



## WESLEY A. MORRISSETTE

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### EDUCATION & HONORS

Northwestern University School of Law, 2014, J.D., *cum laude*

Editor-in-Chief, *Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy*

Black Law Students Association 3L Legacy Award

Black Student Initiative Fellow and Representative

President, Black Law Students Association

1L Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Scholar

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, 2007, M.B.A., *summa cum laude*

School of Business & Industry Leadership Roundtable

Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, 2004, B.S., *summa cum laude*

USAA All-American Collegiate Scholar Award

Florida A&M University's Distinguished Scholar Award and Full Scholarship

National Achievement Award

### CLERKSHIPS

Honorable Solomon Oliver, Jr., United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, 2014-2015

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Recognized as a member of Benchmark Litigation's "40 & Under Hotlist" (2022)

## ADMISSIONS

Illinois

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

## CASES TRIED OR OTHERWISE TAKEN TO JUDGMENT

**Confidential AAA Arbitration** (Phoenix, AZ)

Represented a Fortune 100 company in confidential, multi-billion dollar dispute. The two-week arbitration hearing included testimony from numerous senior executives and expert witnesses. Obtained complete victory for client.

**Mybrary LLC d/b/a Trunq v. Lifetime Memori Inc. d/b/a Trunx** (N.D. Ill.)

Counsel for plaintiff in trademark infringement case. Parties reached agreement on a joint stipulated permanent injunction shortly after filing. Secured an award of attorneys' fees for client.

**Equal Employment Opportunity Commission v. Texas Roadhouse** (D. Mass.) Trial counsel for landmark pattern or practice age discrimination claim brought by EEOC against national restaurant chain. After three-week jury trial in January 2017, case ended in a mistrial because jury was deadlocked after deliberating for one week. Case settled very favorably before retrial.

## CURRENT REPRESENTATIONS

**Elliott Associates, L.P., et al. v. AbbVie Inc.** (Illinois)

Representing various investment funds in fraud actions arising from AbbVie's aborted \$50 billion acquisition of Shire in 2014.

**BankDirect Capital Finance, LLC v. Capital Premium Financing, Inc.** (N.D. Ill.)

Counsel for plaintiff in breach of contract case stemming from defendant's refusal to honor an option agreement for plaintiff to purchase defendant.

## PRO BONO CASES

**Rose et al. v. Raffensperger** (N.D. Ga. 2020)

Trial counsel for plaintiffs in a voter discrimination lawsuit challenging the at-large method of electing members to Georgia's Public Service Commission, the entity that regulates telecommunications, electric, and natural gas services in the state. The lawsuit, brought under the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, seeks to establish a new process that gives Black voters in Georgia the opportunity to elect their fair share of commissioners.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Associate Board Member and Treasurer, Just the Beginning – A Pipeline Organization, 2019-Present

Founding Donor, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law's African American History and Culture Endowed Scholarship

Leadership Council on Legal Diversity Mentor, 2018-Present

Alumni Ambassador, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Alumni Ambassador, 2018-Present

2018 Pathfinder, Leadership Council on Legal Diversity

Board Co-Chair, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Black Law Alumni Association, Board Co-Chair, 2016-2018

## **BIG WINS**

Bartlit Beck Obtains Complete Victory in Billion-Dollar Arbitration

## **NEWS**

Bartlit Beck Obtains Voting Rights Act Trial Win  
08.09.2022

Bartlit Beck Files Voter Discrimination Lawsuit in Georgia  
07.14.2020

The National Black Lawyers Names Bartlit Beck Partner Wesley Morrisette To Its Top 40 Under 40 List  
02.11.2020

Sean Gallagher and Wesley Morrisette Win Seventh Circuit Appeal for BankDirect  
01.15.2019