



Chioma Chukwu-Smith

Associate

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Chioma represents clients in complex commercial litigation, including contract, business, real estate disputes, and adverse bankruptcy proceedings. She manages all phases of litigation, from initial strategy through resolution, overseeing written discovery and depositions, preparing and arguing dispositive and procedural motions, and drafting appellate briefs.

Chioma takes a strategic, solutions-oriented approach to each matter. Her attention to detail, strong analytical skills, and dedication to achieving her clients' objectives make her a trusted advisor in and out of the courtroom.

Before joining UB Greensfelder, Chioma practiced at a St. Louis-based law firm, where she handled a wide range of litigation matters. She previously completed multiple judicial clerkships in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri and the Missouri Court of Appeals–Eastern District, following earlier roles as a judicial intern and summer associate. Chioma also completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Saint Louis University School of Law.

In her free time, Chioma enjoys spending time with her husband and two kids, running, and traveling overseas. She lived in Tokyo with her family for two years and enjoys language exchange to practice Japanese.

Education

- State University of New York (B.A., 2007)
- Saint Louis University School of Law (J.D., 2021)
 - Saint Louis University Law Journal (Editor-in-Chief)
 - International and Comparative Law Concentration
 - Academic Excellence Awards (Anthropology of Law and Ethics of Prosecution)

Bar Admissions

- Missouri
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Missouri

Practices & Industries

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Complex Business Litigation

Professional Affiliations

- Regional Business Council Young Professionals Network (*Member*)
- Supreme Court of Missouri Civic Education Committee
- American Bar Association
- Federal Bar Association (*Board Member; National Delegate*)
- Mound City Bar Association
- Women's Law Association

Community Involvement

- The FAM (Fair Access to Mortgages) (*Board Member*)
- *St. Louis Mom* (*Contributing Content Creator*)

Awards & Honors

- Regional Business Council Young Professionals Network Leadership 100 (2026)
- Women's Justice Award: 2021 Leaders of Tomorrow, *Missouri Lawyers Weekly*
- Jody A. Hanson Law Journal Student Award (2021)
- Saint Louis University School of Law Student of the Year (2021)

Experience

- Secured dismissal of entire action on procedural grounds, eliminating litigation exposure and saving client significant legal costs.
- Contributed to summary judgment victory by focusing court on lack of standing and ripeness, resulting in dismissal of claims as not justiciable.
- Advocated pro bono on behalf of individual sentenced to life imprisonment by presenting evidence of innocence and witness testimony before the Missouri Board of Probation and Parole, resulting in a grant of parole.

Publications & Presentations

Publications

- "The International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination: An Analysis of Article 4's Implementation on Hate Speech in the United States, Japan, and Germany," *SLU Law Journal*, Volume 65 (2021)
- "Seventh Circuit Affirms Motion to Dismiss for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction in Illinois," *HeplerBroom Blog* (October 2020)