

Meet 2021 Summer Associate Zach Marks

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Five law school students are working alongside Ward and Smith attorneys in our five offices as part of the firm's 2021 Summer Associate Program.

While they're honing their real-world legal skills, we're getting to know them better in our "Meet the Summer Associate" series.

Meet Zach Marks:



Hometown: Scottsdale, Arizona
Law School: University of North Carolina School of Law

Would you like to share something about your family?

I have two younger sisters.

What do you like to do in your downtime when you're not studying?

I like to find new trails to run and hike. I also like perfecting my cat's tricks.

What is your favorite movie?

The LEGO Movie

What is your favorite book?

A Prayer for Owen Meany

What is your favorite food?

Tacos

Where is your favorite vacation spot?

Maui, Hawaii

If you could live anywhere in the world for a year, where would it be?

Maui, Hawaii

If you knew you could try anything and not fail, what dream would you pursue?

I would be a professional athlete (probably soccer, but maybe tennis).

What is something people would be surprised to know about you?

That I do not like any cheese unless it comes in powder form.

Why do you want to be an attorney?

I think it provides me with a great opportunity to do really sophisticated work, which really excites me. More importantly, it gives me the opportunity to help individuals in the community, which is extremely important to me.

What sparked your interest in law?

Talking to lawyers in high school and college and hearing how interesting and diverse their practices were.

What is the hardest part of law school?

Remote learning with two cats. I love them, but they always meow during class.

What are you most excited to learn during your time here at Ward and Smith?

I am excited to learn more about the practice of Trusts and Estates and see the work that goes into preparing for the many stages of litigation.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

Ideally, living in Wilmington with a dog and enjoying my career as a young attorney.

What's the best advice someone has given you?

Find the balance. (Thank you, Dad!)

Describe yourself in three words.

Diligent, witty, and dependable.

If you were famous, what would you be famous for?

The most bagels that were eaten in a year.

Western or Eastern barbecue? And why?

Western, because I like the ketchup-based sauce more.

Ward and Smith's 2021 Summer Associate Program runs through June 25.

Meet our other 2021 Summer Associates:

- Alex Ferri
- Dakota Lipscombe
- Avery Locklear