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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

South Texas College of Law Houston, Houston, TX

Professor, August 2015; Associate Professor, August 2011 to July 2015, teaching Torts I, Torts II, Family Law, and International Family Law. Service on law school committees includes the Academic Success and Bar Preparation Committee, Bar Passage Committee, Clinic Fellowship Committee, Program Effectiveness Committee, and Teacher Development Committee.

Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA.

Associate Dean, August 2005-February 2009, responsible for academic affairs, accommodations, chair of Admissions and Academic Status committees, and supervision of Assistant Dean of Student Services and Director of Career Services, Registrar, Director of Admissions, Director of Legal Research and Writing, Director of Clinical Programs, Office Manager, and Director of Bar Services.

Associate Professor, August 2005 to 2011; Assistant Professor, August 1999 to 2005.

Courses taught:

Torts	Civil & Family Justice Law Clinic
Family Law	Forensic Science and Law: Torts
Legal Research & Writing	Forensic Science and Law: Fundamentals in Family Law
Bar Review: Torts and Family Law	

Adjunct Professor, August 1998-May 1999, Legal Research & Writing.

Law School Service

- 2010-2011: Third Year Review (Scholarship), Adjunct Faculty, Clinical Legal Education, Joint Degree and Interdisciplinary Programs (Chair), Diversity Pipeline Collaborative Initiative (Chair), and Law School Community Committees; Public Interest Law Advisor.

- 2009-2010: Admissions and Academic Status, Centennial, Clinical Legal Education, and Student Scholarship Awards (Includes LRAP) Committees.
- 2008-2009: Admissions and Academic Status (Chair), Curriculum (Chair), Recruitment, Self-Study/Long Range Planning, Student Work Study Allocations (Chair), Graduation, and Student Scholarship Awards Committees; Student Bar Association Advisor.
- 2007-2008: Admissions and Academic Status (Chair), Curriculum (Chair), Recruitment, Self-Study/Long Range Planning, Graduation, and Student Work Study Allocations (Chair); Black Law Student Association Advisor.
- 2006-2007: Admissions and Academic Status (Chair), Clinical Legal Education, Self-Study, Long Range Planning/Steering, Recruitment, Graduation, and Student Work Study Allocations (Chair) Committees; Student Bar Association Advisor and Black Law Student Association Advisor.
- 2005-2006: Admissions and Academic Status (Chair), Curriculum, Recruitment (Chair), Graduation, Self-Study, and Student Work Allocations (Chair) Committees; Black Law Student Association Advisor.
- 2004-2005: Curriculum, Innocence Project, Graduation, and Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committees; Black Law Student Association Advisor.
- 2003-2004: Curriculum, Innocence Project, Graduation, and Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committees; Black Law Student Association Advisor.
- 2002-2003: Clinical Legal Education (Chair), Disciplinary Hearing, Orientation, and Continuing Legal Education Committees; Black Law Student Association Advisor.
- 2001-2002: Curriculum, Joint Degrees, Clinical Legal Education, Continuing Legal Education, Orientation, and Programs Committees; Black Law Student Association Advisor.
- 2000-2001: Orientation, Placement, and Continuing Legal Education Committees; Black Law Student Association Advisor.
- 1999-2000: Orientation (Chair) and Placement Committees; Black Law Student Association Advisor.

University Service

- Provost's Leadership Committee
- Strategic Plan Task Force

- President's Advisory Committee for the 50th Anniversary Commemoration of *Brown v. Board of Educ. of Topeka Kansas* Program
- Provost's Ad hoc Committee on Graduate Students of Color Collaborative Program with Carnegie-Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh; Law School Liaison.
- President's Insight Group
- Vice-President of Advancement Search Committee
- Committee on Recruitment of Diverse Faculty and Administrators

Reed Smith Shaw & McClay LLP, Pittsburgh, PA.

Litigation Associate, September 1994-July 1999. Practice included financial services and general commercial litigation, commercial mortgage foreclosures, products liability, and estates and trusts cases. *Pro Bono* practice included child advocacy, paternity, and adoption cases. *Summer Associate* 1992.

Superior Court of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, PA.

Law Clerk for the Honorable Justin M. Johnson. Drafted memoranda and opinions in civil matters, involving contracts, torts, family law, and criminal matters, including cases involving homicide, robbery, embezzlement, and driving under the influence, August 1993-August 1994; Fall 1992 (externship for credit towards graduation); Summer 1991 (paid internship).

Hills' Department Stores, Carnegie, PA.

Department Manager, February 1979-July 1990. Responsibilities entailed numerous aspects of retail sales, including supervising part-time employees, training new department managers, communicating department status to corporate headquarters, preparing annual sales reports and projections on selected seasonal items, cashiering, and creating merchandise display areas.

EDUCATION

Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA.

Juris Doctor; Honors: Duquesne Law Review.

Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Bachelors of Arts; Major: Psychology. Minors: Administrative and Managerial Sciences; Prelaw.

Honors: Psi-Chi, National Psychology Honor Society.

CERTIFICATIONS

Admitted to the bars of the United States Supreme Court (1998), the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1996), the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1993), and Pennsylvania (1993).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Allegheny County Bar Association, the Homer S. Brown Law Society, and Phi Alpha Delta.

PUBLICATIONS

- *“Why Can’t We Be Friends?”: Ethical Concerns in the Use of Social Media* 57 Houston College of Law ____ (forthcoming 2016)
- *Pennsylvania Family Law, Casebook & Materials*, co-authored with Dean Emeritus Nicholas P. Cafardi (forthcoming 2016, Vandephas Publishing).
- *Losing Their License to Libel: Revisiting Section 230 Immunity*, 30 Berkeley Technology Law Journal 1505 (2015).
- *“Mama’s Baby, Papa’s Maybe”*: A Comparative Perspective on Establishment and Disestablishment of Paternity, 48 Akron L. Rev 263 (Spring 2015).
- *A Fork In The Road: The Intersection Of Virtual Law Practice And Social Media*, 52 Washburn L.J. 267 (2013).
- *Compulsory Attendance and Parental Rights: There Are Limits*, Education Law and Public Policy Forum, Vol. 2, No. 2, Oxford University, Oxford, England (2006).
- *Diversity in Higher Education: Law Schools Can Do More*, Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Attorney Conference on Diversity in Education, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (2006).
- Chapter 6, Forensic Science and Family Law in FOUNDATIONS IN FORENSIC SCIENCE AND THE LAW: *Investigative Evidence in Criminal, Civil and Family Law*, coauthored with Professor Margaret Krasik (2006).
- *Bartering for Babies: Are Preconception Agreements in the Best Interests of the Child?* 26 WHITTIER LAW REVIEW 429 (2004).

- *Lawyer And Law Firm Web Pages As Advertising: Proposed Guidelines*, 52 DEFENSE LAW JOURNAL, No. 3 at 513 (Fall 2003) (republished with permission).
- *Lawyer And Law Firm Web Pages As Advertising: Proposed Guidelines*, 28 RUTGERS COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY LAW JOURNAL 275 (2002).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Panel Member, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Iowa School of Law (2016).
- Presenter, South Texas College of Law Ethical Considerations in Family Law Symposium, *“Why Can’t We Be Friends?”: Ethical Concerns in the Use of Social Media* (Feb. 2016).
- Presenter and Panel Member, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Vanderbilt University School of Law (2015).
- Panel Member, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Wisconsin at Madison (2014).
- Presenter and Panel Member, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University Nevada Las Vegas School of Law (2013).
- Panel Member, Jury Trial Management for the 21st Century, Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts Judicial Education Program, April 2010, May 2010.
- Panel Member, Race, Class and Gender in the United States Justice System, Duquesne University Center for the Study of Catholic Social Thought and the Duquesne University School of Law, November 2009.
- Presenter, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Commission on Women in the Profession, *Plugging the Leaky Pipeline: Stopping Attrition*, March 2009.
- Member, Subcommittee for the Pennsylvania Civil Jury Instructions, June 2008 to 2011.
- Member, Diversity Committee, Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association, September 2007.
- Law School Representative, Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil Rights Conference and CLE, April 2007.
- Presenter, Diversity In Education, Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Attorney Conference, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 2006.
- Presenter, Education Law and Public Policy, Oxford Roundtable, Oxford University, Oxford, England, July 2005.

- Member, Appointed by Kerry O'Donnell, President, Maurice Falk Fund, to the Advisory Committee for the Pennsylvania Dream Fund, a national and statewide collaborative effort with the Ford Foundation to achieve greater social inclusion (diversity) in education, employment, public contracting, 2005.
- Member, Appointed to Family Court Advisory Board for Kids Voice and Juvenile Court Project by the Honorable Eugene Scanlon, Administrative Judge of the Family Division, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, March 2005- 2006.
- Presenter, Fundamentals of Family Law CLE, April 2004.
- Member, Appointed by President Charles Dougherty to Advisory Committee to assist in planning Duquesne University's 50th Anniversary Commemoration program for *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Kansas*, 2004.
- Member, Appointed to Leadership Committee to make recommendations on implementation of Duquesne University's Strategic Plan, 2004.
- Member, Appointed to Merit Selection Panel for the Selection and Appointment of a Full-Time Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, 2003.
- Presenter, Fundamentals of Family Law, Wecht Forensic Sciences Certificate Program, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, and 2002.
- Liaison, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference (2002-2007).
- Liaison, Judicial Council, National Bar Association, Judicial Externship Program (2001-2009).
- Recipient, Annual Woman of the Year Award, Women's Law Association of Duquesne University School of Law (2001, 2009).
- Sub-Committee Member, Pennsylvania Supreme Court Committee on Gender and Racial Bias in the Justice System (2000-2003).
- Member, Neighborhood Legal Services Family Law Committee (2000-2005).
- Panel Speaker, Professional Responsibility on the Web, Duquesne University School of Law Alumni CLE (2000).
- Panel Speaker, Thomas W. Henderson Lectures in Legal Ethics, *Bordering on Madness: Thinking Like a Lawyer Without Losing Your Mind*, Duquesne University School of Law (2000).

- Reporter, Judicial Interviews of the Civil Justice Advisory Group, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1995).

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Judge, Debate Competition, Stratford High School (Spring Branch I.S.D.), 2011, 2012.
- Literacy Volunteer, Black History Month, Kujawa Elementary School (Aldine I.S.D.), 2012.
- Advisor, law as a career and alternative careers for lawyers, Staley Middle School (Frisco I.S.D.), 2011.
- Black and Gold Committee Member, Appointed by the Hon. Dwayne Woodruff for “Do the Write Thing” Essay Competition for middle school students in the City of Pittsburgh School District, April 2009, April 2010.
- Central Catholic High School, Mothers’ Guild, 2010.
- Mentor, Kids Voice, mentoring at-risk youth, 2009.
- Panel Member, invited by the Honorable Mary Jane Bowes, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, to participate in the “Color of Justice Program” sponsored by the National Association of Women Judges and the Women’s Bar Association, discussing law and the judiciary as careers with area high school girls, March 2007, March 2006, March 2005, April 2004.
- Mentor, A Helping Hand: IASCP, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, mentoring at-risk African-American middle and high school students, 2006-2011.
- Speaker, National Organization for Women, Squirrel Hill Chapter, Pennsylvania Law on Divorce and Cohabitation (2002).
- Presenter, Upward Bound Project Career Day, Chatham College, (2001, 2002).
- Member, Board of Directors of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh (1999-2000).
- Liaison, Inside Our Courts, Allegheny County Bar Association (1997-1998).