



## *Member Spotlight: Shirley May Steinbach, Esq, Venable LLP*



Shirley May Steinbach has co-written two articles for the *Rocket Docket News*. Her second article is in this issue and discusses the Fourth Circuit's summertime decision to raise the standard for winning preliminary injunctions. But writing such articles is just her side gig.

Shirley spends the majority of her time successfully resolving business disputes for clients of Venable LLP, a national law firm with local roots. She specializes in matters involving commercial tort and contract claims, shareholder disputes, intellectual property disputes, construction disputes, and professional malpractice claims.

Shirley particularly enjoys cultivating her motions practice and discovery management skills as an associate in Venable's Litigation Group.

To the rule that Washington, D.C. is a "transient" city, Shirley is the exception. Shirley grew up in Montgomery County, Maryland. Staying close to home, she attended the University of Maryland at College Park, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Language and Literature. Putting these degrees to use, Shirley then worked for several months as a researcher at The World Bank headquarters in Foggy Bottom.

When Shirley embarked on her legal career, she did not venture far, enrolling literally across the street at The George Washington University Law School. As a student, although she lived in Arlington, Virginia, she interned for the Honorable Roger W. Titus, across what His Honor called "the Potomac Ocean" in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. Shirley now works in Venable's Penn Quarter office.

On a pro bono basis, Shirley indulges a passion for immigration law. Most recently, she persuaded the Baltimore Immigration Court to grant her client, a young woman who had fled gang violence in El Salvador, asylum in the United States.

In addition to being a dedicated legal practitioner, Shirley is also a dedicated yoga practitioner. She also enjoys rowing, hiking and fostering big dogs in her new Columbia Heights home.