



Fun Fact(s): *I* worked in the pharmaceutical industry prior to going to law school – I learned how to make vaccines!

Favorite Hobby / Interest: *Tennis – a lot of life lessons learned from playing*

Home Town / Home State: *Raleigh*, *NC*

Why did you choose the USPTO? *I have always been interested in Intellectual*

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Fun Fact(s): *I have lived in 5 different states: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and now Virginia*

Favorite Hobby / Interest: *Classic cars, motorcycles, New England Sports, Liverpool F.C.*

Home Town / Home State: Caribou, ME

Why did you choose the USPTO? *I wanted to work with trademarks since graduating law school and the USPTO provided me with the best opportunity to work at the center of all trademarks in the U.S.*

Fun Fact(s): *I* wrote and illustrated three children's books and they were published by my hometown library.

Favorite Hobby / Interest: *Exploring the DC area food (mostly pizza) scene, playing video games, hiking, craft beer, spending time with my family.*

Home Town/ Home State: King of Prussia, PA

Why did you choose the USPTO? *To combine my devotion to public service and passion for trademark and IP law.*

Justin W. American University Washington College of Law **Fun Fact(s):** If I was not a trademark examining attorney, I would probably be a trip planner! My friends and family have designated me as the official trip planner because I hand out binders with detailed itinerary of all the fun things I have planned right before a trip. One of my favorite cities I recently visited is Split, Croatia! The people, food, beaches and culture were amazing! I also enjoyed visiting Barcelona, Spain.

Favorite Hobby / Interest: *Traveling, exploring new restaurants, attending concerts and working out.*

Home Town / Home State: Maryland

Why did you choose the USPTO? I've always enjoyed Trademark Law! I worked as a student attorney at the IP clinic in Law School. The clinic was part of the Law School Clinic Certification Program that allowed student attorneys limited recognition to practice before the USPTO. Helping startup companies and individual entrepreneurs process their trademark applications was exciting and rewarding. The examining attorneys I communicated with were also great to work with. It's great that I get to work alongside with them now!.

Kemi O. University of Maryland School of Law

Fun Fact(s): *My family is Jamaican Chinese. Although I am ethnically Chinese, I am more culturally Jamaican.*

Favorite Hobby / Interest: *During the pandemic, I've found it particularly thrilling to obtain highly coveted things for my friends and family, e.g., highly sought-after video game consoles and vaccine appointments.*

Home Town/ Home State: Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Why did you choose the USPTO? Prior to working at the Trademark office, I was on campus quite often as my husband has been a patent examiner for the past 14 years and my children attended the daycare there. Therefore, it has always been a goal of mine to become a part of the USPTO family. In a way, you could say that the office chose me many years ago.



Fun Fact(s): *I have danced all my life: ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop*—*you name it, I'll try it.*

Favorite Hobby / Interest: *I love Broadway, yoga, the Washington Nationals, traveling, beaches.*

Home Town / Home State: Fort Myers, Florida.

Why did you choose the USPTO? I decided to come work here because I believe that trademark law is fascinating, and I will continue working here because everyone is so friendly and I like being able to leave work at 5PM!

Liz J. American University Washington College of Law

