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Samuel D. Branum concentrates his practice on municipal liability. Prior to joining Johnson & Bell, Mr. Branum served as a law clerk to the Honorable Harold A. Baker of the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois. During the clerkship, he worked extensively on Section 1983 prisoner litigation cases, drafting over fifty summary judgment orders in cases involving a wide variety of claims. This included First Amendment retaliation, freedom of religion, and freedom of speech; Eighth Amendment excessive force, conditions of confinement, and deliberate indifference to serious medical needs; Fourteenth Amendment due process and detainee claims; claims under the ADA and RLUIPA; and *Monell* claims.

Mr. Branum received his B.A. from the University of Florida, and his J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law. While in law school, he was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Law, Technology & Policy*. He also received award of Best Petitioner Brief in the Evan A. Evans Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition.

ADMISSIONS & EDUCATION

ADMISSIONS

Illinois Supreme Court

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Illinois

U.S. District Court, Central District of Illinois

U.S. Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit

EDUCATION

University of Illinois College of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, 2017

University of Florida, B.A., 2013

HONORS

Rising Star, Illinois Super Lawyers - 2024

CLIENT RESULTS

Burkoth, Branum Obtain Not Guilty Verdict for Sheriff of Cook County in Federal Court

Branum Secures Summary Judgment in Dental Care Dispute Involving County Jail

Seventh Circuit Affirms Dismissal of Potential Class Action Against Municipality, Sheriff and County Jail

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

SEC to Increase Oversight of High Frequency Trading Firms Under a Proposed Amendment to Rule 15b9-1, U. ILL. J.L. TECH. & POL'Y: TIMELY TECH (Jan. 19, 2017)