Graduate Spotlight:

Bengy Baptiste



Building a case to dismantle misconceptions about Black men, alumnus Bengy Baptiste plans to redefine narratives as he represents the profession and his clients.

“I strive to embody the distinction of a Rattler for Justice by challenging the status quo and redefining expectations placed on Black men,” said Baptiste, a 2026 graduate. “I am committed to breaking the stigmas often associated with Black men from challenging upbringings, while serving as a voice and advocate for those who share similar paths.”

Baptiste credits Professor Patricia Broussard and Judge David SIlvermann for amplifying his voice.

“As an aspiring trial attorney, I entered law school extremely timid, afraid of the spotlight and hesitant to speak, present, or voice my opinions,” said Baptiste. “I always knew I wanted to be in the courtroom, I had not yet challenged myself to step fully into that space. Professors Broussard and Silverman created a classroom environment that demanded growth, requiring students to stand when speaking and engage in frequent presentations. Those expectations pushed me beyond my comfort zone and helped my confidence.”

His law school experience was also marked with academic achievements including being named a 2025 Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellow; and a 2025 Haitian Lawyer Association Scholar Recipient.