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Dolapo Olushola-Uwaifo is an attorney in the Nashville office who serves as Director of Legal Process Engineering for the Firm's litigation attorneys and clients.

Dolapo collaborates with Baker Donelson's litigation attorneys and clients in the application of legal project management, process improvement, and innovative methodologies and best practices to implement client-facing solutions that promote more cost-effective legal services. Her work focuses on providing reliable matter budgets and alternative fee arrangements (AFAs), legal project management plans, matter spend data and analytics, reporting processes and tools, and internal and external matter management portals. She also facilitates the use of the Firm's BakerManage® platform to plan, execute, monitor, and control legal projects to ensure efficiency.

Dolapo is PMP® certified through the Project Management Institute (PMI) and has a Lean Six Sigma certification from the International Association for Six Sigma Certification (IASSC). Based on her wide array of experience, Dolapo also provides consulting on budgeting, project management, and process improvement best practices for in-house legal departments and legal operations professionals. She has a keen curiosity about legal technology development and application and extensive experience in designing and delivering customized, cutting-edge client solutions and legal technologies.



Professional Honors & Activities

Professional Memberships

- Member – Tennessee Bar Association
- Member – Nashville Bar Association
- Member – Lawyers Association for Women
- Member – Project Management Institute

Professional Honors & Activities

- Adjunct Professor – Vanderbilt University Law School (2023 – present)
 - Legal Process Design, Program on Law and Innovation (POLI)
- Named one of LegalOps.com's 2024 inaugural "Rising Stars Under 40" in Legal Operations Management
- Selected as a "Top 40 Under 40 in Tennessee" by The National Black Lawyers (September 2019)
- Chair – High School Summer Internship Program, Nashville Bar Association Diversity Committee (2016 – 2018)
- Committee Member – Nashville Bar Association Diversity Committee (2016 – present)



Speaking Engagements

- "Empowering Women: Stories of Leadership, Mentorship, and Authenticity," Running Legal Like a Business/Global LPM Summit, Las Vegas (September 2024)
- "From Matter Transparency to Financial Predictability: Practical LPM Applications for In-House Teams," Running Legal Like a Business/Global LPM Summit, Las Vegas (September 2024)
- "Case Study: Breaking Down the Silos to Take Your Firm to the Next Level," ARK National Summit on Law Firm Operations, New York (May 2024)
- "Legal Service Delivery Innovation and Value Proposition," Law Practice in 2050, Vanderbilt University Law School (November 2023)

- "Leveraging LPM and Scoping to Ensure Better Pricing, Efficiency, and Risk Management," Running Legal Like a Business/Global LPM Summit, Las Vegas (October 2023)
- "Outside Counsel Management Best Practices: Strategies and Tactics to Achieve the Right Quality, Cost, Transparency, and Legal Value," Running Legal Like a Business/Global LPM Summit, Las Vegas (October 2023)
- "Navigating Complex Client Situations as a Legal Project Manager- Insights from Client Facing LPMs & Case Studies," LawVision Legal Project Management Roundtable (October 2022)
- "Legal Service Innovation- Past- Present- Future," Law Practice in 2050, Vanderbilt University Law School (September 2022)
- "Legal Service Innovation – Implementing LPM," Law Practice in 2050, Vanderbilt University Law School (September 2021)
- "Using LPM to Streamline and Enhance Legal Operations, Community of Legal Innovators (CLI)," "Tipping the Scales" Webinar Series (July 2021)
- "Integrating LPM and Process Improvement," Global LPM Summit (June 2021)
- "Implementing & Integrating Legal Project Management Technology to Drive Better Business," Global LPM Summit, Online Event (June 2021)
- "AFA's for Litigation: How to Make Them Work for Both Sides/ De-Mystifying and Developing AFAs for Litigation," American Bar Association Litigation Section Annual Conference (May 2021)
- "The Practice of Legal Project Management: Past, Present, Future," Law Practice in 2050, Vanderbilt University Law School (September 2020)
- "Using Your JD Outside the Practice of Law," Southern Region Black Law Students Association Academic Retreat, Vanderbilt University Law School (October 2019)
- "Using Legal Project Management to Clarify Client Expectations, Provide Predictable Legal Fees, and Improve Communication," Client CLE (December 2018)



Webinars

- Using LPM to Streamline and Enhance Operations (July 2021)



Certifications

- Lean Six Sigma-Yellow Belt, International Association For Six Sigma Certification (IASSC) (2016)
- Project Management Professional (PMP™) Project Management Institute (2014)
- Certified Associate Project Manager (CAPM™) Project Management Institute (2011)



Education

- Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management, Certificate in Business Management, 2023
- Vanderbilt University School of Law, J.D., 2015
 - Vanderbilt Program on Law and Innovation
 - Technology in Legal Practice- Best Consumer Facing App Award, 2015
- Davidson College, B.A. in Economics, 2012



Admissions

- Tennessee, 2015