
- J. L. Turner Legal Association
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers
- Patrick E. Higginbotham American Inn of Court

## ***Legal Publications & Presentations***

- Claims Confidentiality: Plaintiff's Access to Claim Documents & Ability to Depose Claims Adjusters, 2022 Dallas Chapter CPCU Society – Speaker, August 2022
- Destination Esquire: Life Beyond the Bar, 2022 SWBLSA Academic Leadership Retreat – Speaker, September 2022

## ***Legal Experience***

- Associate, Stewart Law Group PLLC | 2021 - Present
- Law Clerk, McCaffity, Quesada, & Geisler, LLP | 2020
- Law Clerk, National Labor Relations Board | 2020
- Owner Sales Director, Cool Ink, LLC | 2013 - 2020
- ABA JIOP Judicial Intern for the Honorable D'Metria Benson | 2019
- Judicial Intern for the Honorable Dennise Garcia & Retired Justice Mary Murphy, Fifth District Court of Appeals | 2018
- DAYL Judicial Intern for the Honorable Dominique Collins | 2018

## ***Honors & Awards***

- Dean's List Scholar, Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society
- Federal Agency Intern Program Recipient, Dallas Bar Association Labor & Employment Law Section
- Finalist, Thompson & Knight Moot Court Competition & Best Brief
- Board of Advocates (invitation-only organization for students)
- Dallas Bar Foundation Sarah T. Hughes Scholar
- African American Bar Association of Tarrant County L. Clifford Davis Scholar
- African American Bar Association of Dallas County J. L. Turner Scholar
- UNT Dallas College of Law Ethics Day Scholar
- UNT Dallas College of Law Ashely Jones Wright Scholar
- Barbara M. G. Lynn Intellectual Property Inn of Court 2020 Most Interesting Person of the Year

## ***Community Engagement***

- UNT Dallas College of Law Driver's License Clinic | 2022 - Present
- L. Clifford Davis Expungement & Non-Disclosure Clinic | 2022 – Present
- Pro Bono Veteran's Clinic | 2022 – Present
- President, Whitmarsh Estates Homeowners Association | 2019 - Present