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OVERVIEW

With solid trial and courtroom experience gained early in her career, Bola is a passionate advocate for clients' cases.

Bola handles complex commercial litigation matters for clients across a wide variety of industries, with an emphasis on healthcare and construction. She has experience with contract disputes, class action cases, and white collar matters and related investigations, and she has represented both plaintiffs and defendants—giving her the opportunity to develop skills on both sides, and helping her better anticipate the opposition's next moves.

Thanks to her reputation as a highly effective litigator, Bola began handling overall case management early in her career—overseeing petitions and answers, the drafting of motions, depositions, client counseling, hearings and mediation, and trial preparation. She has taken the lead and made solo court appearances for a number of cases and is often selected as the only associate included on major litigation teams.

Bola describes herself first as a storyteller: her role is to tell a convincing narrative—the prevailing narrative—to a judge or jury,

> *"I was very much looking forward to seeing Bola in action in court but her motion to dismiss ended it before it began! Thank you, Husch Blackwell. We were in excellent hands."*
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> — Brad Bryan, Pastor, Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist Church

Services

Class Action Defense

Commercial Litigation

Litigation & Alternative Dispute Resolution

White Collar, Internal Investigations, & Compliance

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leading her audience through the facts to a conclusion in the client's favor. She thrives on building arguments and developing strategies, and she draws on the eloquence and adaptability she honed in student and community theatre prior to law school. Bola is known as an excellent, enthusiastic communicator in the courtroom who knows how to tailor arguments to individual judges.

Bola's passion for strategy goes hand-in-hand with her knack for client service. Her approach is always driven by client needs, and she keeps client goals front and center as she tackles a piece of litigation. Bola's aim is always to do what's best for the client, even when that means negotiating a favorable settlement in a winnable case. She thinks of herself broadly as a problem solver and is eager to connect with any potential client, confident that Husch Blackwell can solve any business problem.

A first-generation Nigerian immigrant, Bola believes that making sure everyone has a seat at the table is a natural extension of her legal advocacy. She is just as passionate about building an inclusive environment at her firm as she is about her work itself. Bola has assisted with the planning of firm events, launched our name pronunciation website tool, and takes a truly intentional approach to building community within Husch Blackwell.

Experience

- Defended church against petition alleging deprivation of rights after individual was banned from property. Drafted motion to dismiss that was granted in less than five minutes by court, preventing a trial.
- Handles case management for various small claims and pro bono matters, including mediation, depositions, client counseling, and trials.
- Represented growing construction development company in contract dispute.
- Assisted with white collar case in federal and multiple state courts.

Recognition

- National Black Lawyers (NBL), Top 40 Under 40, 2023
- Missouri Bar Pro Bono Wall of Fame, 2021

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Education

- J.D., Saint Louis University School of Law
  - Certificate in Health Law, Labor & Employment Law
  - *American Bar Association (ABA) Journal of Labor & Employment Law*, Editor-in-Chief
  - *ABA Journal of Labor & Employment Law*, Staff Editor
  - Leaders of Tomorrow Woman's Justice Award Honoree
  - Linda J. Murphy Scholar
  - Leadership Service Award
  - National Black Law Student Association (BLSA) Board Member at Large; Chapter President; Regional Director of Community Service, BLSA 1L Scholar,
  - Alpha Sigma Nu
  - Phi Delta Phi
  - Theodore McMillian Inns of Court
- M.P.H., Washington University in St. Louis
  - Health Policy Analysis
  - Delta Omega Service Award
  - Black Student Union
- B.A., University of California, Riverside
  - Public Policy

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Admissions

- Missouri
- Illinois
- Texas
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas

Community Leadership

- Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, Young Friends Board Member, 2022-present
- Gateway Arch Park Foundation, Young Friends Board Member, 2021-present
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, 2020-present
- Big Brothers Big Sisters, 2015-present
- AmeriCorps, St. Louis, 2017



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