

## Board Member Spotlight



Chika Apakama is the Senior Business & Legal Affairs Manager at Illumination Entertainment, and in that role, Chika provides key legal advice and drafts development and productions agreements that are vital for the production of Illumination Entertainment's animation film projects. Before joining Illumination Entertainment, Chika worked in the marketing legal space, for the ad agency Monks and worked in the production legal space for the film legal team at Netflix. Before she joined Netflix, Chika gained valuable experience in the entertainment industry as a Contract Analyst at The

Walt Disney Company and a Business Affairs Coordinator at Blumhouse Productions. At those companies she was responsible for drafting talent agreements, managing, maintaining, and updating various forms, dashboards, and document management systems, as well as creating and coordinating deal summaries.

Chika graduated from Loyola Law School, Los Angeles with a Juris Doctor degree in 2017. Chika also hold a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Government from the University of California, Riverside.

Chika is currently the co-chair of the Entertainment Law Committee for the John M. Langston Bar Association. She is also an active member of Black Women Lawyers and the Black Entertainment & Sports Lawyers Association (BESLA). She is also a proud member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated.

In her free time Chika enjoys giving back to the community, traveling, and attending Laker games.