

# BENJAMIN RIGNEY

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## EDUCATION

### University of Richmond School of Law

Richmond, VA

*Juris Doctor*, cum laude

May 2022

- Honors: Associate Online Editor, *University of Richmond Law Review* (2021-22); Staff Member, *University of Richmond Law Review* (2020-21); CALI Award (highest grade), *Family Law* (Fall 2020).
- Extracurriculars: President, *Christian Law Fellowship* (2020-22); President and Founder, *Older Wiser Law Students (OWLS)* (Richmond Law Chapter) (2020-2021); Member, *2022 Class Gift Committee* (2022).

### Carolina University

Winston-Salem, NC

*Doctor of Philosophy in Leadership Studies*, with distinction

June 2017

- Dissertation: “Leadership Development Practices of Intercollegiate Athletic Coaches at Christian Universities”

### Liberty University

Lynchburg, VA

*Master of Arts in Theological Studies*

September 2011

### Carolina University

Winston-Salem, NC

*Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies*

May 2010

- Honors: Lehman Strauss Expository Preaching Award (2009).
  - Extracurriculars: Class of 2010 President (2008-10); Class of 2010 Vice President (2007).
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## EXPERIENCE

### Bold Duck Studios

Richmond, VA

*Legal Business Design Consultant*

August 2022 - Present

- Presenting material pertaining to legal project management.
- Developing and presenting content on leadership development in law firms.

### University of Richmond School of Law

Richmond, VA

*Adjunct Faculty*

August 2022 - Present

- Teaching the course “Lawyers as Leaders” in Spring 2023 with Professor Janice Craft.

### University of Richmond School of Law

Richmond, VA

*Teaching Assistant for Professor Janice Craft*

December 2021 - May 2022

- Lectured on the topic of leadership theory in the context of legal practice for the upper-level class “Lawyers as Leaders” including the topics of transformational leadership, emotional intelligence, and empathetic leadership.
- Assisted with the facilitation of class discussions, creation of the class presentations, and designing the specific class lectures alongside Professor Craft.

### University of Richmond School of Law

Richmond, VA

*Teaching Assistant for Professor Josh Kubicki*

February 2022

- Performed administrative tasks for the *Lean Six Sigma* “Legal Project Management” intensive course at the University of Richmond School of Law.

### University of Richmond School of Law

Richmond, VA

*Research Assistant for Professor Janice Craft*

August 2021 - December 2021

- Aided in the creation of a leadership development course at the University of Richmond School of Law.

- Researched textbooks, books, podcasts, articles, and pop culture materials to be used in the course.

**University of Richmond School of Law**

**Richmond, VA**

*Research Assistant for Dean Alison Tait*

May 2021 - October 2021

- Researched case law, statutes, municipal codes, websites, books, and law review articles regarding the varied definitions of “families” in U.S. Law.
- Compiled findings and presented data to Dean Tait for her use in a research project.

**Halperin Law Center**

**Glenn Allen, VA**

*Summer Law Clerk*

May 2021 - August 2021

- Conducted legal research and provided legal analysis for CLE courses and pending federal lawsuits.
- Wrote legal briefs and motions, conducted jury investigations, and reviewed attorneys’ motions before submission.
- Performed extensive discovery for pending federal civil rights litigation.

**Roanoke City Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court**

**Roanoke, VA**

*Summer Intern for Judge Frank W. Rogers, III.*

May 2020 - August 2020

- Conducted research, wrote judicial orders and opinions, performed legal analysis, and observed court proceedings.
- Wrote and taught presentations on legal theory and its proper application in JDR Courts.
- Wrote statutory analyses, articles on legal topics, and an onboarding guide for future interns.

**Freelance**

*Public Speaking and Teaching*

December 2006 – August 2019

- Developed content and presented material at universities, high schools, churches, and camps.

**Riverside Church**

**Buchanan, VA**

*Lead Pastor*

December 2014 - December 2016

- Wrote and taught expositional sermons weekly in Sunday services leading to steadily increasing growth.
- Trained volunteers to effectively lead different church ministries and oversaw all church business.

**South Roanoke United Methodist Church**

**Roanoke, VA**

*Director of Christian Education*

August 2013 - November 2014

- Identified and trained leaders for the educational programs.
- Facilitated classes, developed educational programming, and maintained the departmental budget.

**Citylight Church**

**Roanoke, VA**

*Pastoral Assistant and Curriculum Writer*

August 2009 - September 2011

- Organized and trained volunteer ministry teams for the various ministry programs of the church.
- Wrote original curriculum for both adults and children programs and taught as needed.

**Carolina University**

**Winston-Salem, NC**

*Admissions Representative*

September 2007 - May 2008

- Contacted prospective students on behalf of Piedmont International University (now “Carolina University”).
- Represented the university at college recruitment events on campus and off campus.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Community Service:** Board of Directors, Solomon’s Mission (Buchanan, VA) (January 2015 - August 2019).

**Certifications:** Lean Six Sigma, *Yellow Belt* (2021).

**Presentations:** “Lean Six Sigma: A Tasting” (42nd Annual *International Law and Technology Association Conference*, 2022 with Kim Craig of Bold Duck Studios); “Lead Well: Holistic Wellbeing and Effective Leadership in Church Ministry” (2nd Annual *Solomon’s Mission Church Leaders’ Encouragement Night*, 2018).

**Professional Memberships:** Christian Legal Society (2021-2022); Christian Law Fellowship (Richmond Law Chapter) (2019-2022); OWLS (Richmond Law Chapter) (2020-2022); American Bar Association (2020-2022).