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EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY
J.D. degree, May 1997

Honors: **Root-Tilden-Snow Scholar**
 Dean's Scholar
 Civil Procedure Teaching Assistant for Dean John Sexton
 Moot Court Board Member

Activities: Federal Defender Clinic, Student Legal Advocate
 Unemployment Action Coalition, Student Legal Advocate
 Black Allied Law Student Association (BALSA), Social/Cultural Chairperson

SPELMAN COLLEGE, Atlanta, GA
B.A. degree in Sociology, May 1994, *summa cum laude*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FRANCIS KING CAREY SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, MD
Law School Associate Professor, July 2016 to present
Law School Assistant Professor, July 2008 to June 2016
Director of the Legal Writing Program, July 2014 to present
Acting Director of the Legal Writing Program, July 2013 to June 2014
Associate Director of the Legal Writing Program, July 2008 to June 2013

Teach integrated Criminal Law and legal writing courses to first-year law students in which students prepare office memorandum for hypothetical criminal cases. Teach persuasive legal writing course to first-year law students in which students prepare motion and appellate briefs, and participate in mock appellate oral arguments. Teach advanced legal writing course to second and third-year law students. Coordinate the activities of Maryland's legal writing program. Assist other full-time faculty teaching legal writing in integrated courses. Direct approximately twenty adjunct faculty members teaching persuasive legal writing course; construct the legal problem, prepare teaching resources and materials, and conduct training workshops.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington DC
Visiting Associate Professor of Legal Practice, August 2017 to May 2018

Taught year-long legal writing and research course to first-year students in which students prepared office memorandum and appellate briefs, and participated in mock appellate oral arguments. Taught seminar to upper level legal writing fellows and prepared them to assist in providing written and oral feedback to first year students.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW, Washington DC
Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing, August 2006 to May 2008

Taught year-long legal writing course to first-year students in which students prepared office memorandum, motion briefs, and appellate briefs, and participated in mock appellate oral arguments.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, Philadelphia, PA *Law Clerk to Chief Judge James T. Giles, September 1997 to August 1999*

Drafted legal opinions and orders. Assisted with criminal and civil trials, hearings, and status and settlement conferences. Managed judge's civil docket. Supervised interns working on research and writing assignments.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR DISTRICT OF MARYLAND, Greenbelt, MD *Research and Writing Attorney, June 2003 to June 2008*

Drafted briefs and engaged in oral arguments in appeals of federal criminal cases in the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Prepared magistrate appeals, motions, and sentencing memorandum in federal criminal cases in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland. Assisted trial attorneys with complex and novel legal issues, including evidentiary challenges, and the application of enhancements and departures under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Assisted with state *coram nobis* petitions brought in Maryland state courts.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL DIVISION, TORTS SECTION, Washington DC *Trial Attorney, January 2001 to June 2003*

Litigated medical malpractice and other Federal Tort Claims Act cases brought against the United States. Handled trial cases and appeals in federal district and appellate courts throughout the country. Evaluated potential settlements and appeals. Participated in DC Bar Pro Bono Clinic as advocate in custody proceeding.

PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON, New York, NY *Litigation Associate, October 1999 to January 2001*

Assisted in trial preparation, including drafting pleadings and motion memorandum, and conducting depositions. Conducted case discovery in complex commercial litigation cases. Successfully litigated pro bono eviction case on behalf of tenant. Represented defendant *pro bono* in state criminal appeal.

LAUFMAN, RAUH & GERHARDSTEIN, Cincinnati, OH *Legal Intern, June to August 1995*

Assisted attorneys with litigation of employment discrimination cases. Drafted complaints and successful motion for summary judgment. Participated in depositions and strategy sessions for prisoner class action.

NAACP LEGAL AND EDUCATIONAL DEFENSE FUND, New York, NY *Legal Intern, January to May 1995*

Researched and drafted memoranda on civil rights statutes, including the Emergency Medical and Active Labor Treatment Act, and case law concerning issues of public health. Participated in litigation strategy and planning.

PUBLICATIONS

“The Influence of Implicit Racial Bias in Police Stops,” ABA GP SOLO Publication of the American Bar Association, Vol. 35, No. 3 at 70 (2018).

“Raising Arguments About The Potential Influence of Implicit Racial Bias in Police Stops,” Criminal Justice Publication of the American Bar Association, Vol. 32, No. 2 at 35 (2017).

Stories That Swim Upstream: Uncovering the Influence of Stereotypes and Stock Stories in Fourth Amendment Reasonable Suspicion Analysis,” forthcoming 76 Maryland Law Review 747 (2017).

“Legal Writing Professors Without Borders: Exploring the Benefits of Teaching Legal Writing, Doctrine, and More,” The Second Draft Publication of the Legal Writing Institute (LWI), Vol. 29, No. 2 at 38 (2016).

Standing in the Judge's Shoes: Exploring Techniques to Help Legal Writers More Fully Address the Needs of Their Audience," 50 San Francisco Law Review Forum 479 (2016).

"Victim or Thug? Examining the Relevance of Stories in Cases Involving the Shootings of Unarmed Black Males," 58 Howard Law Journal 845 (2015).

"Are We There Yet? Aligning the Expectations and Realities of Gaining Competency in Legal Writing," 53 Duquesne Law Review 99 (2015).

"One Small Step for Legal Writing, One Giant Leap for Legal Education: Making the Case for More Writing Opportunities in the 'Practice-Ready' Law School Curriculum," 65 Mercer Law Review 467 (2014).

"Law Schools: Get Back to Basics," The National Law Journal (June 17, 2013) (available on LexisNexis).

"It Was the Best of Practice, It Was the Worst of Practice: Moving Successfully from the Courtroom to the Classroom," 48 Duquesne Law Review 533 (2010).

PRESENTATIONS

Presenter, "More to the Story: Rethinking the Impact of Legal Frameworks," Faculty Talk, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, OH (March 4, 2019)

Presenter, "Stereotypes and Stories: How Embedded Knowledge Structures Challenge Effective Legal Advocacy," CLE Presentation, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland, OH (March 4, 2019)

Panelist, "A Conversation with the LWI Discipline-Building Working Group on Where We Are and Where We're Going," LWI Biennial Conference, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI (July 13, 2018)

Plenary Panelist, "A Discussion on Race and Advocacy," Sixth Biennial Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, American University Washington College of Law, Washington DC (July 12, 2017)

Presenter, "Stories That Swim Upstream: Uncovering the Influence of Stereotypes and Stock Stories in Fourth Amendment Reasonable Suspicion Analysis," Junior Faculty Workshop, Baltimore, MD (November 15, 2016)

Panelist (with Carey Law Professors Susan Hankin and Michael Millemann), "Raising Awareness through Clients Real and Imagined: Incorporating Social Justice into Legal Writing Assignments," Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conference, Portland, OR (July 11, 2016)

Co-Presenter (with Professor Ruth Anne Robbins of Rutgers Law School and Ellie Margolis of Temple University Beasley School of Law), "A Conversation About Discipline Building," The Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Baltimore, MD (March 12, 2016)

Presenter, "Victim or Attacker? Recognizing Legal Stories That Appeal to Juror's Implicit Racial Biases," Fifth Biennial Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA (July 23, 2015)

Co-Presenter (with Professor Kristen Dauphinais of University of North Dakota School of Law), "Teaching Mindfulness in the First Year Classroom: How the Pedagogy of Legal Writing and Advocacy Can Help Law Schools Build More Responsible and Ethical Lawyers," Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) 2015 Biennial Conference, University of Memphis School of Law, Memphis, TN (June 4, 2015)

Co-Presenter, Diversity Panel, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) 2015 Biennial Conference, University of Memphis School of Law, Memphis, TN (June 4, 2015)

Co-Presenter (with practitioners Robert Keatinge and Elizabeth McGinn), “E-Mail for Lawyers: Ethical and Common Sense Considerations before Sending Electronic Communications,” ALI- CLE Web-Seminar (April 29, 2015)

Presenter, “Are We There Yet? Aligning the Expectations and Realities of Gaining Competency in Legal Writing,” The Fourth Colonial Legal Writing Conference, Pittsburgh, PA (December 6, 2014)

Presenter, “Raising Law Student Awareness of Ethical Considerations in Legal Storytelling,” Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Legal Writers Workshop, Villanova, PA (June 27, 2014)

Presenter, “Problems with a Purpose: Strategies for Designing Effective Legal Writing Assignments that Teach Statutory Construction and Meet Other Teaching Goals,” The Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, Washington DC (March 1, 2014)

Presenter and Faculty Planning Chair, “Revising and Polishing Your Legal Writing,” ALI-CLE Video Webcast, Philadelphia, PA (February 28, 2014 (replayed July 26, 2014))

Presenter, “Ask the Experts: How Discussions with Prosecutors Helped My Students to Better Assess a Criminal Legal Problem,” LWI One-Day Workshop, University of Baltimore Law School, Baltimore, MD (December 13, 2013)

Panelist, “Lessons from the Trayvon Martin Shooting,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Conference, Palm Beach, FL (August 7, 2013)

Presenter, “A Successful Marriage of Theory and Practice: My Experiences Teaching Legal Analysis and Writing in Conjunction with a Casebook Course,” Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) 2013 Biennial Conference, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, WI (June 27, 2013)

Co-Presenter, “Holding Effective Conferences,” AALS Workshop for Beginning Legal Writing Teachers, Washington DC (June 5, 2013)

Facilitator, Critiquing Workshop, AALS Workshop for Beginning Legal Writing Teachers, Washington DC (June 5, 2013)

Presenter, “A Talk to Remember: Successful Strategies for Sharing the Good News of Legal Writing with Non-Legal Writing Faculty,” The Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, American University Washington College of Law, Washington DC (March 1, 2013)

Presenter, “You Be the Judge: Tested Methods for Teaching Advocacy,” Legal Writing Institute (LWI) One-Day Conference, George Washington University Law School, Washington DC (November 30, 2012)

Co-Presenter (with Professor Susan Hankin of University of Maryland Carey School of Law), “Teaching Courses that Integrate Analysis, Writing, Doctrine and Theory,” Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington DC (March 9, 2012)

Presenter and Faculty Planning Chair, “How to Give Effective Feedback in Law Practice,” ALI-ABA (now ALI-

CLE) CLE Video Webcast, Philadelphia, PA (March 8, 2012 (replayed August 22, 2012 and April 28, 2015))

Co-Presenter, “Bridging the Legal Writing Gap: Teaching Transitions between Types of Legal Writing,” Fourteenth Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute (LWI), Marco Island, FL (June 29, 2010)

Presenter, “It Was the Best of Practice, It Was the Worst of Practice: Moving Successfully from the Courtroom to the Classroom,” First Colonial Legal Writing Conference (December 5, 2009)

Presenter, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Scholars’ Forum/Workshop, Stetson University College of Law (September 13, 2009)

PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Associate Editor, Legal Communication & Rhetoric: JALWD (peer review journal) (June 2018 to present)

Co-chair, Conference Committee, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (scheduled for Summer 2018)

Site Committee Member, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conference, Portland, Oregon (July 11 to 13, 2016)

Organizer, Practitioner CLE as the Legal Writing Institute (LWI) Biennial Conference, Lewis & Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon (July 8, 2016)

Organizer, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) Scholars’ Workshop/Forum at the Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (March 11, 2016)

Member, Discipline Building Working Group, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) (January 2016 to present)

Court Appearance, Argued Case *In Re: Kaylah S.* in Maryland Court of Special Appeals (October 6, 2015)

Member, Diversity Committee, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) (September 2015 to present)

Member, ABA Task Force on Legal Education Committee, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) (August 2014 to present)

Group Leader, Mentoring Groups, Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD) 2015 Biennial Conference, University of Memphis School of Law, Memphis, TN (June 4, 2015)

Member, Editorial Board, The Second Draft Publication of the Legal Writing Institute (LWI) (May 2014 to 2017)

Co-Chair (with Professor Ted Becker of University of Michigan Law School), Bar Outreach Committee, Legal Writing Institute (LWI) (April 2014 to present)

Participant, ABA Task Force on Legal Education (worked collaboratively with legal writing faculty at other national law schools to prepare response to the ABA Standards Review Committee, the Council on Legal Education and Admissions of the Bar, on behalf of the Legal Writing Institute (LWI) and Association of Legal Writing Directors (ALWD)) (2013)

Participant, Criminal Law Panel, Legal Education, ADR, and Problem-Solving (LEAPS) Task Force of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution's Law Schools Committee (January 2012 to 2014)

Practice Judge, Moot Appellate Argument for Private Attorney in preparation for *Costa Brava v. Telos Corporation* Maryland Court of Special Appeals argument (April 26, 2010)

Practice Judge, Moot Appellate Argument for Maryland Assistant Public Defender in preparation for *Maryland v. Shatzer* United States Supreme Court argument (September 16, 2009)

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Member, Curriculum Committee, University of Maryland School of Law (2011 to 2016; 2018 to present)

Member, ABA Planning Committee, University of Maryland School of Law (2016 to present)

Speaker, "Understanding Self Defense Law," Masters of Science in Law (MSL) Professional Lecture Series, (April 9, 2016)

Faculty Advisor, Law Review Case Note of Top Petitioner (Fall 2014)

Speaker, 1L Crash Course: BLSA Writing 101, sponsored by Maryland Chapter of BLSA (September 18, 2013)

Practice Judge, Moot Appellate Argument for Renee Hutchins in preparation for *State v. Carter* Maryland Court of Special Appeals argument (May 9, 2013)

Moderator, Panel on United States Supreme Court Practice discussing *Maryland v. King*, sponsored by Maryland Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society (March 20, 2013)

Speaker, "Successful Legal Writing" Workshop, sponsored by Maryland Chapter of BLSA and PALS (October 23, 2012)

Member, ABA Judicial Clerkship Program Selection Committee (2012 to 2014)

Faculty Advisor, Independent Written Work and Law Review Notes (2012 to present)

Panelist, Law School Recruitment Discussion at Spelman College, Atlanta, GA (October 6, 2011)

Faculty Advisor, Student Criminal Law Externships (August 2012 to April 2013)

Practice Judge, Moot Appellate Argument for Environmental Clinic Students (February 24, 2011)

Member, Career Development Office LRAP Committee (2010 to present)

Interviewer, Leadership Scholars Day (April 8, 2010)

Volunteer Judge, Mock Trial Competition for College Students (February 20, 2010)

Practice Judge, Moot Appellate Argument for Post-Conviction Clinic Student (January 2010)

Reviewer, Leadership Scholar Applicant Files (2009 to 2010)

Faculty Advisor, Student Asper Fellowships (2009 to 2014)

Member, Career Development Office Advisory Taskforce (2009 to 2010)

Member, Admissions Committee (2008 to 2011)

Member, LEAD Steering Committee (2008 to 2011)

Presenter, LAWR II/ Written and Oral Advocacy Fall Training Meetings (2008 to present)

Drafter, Amicus Brief for *Richmond v. District Court of Maryland*, Bail Reform Clinic (September 2008)

AWARDS

Professor of the Year, University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Black Law Student Association (March 7, 2014)

Hall of Honors (Recognition for Professional Achievement), Fairborn City Schools, Fairborn, Ohio (April 25, 2014)

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State Bar, 1998; Ninth Circuit, 2002; District of Maryland, 2003; Fourth Circuit, 2004