



Ersula D. Cosby

Ms. Cosby attended Carnegie Mellon University and Temple University Beasley School of Law, where she was awarded distinguished class performance in the Integrated Trial Advocacy Program, Civil Procedure, and Contracts. After working at a large firm in Philadelphia, she founded Cosby & Associates, LLC – a general practice law firm serving individuals and small businesses in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. The firm focuses 60 percent of its legal efforts on family law. Small business, estate planning, consumer bankruptcy, civil litigation and criminal defense comprise the remaining 40 percent of representation.

Ms. Cosby is an active member of the Bucks County Bar Association and the Pennsylvania Bar Association. She participates in the Minority Bar Committee as co-chair of the Welcoming Subcommittee. She is also a member of the PBA Solo and Small Firm Practice Section, Civil and Equal Rights Committee, and Membership Committee.

She serves as court-appointed counsel in Bucks County Orphan's Court, chair of the Bucks County NAACP Legal Redress Committee and Treasurer for the Crestwood Condominium Association. She volunteers extensively with organizations that benefit the local community: Bucks County Women's Fund, Legal Aid of Southeastern PA, Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project. She is proud to have helped establish Lower Bucks Volunteers for Change, a volunteer-based collaborative community initiative borne out of Barack Obama's call for new and increased community action.

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LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COSBY & ASSOCIATES, LLC, Langhorne, PA

Attorney, January 2008 – Present

Interview potential clients; write all correspondence between firm and client; prepare, review, file electronically, and attend 341 hearings in Chapter 7 consumer bankruptcy cases; file petitions, answer complaints, submit motions, and appear at conferences and hearings to represent individuals in domestic relations and civil matters; represent parents as court-appointed counsel in Orphan's Court; prepare and file documents related to business startups, draft, negotiate and finalize contracts for small business clients; defend individuals in criminal matters involving misdemeanors, traffic violations, driving while intoxicated/under influence (DWI/DUI) cases, provide advice related to estate planning – prepare final wills, powers of attorney, and advance healthcare directives; perform any and all duties necessary to run a solo practice.

Randstad at VANGUARD, Malvern, PA

Technical Writer, December 2006–December 2007

Reviewed plan documents with subject matter experts (SMEs) in compliance and testing analysis group; proactively worked with SMEs to document processes and work flow; gathered feedback to improve current procedures; proofread documents; collaborated with supervisors and managers to create schedules and meet deadlines.

Hudson Legal at DECHERT LLP, Philadelphia, PA

Contractor, February 2005–December 2006

Assisted in complex litigation by coding documents. Reviewed materials based on conventional legal standards. Collaborated with co-workers to make critical determinations, streamline coding guidelines, and create privilege logs. Reviewed deliverables for quality control and consistency.

Creative, Freelance, Professional, and Technical Writer, 1994–2005

Coordinated community programs for non-profit organizations; wrote grant proposal; participated in arts programs, such as the National Poetry Slam; published creative works; planned, designed and produced hardware, software, and marketing print, online and integrated documentation.

EDUCATION

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA *Juris Doctor*, January 2004

- Distinguished Class Performance: Integrated Trial Advocacy Program (Spring 2003, Fall 2002); Civil Procedure I (Spring 2001); Contracts I (Fall 2000)
- Ally McBeal Award (Spring 2001)

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, Pittsburgh, PA *Bachelor of Science in Technical Writing*, May 1994

MEMBERSHIP AND VOLUNTEER WORK

Bucks County Bar Association

Pennsylvania Bar Association

- Minority Bar Committee – co-chairperson, Welcoming subcommittee
- Civil and Equal Rights Committee

Consumer Bankruptcy Assistance Project

Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania (LASP)

NAACP Bucks County

- Chairperson, Legal Redress Committee

Bucks County Women's Fund

Crestwood Condominium Association, Treasurer

Lower Bucks Volunteers for Change, Organizer and Volunteer