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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia

Washington, D.C.

Supervising Attorney, Trial Division

October 2016 – Present

- Represents indigent people charged with serious felony offenses and counsels clients, drafts pleadings, works closely with investigators, and acts as lead trial counsel.
- Work included the suppression of tangible evidence and statements in multiple felony cases that led to dismissals including a homicide case; not guilty verdicts in three felony trials; cross-examined a DNA expert which led to the government dismissing the case mid-trial; won two motions for new trials; and won the release of several clients through Compassionate Release litigation.
- Conducts training for newly hired attorneys and court-appointed attorneys on cross and direct examination of DNA experts, misdemeanor representation and *Jencks* litigation.
- Member of the Forensic Practice Group helping trial lawyers with forensic evidence issues. Specifically specializing in litigation related to DNA expert reports and testimony at trial.
- Supervises trial attorneys on their cases and provides guidance on all aspects of their cases, including trial tactics, motion practice, plea negotiations, investigation, and sentencing advocacy.
- Member of PDS' hiring committee, which conducts preliminary interviews of all candidates.

E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship, Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, D.C.

Teaching Fellow, Criminal Justice Clinic

Aug. 2014 – Aug. 2016

- Lead counsel on cases involving felonies and misdemeanors, litigated discovery and *Brady* violations, which led to the dismissal of multiple felonies and misdemeanors.
- Secured not guilty verdicts in eight bench trials and suppressed tangible evidence in two cases due to issues related to Fourth Amendment and *Brady* violations.
- Conducted trainings for law students on misdemeanor representation.
- Supervised law students in D.C. Superior Court representing indigent people charged with misdemeanors.

TEACHING & TRAINING EXPERIENCE

E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship

Washington, D.C.

Adjunct Professor

Fall 2016 - Present

- Provided a lecture each year and evaluated new fellows on preliminary and 4th Amendment suppression cross-examination.
- In the fall of 2021, hired as an adjunct professor to co-teach the Prettyman fellows' trial practice class.

Harvard Law School

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Teaching Faculty

Winter 2019 – Present

- Teaches law students participating in a week-long intensive course on case analysis and trial skills using demonstrations and detailed critiques. Teaches law students on trial skills such as openings, cross-examinations and direct examinations.

D.C. Law Students in Court

Washington, D.C.

Instructor

Fall 2017 – Winter 2020

- Taught an interactive course on *Jencks* and *Brady* case law and litigation practices to law students who represent indigent people charged with misdemeanors.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, D.C.

LL.M., Advocacy

October 2016

University of California-Berkeley, School of Law

Berkeley, California

J.D.

May 2014

Death Penalty Clinic, student attorney; East Bay Community Law Center, student attorney; Contra Costa Public Defender, law clerk; 1L Criminal Law Class, ASP Tutor; Berkeley Law Foundation, Co-President; California Asylum Representation Clinic, Co-President; Mock Trial Team, Regional Winner of the National Trial Competition; First Generation Professionals, Co-President; The Womxn of Color Collective, member.

University of Sheffield

Sheffield, England

Bachelor of Arts

June 2007

Major: English Literature with a concentration in Dramatic Literature and Theatrical Performance.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State courts: D.C. (2014).

Professional References

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