MERCY N. PARRISH

xxx Care Avenue • Washington, DC xxxxx • (xxx) xxx-xxxx • mercy@parrish.com

EDUCATION

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND, Columbia, MD
Master of Science in Pastoral Counseling, expected October 2010

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC
Juris Doctorate, May 2003

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Baltimore, MD
Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry, May 2000

WORK EXPERIENCE

BLANK ROME LLP, Washington, DC – September 2003-May 2008
Associate

- Litigated patent cases involving pharmaceutical and chemical technologies
- Drafted various motions and pleadings including complaints, answers, motions for summary judgment, motions to dismiss and motions to compel

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC – Spring 2002
Student Assistant to Professor Patricia King

- Organized a comprehensive database for bioethics and medical research topics
- Identified key issues from a variety of journals, magazines, books and periodicals

GUILFORD PHARMACEUTICALS, Baltimore, MD – September 1998-May 2000
Chemical Research Assistant

- Researched and developed potential inhibitors for the NAALADase Project, which focused on neurological disorders, such as schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease
- Supported the Cocaine Project by synthesizing chemical agents to suppress the effects of addiction

RECENT CIVIC ACTIVITES & AFFILIATIONS

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY GROUP HOMES, Washington, D.C. – Winter 2007-Present

- Volunteer through the Adopt-A-Senior Program

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Washington, D.C. – Spring 2006-June 2008

- *Outreach Commission:* Raise funds and coordinate community social justice projects
- *St. Luke's Guild: V*isited several sick and shut-in members of the church regularly
- *Trinity Volunteer Corporation:* Served as a board member and coordinator for a project which provided college graduates an opportunity to live together on church grounds while working full-time with local social service agencies in the greater Washington, D.C. area

BLANK ROME LLP PRO BONO PROGRAM, Washington, D.C. – Fall 2003-May 2008

- Litigated adoption and custody cases involving abused and neglected children in the D.C. area
- Obtained legal custody and monetary subsidies for individuals raising their grandchildren

ADOPTIONS TOGETHER, INC., Silver Spring, MD – Fall 2004-Spring 2006

- Recruited potential parents for Project "If Not US", which encouraged the adoption of adolescent African-American children
- Organized and participated in informational and cultural events for adoptive families and children