

UH Law Center alumna Goldblatt '17 shines throughout federal clerkship

July 28, 2021 – Following stints as a law firm associate and a term law clerk in multiple U.S. District Courts, Shayna Goldblatt, a 2017 graduate of the University of Houston Law Center, is currently thriving as a clerk for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

The Hon. L. Steven Grasz praised Goldblatt's work stating, "Clerking at the appellate level is challenging and it demands the highest level of analytical ability and writing skill. Shayna's work demonstrates that she was well prepared for this challenge."

"I feel really lucky to have this clerkship," Goldblatt said. about her opportunity with the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

She came to the circuit clerkship after working as litigation associate for Baker Botts and as a term clerk for the Hon. Gray H. Miller '78, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. Goldblatt had several experiences working with the judiciary as a student as well. She previously worked as an intern for Miller, Hon. Melinda Harmon for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas and Hon. Jennifer Walker Elrod for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

"Those experiences helped prepare me for my circuit clerkship as I gained familiarity with the types of motions and rulings that appellate courts review," Goldblatt said.

Following the clerkship, she expects to join Yetter Coleman's appellate practice, and her experience in a judge's chambers is an invaluable part of that journey.

"Besides the incredible mentors and professional relationships, these clerking experiences have been really informative to see how advocates persuade judges, and at the appellate level, how judges persuade one another," Goldblatt said.

"I still have a lot to learn here but so far, credibility seems key, and by that, I mean the ability to support arguments and make strategic concessions when possible."



Shayna Goldblatt, a member of the University of Houston Law Center Class of 2017.