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CB BAGA

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OVERVIEW

CB Baga (pronouns: they/them) serves as Maslon's Public Interest/DEI Counsel, representing clients on pro bono legal matters, assisting with pro bono program administration, managing the UPLIFT: Legal Institute for Teens mock trial program, and supporting the firm's overall DEI efforts.

CB began their legal career at a Twin Cities based AmLaw 100 firm as an attorney in the business litigation and product liability & mass torts groups. A thought leader and advocate for underrepresented and underserved populations, CB frequently speaks on issues pertaining to DEI and access to justice, with audiences over the last five years including bar associations, county and city attorneys' offices, law schools, and affinity groups such as Minnesota Lavender Bar Association (MLBA), Minnesota Women Lawyers (MWL), and Minnesota Association for Justice (MAJ).

While still in law school, CB founded the Pro Bono Volunteer Lawyer Network Queer/Trans Community Clinic in conjunction with community partners Family Tree Clinic and the Minnesota Trans Health Coalition. CB has continued as managing attorney of the clinic, which provides free counsel on housing, orders for protection, identity document updates, insurance coverage for gender affirming care, and civil rights.

CB earned their law degree from the University of Minnesota Law School, where they served as a lead editor for the *Journal of Law and Inequality* and founded the journal's online publication. As a law student, CB also worked as a judicial extern for the Honorable Patrick J. Schiltz of the U.S. District Court, District of Minnesota.

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

- Gender Justice: Board Member; Litigation Advisory Committee Member 2020-Present
- RECLAIM: Board Member; Governance Committee Chair 2020-Present

BAR ADMISSIONS

Minnesota

Colorado

U.S. District Court
- Minnesota

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School
J.D., *cum laude*, 2016
Honors: Dean's List; Book Award for Top Student in Property, First Amendment; Dean's Distinguished Scholarship

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
B.S., 2012
Kinesiology
Honors: Dean's List

- Just the Beginning: A Pipeline Organization: Volunteer Presenter on LGBT History, Social Change, and Law 2016-Present
- Maslon UPLIFT: Legal Institute for Teens: Volunteer Coach 2022
- Sports Lawyers Association: NextGen and Title IX Committee Member 2021-2022
- BestPrep: eMentor for Local High School English Learner Program
- Federal Bar Association: LGBT Section
- Minnesota Women Lawyers
- Minnesota Lavender Bar Association
- Twin Cities Diversity in Practice
- Colorado LGBT Bar Association: Trans/Nonbinary Committee

SELECTED HONORS

- **National LGBTQ+ Bar Association Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40 Award**, 2026
- **Volunteer of the Year**, Volunteer Lawyers Network, 2025
- **North Star Lawyer**, Minnesota State Bar Association, 2024-2025 *(North Star Lawyer is a designation that recognizes members who provide 50 hours or more of pro bono legal services in a calendar year.)*
- **Distinguished Young Alumni Awardee and Speaker,** Marshall College Preparatory School Board and Alumni Event, 2022
- **Business of Pride Award,** Twin Cities Business Journal, 2020
- **Minnesota Lavender Bar Association Leadership Award,** 2016

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- "Losing Forward: Lessons from a Transgender Name-Change Appeal," co-presenter, Minnesota Lavender Bar Association Annual Conference, 2026

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Featured in "Breaking the Ice: Maslon public interest/DEI post is 'dream job'," *Minnesota Lawyer*, 2024
- "Choice of Law" and "Assignment and Delegation" chapters, *The Contract Law 50,* Minnesota CLE, 2022
- "Risk Management, Insurance, and Minor Sexual Abuse: Your Obligations and Better Practices," American Circus Educators, 2021, 2022
- Featured in *Hennepin Lawyer,* "Profiles in Practice," 2020
- Featured in *Justice News,* Featured Advocate, 2017