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Fourteen years of Delaware corporate litigation, seven of them as my own practice. I take Chancery matters from firms who are conflicted out, argue the appeals that follow, and write the opinion letters boards read before they vote.

01 APPOINTMENTS

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Principal

Cole Law · Wilmington, DE

Trial and appellate work in the Court of Chancery, taken directly and as co-counsel for firms carrying a conflict.

2019 – Present
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Partner

Merrick Tate LLP · Wilmington, DE

Corporate and fiduciary litigation group. Second chair on eleven Chancery trials, first chair on four.

2016 – 2019
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Associate

Merrick Tate LLP · Wilmington, DE

2013 – 2016
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Law clerk to the Honorable Ruth Vandermeer

Delaware Court of Chancery · Wilmington, DE

One term in Chancery, which is where I learned what a record has to look like before anyone reads it.

2012 – 2013
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Summer associate

Ashford Reed · Philadelphia, PA

2010 – 2010

02 EDUCATION

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JD

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School · Philadelphia, PA

Cum laude. Articles editor, Business Law Review.

2008 – 2011

02	BA Economics	2004 – 2008
	Howard University · Washington, DC	
	Magna cum laude.	
03	ADMISSIONS AND COURTS	
01	Delaware	2012
	State bar	
02	New York	2013
	State bar	
03	Court of Chancery and Superior Court of Delaware	2012
04	Supreme Court of Delaware	2013
05	District of Delaware and the Third Circuit	2014
04	ARGUED APPEALS	
01	Reversal of a dismissed derivative complaint	2025
	Supreme Court of Delaware	
	Demand futility pleaded on the board that actually voted, not the board that was sued.	
02	Appraisal judgment affirmed	2024
	Supreme Court of Delaware	
03	Advancement order affirmed	2023
	Supreme Court of Delaware	
04	Fee award reversed in part	2022
	Third Circuit	
05	PRACTICE AREAS	
	Fiduciary duty litigation	■■■■■ Books and records demands ■■■■■
	Appraisal and valuation	■■■■■ Appellate advocacy ■■■■□
	Advancement and indemnification	■■■■■□ Board seat contests ■■■■□
06	TEACHING AND WRITING	
01	Adjunct lecturer, Delaware corporate procedure	2021 – 2026
	Widener Delaware Law	

02	Books and records practice	2024
	Chapter, Delaware Litigation Handbook	
03	What a 220 demand should actually ask for	2022
	Business Law Review	
04	Panel chair, fiduciary litigation	2023
	Delaware State Bar Association	

07 **LANGUAGES**

English	Native	Spanish	Working proficiency
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