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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Baltimore School of Law, Baltimore, MD

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Innocence Project Clinic, July 2021 – Present

- Co-teach clinical course focused on lawyering skills and values, including interviewing, counseling, negotiation, collaboration, and client centered lawyering. Course covers wrongful convictions and post conviction law, among other topics.
- Co-develop syllabus and teaching plans for clinic. Develop curriculum on client interviewing and counseling, crime scene investigation, case development, oral advocacy, communication and writing, trial advocacy, forensics, multicultural lawyering, trauma-informed lawyering, professional vision, and sentencing and mitigation.
- Develop seminar plans, participation rubrics, and exercises for use in the clinical course.
- Supervise students using clinical pedagogy on all matters related to client case work.
- Guest lecture in Criminal Law, Civil Advocacy Clinic, and Family Law Clinic.
- Research and write scholarship and engage in scholarly life of the law school.
- Service: Clinical Teaching Fellow Hiring Committee, Faculty Bar Mentor.

EDUCATION

Boston College Law School, Newton, MA

Juris Doctor, cum laude, May 2008

- Criminal Law Clinic, Ayer District Court, Ayer, MA, September – December 2007
Represented the District Attorney at arraignment hearings; argued motions at suppression and bail hearings.
- Criminal Law Clinic, Federal Public Defender's Office, Boston, MA, January – May 2008
Researched complex legal issues and wrote memoranda regarding 4th Amendment and Miranda violations, as well as juror misconduct.
- New England Innocence Project, Case Review Independent Study, January – May 2007
Reviewed hundreds of pages of trial transcript to determine whether litigation should pass beyond the initial screening phase.

Boston University, Boston, MA

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Art History, cum laude, August 2003

- Awarded Distinction for thesis: *Standing Apartheid on Its Head*
- T.V. Edwards Law Firm, Legal Intern, Criminal Legal Aid Department, Summer 2002
Interviewed, advised, and attended court with indigent clients. Researched case law.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Progressive Façade: How Bail Reforms Expose the Limitations of the Progressive Prosecutor Movement*, 81 WASH. & LEE L. REV. (forthcoming 2024).
- *Progressive Prosecutors*, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice (under contract to produce).

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Clinical Teaching, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Trial Advocacy, Wrongful Convictions, Post Conviction, Progressive Prosecution, Sentencing and Mitigation.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Public Defender, State of Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Assistant Public Defender III, Felony Division, March 2015 – July 2021

Misdemeanor Jury Trial Division, March 2013 – February 2015

- Represented criminal defendants in misdemeanor, felony, and life penalty cases, including murder and attempted murder.
- Managed a caseload of approximately 50 – 70 cases in Baltimore City Circuit Court, including multiple life felonies simultaneously.
- Litigated on behalf of clients in trials, motions to suppress, and bail reviews.
- Aided clients in understanding collateral consequences, including immigration, filing for expungement, and obtaining addiction and mental health treatment.
- Obtained acquittals in murder, attempted murder, accessory after murder, and firearm possession jury trials.
- Secured an acquittal in a first degree murder case after the client was wrongfully convicted and previously sentenced to life in 2016. The case was overturned due to repeated objections and a mistrial request when a homicide detective testified why the witnesses' stories were consistent.
- Successfully procured a Motion for a Judgment of Acquittal to first degree attempted murder charges and accessory after the fact to first degree murder.
- Won a Motion to Suppress Statement in a first degree murder case, resulting in the Judge striking the portion of the statement taken prior to proper Miranda advisements.
- Won a Motion to Suppress Illegal Arrest in a first degree murder case, resulting in the Judge suppressing the statement given by the client as fruit of the poisonous tree and securing a dismissal of all charges.
- Member of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Counsel, Culture subcommittee, Retention subcommittee, working to ensure diversity is valued in every employee.

Committee for Public Counsel Services, Springfield, MA

Trial Attorney, Public Defender Division, September 2010 – January 2013

- Represented criminal defendants in matters involving a variety of felonies and misdemeanors.
- Managed a caseload of approximately 60 – 80 cases at a time in various state courts, including Springfield District Court, Holyoke District Court, and Hampden Superior Court.
- Advocated and successfully litigated on behalf of clients in trials, motions to suppress, violations of probation, and bail reviews.

Sugarman & Sugarman, P.C., Boston, MA

Litigation Associate, September 2009 – July 2010

- Carried a caseload of approximately 30 cases in various courts including probate, district, and superior court.

Hon. F. Dennis Saylor, IV, U.S. District Court, Worcester, MA

Legal Intern, January – May 2009

- Drafted daily memos for motion hearings. Reviewed habeas corpus petitions and Social Security appeals.

Democratic National Committee, Washington, DC

Associate, Compliance Department, July – December 2008

- Monitored DNC compliance with federal election laws. Researched background information on donors.

International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, The Hague, Netherlands

Law Clerk, Summer 2007

- Assisted Office of the Prosecutor with case work and conducted evidence gathering projects.

Children's Legal Services, Brookline, MA

Law Clerk, Summer 2006

- Assisted in all phases of family, probate, and child welfare matters. Drafted briefs and motions, performed legal research.

Suffolk County Jail, Boston, MA

Social Work Intern, 2004-2005

- Performed HIV tests, including pre and post test counseling. Conducted casework and intakes for defendants.

Germaine Lawrence, Arlington Heights, MA

Residential Counselor, 2003-2004

- Created and implemented behavior plans. Assessed patients' progress and discussed future placement with clinical team.

SELECTED PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Paper Presentation, *Progressive Façade*, Law and Society Conference, June 2023
- Chair, *Normatively Interrogating Punishment I*, Law & Society Conference, June 2023
- Chair, *Normatively Interrogating Punishment II*, Law & Society Conference, June 2023
- Paper Presentation, *Progressive Façade*, Mid-Atlantic Clinicians' Writing Workshop, May 2023
- Guest Lecturer, *Appeals, Post Conviction, and Writs of Actual Innocence*, Criminal Practice and Procedure, Vermont Law & Graduate School, April 2023
- Paper Presentation, *Progressive Façade*, University of Baltimore School of Law Clinical Faculty, April 2023
- Invited Panelist, *Value-Based Career Development*, Public Interest Lawyering Externship Class, University of Baltimore School of Law, March 2023
- Guest Lecturer, *Trial Advocacy: Objections*, Family Law Clinic, University of Baltimore School of Law, February 2023
- Moderator and organizer, "On These Grounds," MLK Screening and Talk Back, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, January 2023

- Guest Lecturer, *The Innocence Project Clinic and Wrongful Convictions*, Introduction to Sociology, Carroll Community College, October 2022
- Guest Lecturer, *Self Defense and Battered Spouse Syndrome*, Criminal Law, University of Baltimore School of Law, October 2022
- Judge, Civil Advocacy Clinic Mock Trial, University of Baltimore School of Law, October 2022
- Invited Panelist, *Criminalization of Mental Illness*, Criminal Law Students Assoc. & Disabled Law Students Assoc., University of Baltimore School of Law, October 2022
- Paper Presentation, *Progressive Failures*, N.Y.U. Clinical Law Review Workshop, October 2022
- Guest Lecturer, *Trial Advocacy: Openings and Closings*, Civil Advocacy Clinic, University of Baltimore School of Law, October 2022
- Co-Presenter, *Introduction to Scholarship*, New Clinic Faculty Orientation, University of Baltimore School of Law, July 2022
- Early Ideas Paper Presentation, *Progressive Failures*, Mid-Atlantic Clinicians' Writing Workshop, July 2022
- Invited Panelist, *Just Mercy Discussion*, Carroll One Book Committee, May 2022
- Moderator and organizer, *A Death Row Conversation*, Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, April 2022
- Moderator, *Big Ideas in Reframing Consent and Victimhood*, Feminist Legal Theory Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, April 2022
- Table Facilitator, *Our Bodies Ourselves Today Discussion*, Feminist Legal Theory Conference, University of Baltimore School of Law, April 2022
- Invited Panelist, *Fundamentals of Lawyering II*, The George Washington School of Law, February 2022
- Judge, *Civil Advocacy Clinic Mock Trial*, University of Baltimore School of Law, February 2022
- Presenter, *The Innocence Project Clinic and Wrongful Convictions*, Community College of Baltimore County Honors Program Seminar, January 2022
- Co-Presenter, *Introduction to Challenging Wrongful Convictions and Lengthy Sentences*, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, January 2022
- Presenter, *Circular Design and Participation Rubrics*, University of Baltimore School of Law Clinical Faculty, January 2022
- Presenter, *Motions Practice*, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, April 2021
- Moderator and organizer, *Policing in Maryland: The Law Enforcement Officer's Bill of Rights*, Jews United for Justice, March 2021
- Co-Presenter, *Social Media in Criminal Practice*, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, February 2021
- Co-Presenter, *Impeachment in Criminal Practice*, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, February 2021

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland (2013), New York (2010), Massachusetts (2009), The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, The First Circuit Court of Appeals, Massachusetts

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ASSOCIATIONS

Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association, Maryland Bar Association, National Association for Public Defense, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Clinical Legal Education Association, Association of American Law Schools