

Practice

Insurance

Land Use & Eminent Domain

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

Education

William & Mary Law School (J.D.)

Davidson College, Philosophy (B.A.) cum laude

Jonathan Niichi Marchuk is an Associate in the firm's Insurance, Land Use & Eminent Domain and Litigation & Dispute Resolution practice groups. Jonathan earned his law degree from William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg, Virginia. He received the CALI Excellence for the Future Award (highest grade in the class) in Human Resource Management for In-House Counsel. He was a member of the Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society and served as Class Representative with the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association.

While in law school, Jonathan was a member of the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal. His Student Note, Not So Objective Indicia: Why Ballot Referenda and Public Polling Would be a More Concrete Standard for Eighth Amendment Objective Indicia Analysis, 30 WM. & MARY BILL OF RTS. J. (Fall 2022) was selected for publication during his 2L year.

During his 3L year, Jonathan served as a clinic student with the Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic in Williamsburg. He represented veterans seeking benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs for service-related injuries and researched veterans' benefits law to draft petitions and letters on behalf of clients.

Serving at the Clinic was a gratifying experience for Jonathan. "We helped veterans file claims for disability compensation with the Department of Veteran Affairs," said Jonathan. "Talking with the clients was particularly rewarding. The veterans were suffering from conditions they developed due to their service, and many of them were severely disabled. They were always so grateful for our help and it was really fulfilling to make a difference for people who truly deserved it."

Jonathan was also a Legal Clerk with Geddy, Harris, Franck & Hickman, where he conducted legal research and wrote legal memoranda and other internal documents involving real estate, family, and contract law. He also drafted wills, easements, and other legal documents.

As a Legal Research Assistant for Professor Vivian Hamilton at William & Mary Law School, Jonathan conducted legal research, briefed law review articles, and wrote memoranda on juvenile sentencing. He also supervised and instructed undergraduate students of the William & Mary Scholars Undergraduate Research Experience program.

Jonathan earned a Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina, graduating with Honors in Philosophy. His Senior Honors Thesis was titled, "Can the Systems Reply Save Strong Artificial Intelligence?" While attending Davidson, he also served as the Co-Editor-in-Chief of The Davidsonian, the student newspaper.

During a time when Jonathan briefly considered going into medicine, he worked as a Medical Scribe at the University of North Carolina Physician's Network. He became involved in a pilot program that treated obesity patients in a primary care setting, as many of the patients couldn't afford specialized obesity care. "Many patients were incredibly sick due to comorbidities associated with their obesity. When the patients came to the clinic, they would talk about their lives and their problems. Some of our patients had legal concerns that needed addressing just like their medical ones. I had a great experience as a medical scribe, but my strengths being in research and writing helped me realize that I would be better suited to help people as an attorney," said Jonathan.

Jonathan was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan. At the age of two, he moved with his family to Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He graduated from East Chapel Hill

High School and looks back fondly on his time growing up in a great college town. His mother grew up in Kaneohe on Oahu, providing Jonathan with an island connection and during his summers as a child, he would visit his extended family in Hawaii every year.

He is a big ice hockey fan, going to the Carolina Hurricanes games with his brother and father since he was very little. He also enjoys watching every genre of movie, but has a penchant for psychological thrillers.

In addition to working to serve the firm's clients with excellence, Jonathan hopes to one day continue pro bono work in veteran's benefits.

Professional Affiliations

- American Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
 - Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section
 - Young Lawyers Division
- Hawaii State Bar Association
 - Litigation Section
 - o Real Property & Financial Services Section
 - Probate & Estate Planning Section
 - o Access to Justice Room (Honolulu District Court), Volunteer

Bar Admissions

- State of Hawaii
- U.S. District Court (District of Hawaii)