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Olaide A. Banks' practice focuses primarily on deal structuring and negotiation for closely held entities, real estate and nonprofit organizations. Prior to joining the firm as a founding member, Mr. Banks worked for 11 years as accounting manager, director of financial operations and then chief financial officer for DIR, Inc. – a Houston based research and evaluation government contractor. Mr. Banks has been a licensed Certified Public Accountant since 2003 and is heavily involved in strategic and long-range planning for various organizations.

Mr. Banks earned his BBA with a double major in accounting and finance from the Bauer College of Business at The University of Houston in 1998. Mr. Banks earned his J.D. from South Texas College of Law in 2006 while working fulltime as Chief Financial Officer at DIR, Inc. While at South Texas Mr. Banks was recognized for his advocacy in mock trial and moot court, receiving honors in both areas, and was adjudged best advocate in the preliminary rounds of the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition in January 2005 in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Banks is a member of the State Bar of Texas is active in the Business Law and Entertainment and Sports Law sections. He is a member of the Personal Financial Planning Section of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and a regular presenter at the NAACP's Legal Redress Clinic in Houston.

Mr. Banks was born and raised on the Caribbean island of Anguilla and is passionate about music, baseball, football and politics. Mr. Banks is the executive director of the Moonsplash Music Festival, which takes place on Anguilla each year in March. Past performers have included Jimmy Buffett, Rita Marley and Third World among others.

Mr. Banks founded "The Pursuit" small business roundtable which meets monthly at the law offices of Ngwolo & Banks, PLLC. The program is designed to provide business leaders with the knowledge and skills to lead profitable and sustainable organizations. He hosts a small business legal blog at <http://olaidebanks.wordpress.com>.

Mr. Banks is a guest lecturer at South Texas College of Law on the issue "Predatory Lending in Subprime Markets" in the Urban and Poverty Law Course given each semester by Judge Frank Pierce.