

# Shalanda Marie Looney

Attorney at law

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## **EDUCATION**

EMORY LAW SCHOOL, Juris Doctorate- May 1995

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN- Ann Arbor, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology- May 1992

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**SOLE PRACTITIONER** (Fall of 2003-Present):

- Areas of practice- family law, juvenile law, criminal defense, and general civil litigation
- Independent contractor with Maricopa County for court-appointed representation in juvenile court, 2010- Present
- Prosecuted Guardian ad Litem initiated dependency cases
- Drafted voluminous pleadings including motions and case analysis reports for the court
- Conducted pretrial witness interviews
- Substantial jury and non-jury trial experience
- Frequent court appearances

**PUBLIC DEFENDER** (Fall of 1999- Fall of 2003):

- Practiced in the Maricopa and Mohave county public defender's office
- Assigned felony and misdemeanor cases ranging from shoplifting to homicide
- Conducted jail visits
- Drafted motions and sentencing memorandums
- Conducted pretrial witness interviews
- Negotiated plea agreements

**S. MARIE LOONEY, ESQUIRE** (Spring of 1996 – Fall of 1999):

- Court appointed criminal defense and probate work
- General civil litigation
- Felony trial experience
- Family court practice

**PATTERSON, PHIFER, & PHILLIPS, P.C.** (Summer of 1995-Spring of 1996):

- Represented insurance companies in cases involving fraudulent claims
- Drafted recommendation letters and evaluations of claims
- Conducted examination under oaths of insureds

## **AFFILIATIONS**

- Member of the STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN, 1995- Present
- Member of the STATE BAR OF ARIZONA, 1998- Present
- Member of the AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

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## **ADDITIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Graduated from the University of Michigan at the age of 20- ACT Score 16 (Beneficiary of Affirmative Action)
- Graduated from Emory University School of Law at the age of 23- LSAT Score 143 (Beneficiary of Affirmative Action)
- Passed the Michigan State Bar at the age of 23
- Authoring a book, *The Arizona Judiciary- From a Black Person's Perspective: Does Your Case Matter?*
- Licensed Arizona Realtor from January 2004 – January 2018
- Career Day Speaker at Tonopah Valley High School
- Former Law Student Intern for the renowned Attorney Bryan Stevenson, Summer of 1994
- First African American Female Attorney employed by the Mohave County Public Defender's Office
- Former Volunteer Basketball Coach with Litchfield Park Recreation Center for 10+ years, ages 4-14
- Former Volunteer Basketball Coach with the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)-High School Competitive League- Made it to playoffs at the f/k/a Phoenix Suns Arena
- First Felony Trial in Michigan presided over by the renowned Honorable Greg Mathis. Client was acquitted.