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Jermaine A. Brookshire, Jr. is an associate in Herrick's Corporate Department where he focuses his practice on corporate finance and strategic transactions, technology agreements, commercial agreements, mergers and acquisitions, debt and venture capital financing rounds, securities law compliance, corporate governance, and other general corporate matters.

Jermaine is also a member of Herrick's Sports Law Group, representing clients in the sports industry in various corporate and transactional matters.

Prior to joining Herrick, Jermaine was an associate at Wiggin and Dana LLP where he worked primarily within the firm's Emerging Companies and Venture Capital Practice Group, advising startups on formation inquiries, structure and scaling, and counseling them through multiple financing rounds (and even a successful exit event). He also has experience with health care specific corporate transactions. Jermaine held a legal internship with the Yale-New Haven Health System in the Legal and Risk Services Department in New Haven, Connecticut. Jermaine also worked as a Senior Analyst for the Committee on Labor for the New York State Assembly in Albany, New York.

Jermaine is a devoted community volunteer and youth mentor. He is the Founder and CEO of The Great Expectations Movement (GEM), Inc. GEM is a non-profit organization focused on guiding the next generation's personal and professional development through mentorship and workshops designed to help the youth develop their own specific plans for success. Jermaine is the Vice Chair of the Board of Directors for Horizons at The Foote School which is anchored around its robust summer academic and enrichment program targeting inner city youth in the Greater New Haven Connecticut region. Jermaine is also a very active member of the Connecticut Bar Association where he holds various executive leadership roles and serves on multiple task forces and committees.

Services

- Corporate
- Capital Markets
- Mergers & Acquisitions/Joint Ventures
- Venture Capital
- Sports

Education

- Washington University in St. Louis School of Law (J.D., 2019)
 - Scholar in Law Award
- The College of Saint Rose (B.A., 2013)
 - Commencement Speaker for the Class of 2020
 - President's Leadership and Inclusive Excellence Award

- Student/Alumni Ambassador

Recognitions and Accolades

- Thomson Reuters New York Metro *Super Lawyers Rising Star* (2024)
- Connecticut Bar Association “Volunteer of the Year” - Honoree (2024)
- Connecticut Bar Association “Star of the Year” - Honoree (2022 & 2023)
- Connecticut Law Tribune “New Leaders in the Law” - Honoree (2022)
- The National Black Lawyers “Top 40 Under 40” - Honoree (2022)
- Connecticut Bar Association “Rookie of the Year” - Honoree (2020 & 2021)



- Carta - Certified Expert

Award Methodology

Memberships & Associations

- American Bar Association
- Connecticut Bar Association
 - Assessing and Improving Civility in the Legal Profession Task Force - Member
 - Civics Education Committee - Member
 - House of Delegates - District Delegate
 - Lawyer Well-Being Committee - Member
 - Young Lawyers Section - Secretary
 - Young Lawyers Section - Continuing Legal Education - Director (*fmr.*)
 - Young Lawyers Section - Business Law Co-Chair (*fmr.*)
- Horizons at The Foote School - Vice Chair of the Board of Directors
- United Way of Greater New Haven - Member, Board of Directors
- Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, Health Care and Life Sciences Council - Executive Board Member (*fmr.*)
- New York State Senate Democratic Conference Internship Program - Volunteer Program Advisor (*fmr.*)

Previously Published Works, Lectures and Press

On Friday, July 19, 2024, Jermaine delivered the keynote address at The Hon. Warren W. Eginton Justice Institute at the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. The Justice Institute is an immersive summer program for high school students who are afforded the opportunity to meet and learn from several attorneys and state and federal judges. To learn more about the Hon. Warren W. Eginton Justice Institute, [click here](#).

On May 30, 2024, Jermaine, Haseeb Khan, Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, and Antoria Howard, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, collaborated as panelists for the Connecticut Bar Association Young Lawyers Section virtual “lunch and learn” entitled, “*Diversity Matters: The Importance of Diversity in the Legal Profession.*”

On February 27, 2024, Jermaine was a featured speaker at the New Haven Equitable Entrepreneurial Ecosystem (NHE3) Workshop, “*Legacy Planning for Your Business and Personal Success.*” Jermaine presented an overview of some of the issues that individuals seeking to start their new business venture should be poised to navigate, as well as key considerations that entrepreneurs should keep in mind during their decision-making to position them to achieve their desired growth.

On November 15, 2023, Jermaine presented on a panel at the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce’s business expo, “The Big Connect.” Jermaine and other panelists presented a session entitled, “*Diversifying Nonprofit & For-Profit Boards: Strategies for Inclusive Leadership*” where they provided valuable insights and practical strategies for fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion at the highest levels of any organization.

Jermaine participated as a speaker in the 2023 Yale Innovation Summit on a panel entitled, “*How to Build a Better Board.*” The Yale Innovation Summit is Connecticut’s biggest entrepreneurship event, convening innovators, investors, and industry leaders for panels, speakers, and networking in the arts, biotech, climate, health, and tech spaces.

On April 26, 2023, Jermaine moderated a conversation on behalf of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Health Care and Life Sciences Council that offered perspectives on how different personal styles, expectations, and habits can cause challenges in the workplace, culminating into retention issues if they aren’t carefully managed.

Jermaine spoke at Quinnipiac University School of Medicine on February 23, 2023, to present tips for effective legislative advocacy to practicing physicians, faculty, and medical students in the Health Policy and Advocacy Concentration.

On June 13, 2022, Jermaine moderated and presented a panel at the Connecticut Bar Association’s 2022 Connecticut Legal Conference on the topic of venture capital financings in a program entitled, “*Own the Deal: A Panel on Venture Financing Transactions.*”

On April 26, 2021, Jermaine co-presented a CLE presentation for the [Connecticut Bar Association](#) entitled, “[Life Cycle of the Emerging Growth Company: Formation to Liquidity.](#)”