

# RACHEL KOEHN BRELAND

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**South Texas College of Law Houston**, Houston, Texas  
*Visiting Assistant Professor* (August 2022-present)  
*Assistant Professor* (beginning in August 2024)  
Courses: Civil Procedure I (in-person and online); Evidence (in-person)

## EDUCATION

**Baylor University School of Law**, Waco, Texas  
Juris Doctor, *Summa cum laude*, April 2018 | Class Rank: 2 of 98  
Baylor Law Review | *Editor-in-Chief*  
NYC Bar Association National Moot Court Competition  
Baylor Christian Legal Society | *Vice President*  
Baylor Public Interest Legal Society

**University of Missouri**, Columbia, Missouri  
Bachelor of Journalism in Strategic Communication, *Summa cum laude*,  
May 2015  
Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies, *Summa cum laude*, May 2015  
Walter Williams Journalism Scholar  
Honors College Ambassadors | *Tri-Chair*  
Women of Worth Mentor Program | *Executive Board*

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Articles*

- Rachel Koehn Breland, *Avoiding Rejection: Studying When and Why State Courts Decline Certified Questions* (forthcoming in the *Fordham Law Review* in 2024)
- Rachel Koehn, Comment, *Family Law Frustrations: Addressing Hague Convention Issues in Federal Courts*, 69 *Baylor L. Rev.* 636 (2017)

### *Legal Blog Posts*

- John C.C. Sanders, Katrina G. Eash, & Rachel N. Koehn, “Recent FTC Paper Likely Overstates MLMs’ Pyramid Potential,” *Winston & Strawn’s Direct Sellers Update: Regulation, Law & Policy* (March 24, 2020)
- John C.C. Sanders, Katrina G. Eash, & Rachel N. Koehn, “New Executive Orders May Impact FTC Enforcement Actions Against Direct Sellers,” *Winston & Strawn’s Direct Sellers Update: Regulation, Law & Policy* (November 20, 2019)

**WORK  
EXPERIENCE**

**Winston & Strawn LLP**, Dallas, Texas

*Associate* (September 2019-May 2022)

*Summer Associate* (Summer 2017)

Represented clients in various complex commercial matters, including employment covenant and trade secret disputes, contract actions, and False Claims Act litigation

**United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**, Houston, Texas

*Law Clerk to the Honorable Jennifer Walker Elrod* (September 2018-September 2019)

Assisted in drafting judicial orders and opinions and preparing for oral arguments; supervised legal interns, including assigning tasks and reviewing work product

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

- State Bar of Texas – *Second Highest Scorer on July 2018 Bar Exam*
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas
- United States District Court for the Western District of Texas

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Christian Legal Society (2022-present)
- American Bar Association (2022-present)
- Houston Bar Association (2018-2019, 2022-present)
- Dallas Bar Association (2019-2022)
- Dallas Women Lawyers Association (2019-2022)
- Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (2019-2022)
- Houston Young Lawyers Association (2018-2019)
- Garland R. Walker American Inn of Court (2018-2019)

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

- Grace Bible Church Houston | *Partner, Children's Ministry Volunteer*