

## SOMER K. CHYZ

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### **EDUCATION**

University of Richmond School of Law – Richmond, VA  
Juris Doctor, 2003

Wake Forest University School of Law – Winston-Salem, NC  
Visiting Scholar, Academic Year 2002-2003

Yale University – New Haven, CT  
Bachelor of Arts, (American Studies) 1999

### **LICENSURE TO PRACTICE LAW**

Tennessee, 2010 to present  
New Mexico, 2003 - 2016  
Arizona, 2006 - 2011

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**University of Tennessee Haslam College of Business** 2013 – present *Lecturer*  
Knoxville, TN

- Instructor of Business Law to Undergraduate and Masters of Business Administration students

**University of Tennessee College of Law Legal Clinic** Summers 2013 – 2015 *Attorney*

- Defense counsel for indigent criminal and juvenile clients in all manner of misdemeanor and felony offenses
- Responsibilities include: court appearances, plea negotiation, sentencing, trial, and pre-trial preparation

**Knox County Public Defender** July 2010 – May 2011 *Attorney*  
Knoxville, TN

- Defense counsel for indigent clients in all manner of misdemeanor criminal offenses
- Responsibilities include: court appearances, plea negotiation, sentencing and all trial preparation

**Pima County Public Defender** May 2008 – April 2010 *Assistant Public Defender*  
Tucson, AZ

- Defense counsel for indigent clients in all manner of felony criminal offenses
- Responsibilities include: court appearances, including trial, plea negotiation, sentencing, drafting pleadings, motions, discovery and responses, legal memoranda, legal research

**Arizona Attorney General** December 2006 – May 2008 *Attorney-Criminal Trials Division*  
Tucson, AZ

- Prosecute all manner of felony criminal offenses with emphasis on fraud and elder abuse
- Responsibilities include: court appearances, including trial, initial case assessment, investigation, issuing and Grand Jury presentation, plea negotiation and sentencing

**Davis Selected Advisers** August 2006 – December 2006 *Attorney*  
Tucson, AZ

- In-house counsel for international investment firm
- Responsibilities include: editing advertising materials to ensure compliance with the Investment Company Act of 1940, advising human resources regarding employment issues

**Miller Stratvert PA** August 2003 -July 2006 *Associate Attorney*  
Albuquerque, NM

- General civil litigation practice with emphasis on medical malpractice defense, products liability defense, oil field accident litigation, contract disputes, tort litigation
- Responsibilities include: initial case assessment, budgeting, developing litigation strategy, hiring experts, extensive client contact, taking and defending depositions, all court appearances, including bench and jury trials, settlement negotiation including mediations, drafting pleadings, motions, discovery and responses, legal memoranda, legal research

## **SERVICE**

University of Tennessee, Haslam College Undergraduate Core Curriculum Committee, 2017 to present

University of Tennessee, Student Conduct Board 2017 to present

Yale University Alumni Schools Committee, 2005 to present

## **HONORS, AWARDS, SOCIETIES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Legal Issues Affecting Women in the Workforce, presented to UT Chapter of the National Association of Women MBAs, Spring 2017

CALI “Excellence for Future Award” – Achievement in Trial Practice, 2003

4-year letter winner, Yale University Women’s Tennis Team, 1995-1999

Yale University Women’s Tennis Lisa Rosenblum (MVP) Award, 1999

First Team (Singles) All-Ivy Women’s Tennis, 1996, 1997, and 1999

Knoxville Bar Association Member, 2011 - 2014