

Rukia Riley Blackshear, FRP, Recognized By Influential Women For Advancing Litigation Excellence

BOCA RATON, FL, UNITED STATES, July 21, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Senior Litigation Paralegal Combines Civil Litigation Expertise, Team Training, and Community Advocacy to Elevate the Legal Profession

Rukia Riley Blackshear, FRP, is a highly accomplished Senior Litigation Paralegal whose career reflects a commitment to litigation excellence, professional development, and service to the legal community. Based in Greater Orlando, Rukia has built more than 15 years of experience in civil litigation and insurance defense, providing attorneys with comprehensive case support while helping strengthen the skills and success of fellow legal professionals.



During her tenure with Milber Makris Plousadis & Seiden, LLP, Rukia managed insurance defense matters from inception through settlement. Her responsibilities included drafting pleadings, discovery responses, subpoenas, settlement agreements, and other litigation documents, while also assisting with trial preparation and coordinating essential case activities such as mediations, depositions, inspections, and client communications. Known for her strong organizational systems and attention to detail, she has developed a reputation for maintaining accuracy, efficiency, and consistency while handling high-volume claim matters.

During her fourteen years with the firm, Rukia advanced from legal assistant to paralegal and ultimately to Senior Paralegal and Training Specialist. Beyond her litigation responsibilities, she has played an important role in onboarding and mentoring new team members across the Florida branch offices. Through the development of training programs, reference materials, and procedural guides, she has helped improve operational consistency and support the continued

growth of legal professionals entering the field. Rukia is presently embarking upon a new role as a Senior Litigation Paralegal with the preeminent defense litigation firm, Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP. Rukia is excited to explore this new endeavor and continue to flourish within the legal profession.

Rukia is also dedicated to advancing the paralegal profession through leadership and education. She contributes to the Florida Bar's Florida Registered Paralegal subsection, serving in leadership roles focused on increasing awareness, promoting professional development, and supporting educational opportunities for paralegals throughout the state. Her involvement reflects her belief that continued learning, mentorship, and collaboration are essential to strengthening the legal profession. Additionally, Rukia serves as Co-chair Paralegal Liaison for the Black Women Lawyers Association of Central Florida, where she hopes to continue to effect change in the legal community.

Rukia earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Florida Atlantic University and obtained her Florida Registered Paralegal designation in 2016. Throughout her career, she has remained committed to professional growth while actively supporting organizations and initiatives that make a positive impact in her community.

A passionate advocate, Rukia supports the Hyperemesis Education and Research (HER) Foundation, a cause that holds personal significance after experiencing Hyperemesis Gravidarum (HG) twice. As a survivor, she remains dedicated to raising awareness and supporting efforts that provide education and resources for individuals affected by the condition. She also supports Dress for Success of Greater Orlando and contributes business attire to the Florida Justice Center's clothing closet initiatives.

Throughout her 15-year legal career, Rukia has participated in volunteer and mentorship efforts focused on uplifting women and supporting at-risk youth throughout Florida. Her commitment to service extends beyond her professional responsibilities, reflecting her belief in using her experience and knowledge to create opportunities for others.

Rukia attributes much of her success to the values instilled by her mother, who raised three daughters as a single parent. Growing up, she learned the importance of hard work, discipline, focus, and perseverance. Those lessons shaped her ability to navigate challenges, adapt to changing circumstances, and remain committed to achieving long-term goals.

The best career advice Rukia has received is to avoid taking challenges personally and to remain calm under pressure. This mindset has allowed her to approach difficult situations objectively, make thoughtful decisions, and maintain professionalism in demanding environments. By focusing on solutions rather than circumstances, she has developed the confidence and composure needed to succeed in litigation.

For women entering the legal industry, Rukia encourages taking initiative, thinking creatively, and

actively creating opportunities. She recommends gaining experience through internships, volunteering with legal aid organizations, supporting nonprofits, or seeking opportunities within courthouses and clerk's offices. She also emphasizes the importance of continuous education and developing skills in emerging areas such as technology, e-discovery, and artificial intelligence.

Rukia views the rapid advancement of technology, particularly AI, as both a challenge and an opportunity for the legal profession. She believes these tools are transforming legal processes such as discovery, research, and case preparation while creating new opportunities for specialization. Rather than replacing legal professionals, she believes technology can enhance efficiency and expand capabilities when combined with human judgment, critical thinking, and professional expertise.

The values that guide Rukia in both her professional and personal life are faith, integrity, and work ethic. Her faith anchors her through challenges and successes, while integrity guides her commitment to honesty, respect, and honorable actions. Her strong work ethic influences how she approaches every responsibility, whether large or small, and reinforces her belief in teamwork and collaboration.

Through her dedication to litigation support, professional mentorship, and community advocacy, Rukia Riley Blackshear continues to make a meaningful impact within the legal profession. Her career represents the power of resilience, continuous learning, and a commitment to helping others succeed.

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