

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL (Ann Arbor, MI)

J.D. *magna cum laude*, Dec. 2002

Member, Order of the Coif

Associate Editor, Michigan Journal of Race and Law

### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (Ann Arbor, MI)

Bachelor of Science, May 1999, *Graduated with Distinction*

Graduate Student Teacher in Biopsychology

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, BLUHM LEGAL CLINIC

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law

August 2013-Present

My responsibilities include representing youth and young adults facing criminal charges in state and federal court, co-teaching a clinical course on criminal and juvenile justice, and supervising students assisting with case work.

With co-counsel, we maintain an ongoing caseload of approximately 8-12 pretrial and post-sentencing cases involving individuals who are charged with serious felonies, including armed robbery, assault, and homicide. The majority of our clients are youths facing adult charges. I supervise students in a variety of criminal hearings, including evidentiary hearings, pleas, and trial.

In addition, I am responsible for assisting students prepare for all aspects of trial work, including drafting opening statements, conducting direct and cross-examinations, and presenting closing arguments.

### PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (Washington, D.C.)

Supervising Trial Attorney

October 2004-May 2012

My responsibilities included representing individuals charged with felony criminal offenses, including conspiracy, obstruction of justice, and homicide from the time of arrest through sentencing. I tried dozens of jury and bench trials on behalf of clients. I

successfully secured dismissals, negotiated favorable pleas on behalf of clients, and utilized experts in all aspects of litigation.

In addition to direct representation, I supervised junior attorneys in all aspects of their case work, including advising clients, assisting in trial preparation, editing motions, providing feedback, and supervising trial work.

Finally, I was selected to participate in the Forensic Practice Group, a committee focused on understanding, utilizing, and challenging forensic science in court. In my role as a member of the Forensic Practice Group, I consulted on cases both within the Public Defender Service and outside involving forensic issues. I reviewed discovery on those cases, helped prepare expert witnesses, and developed legal challenges related to the use of forensics in the courtroom.

**JUDGE DAVID McKEAGUE**, U.S. Federal District Court, Western District of Michigan (Lansing, MI)

Law Clerk

August 2003-August 2004

Judge McKeague was later confirmed to the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Licensed to practice law in Washington D.C. (2004-present)

Licensed to practice law in Illinois (2013-present)

### **SIGNIFICANT LITIGATION**

***People v. Melvin Newman***, 01 CR 19103, (Illinois State Court, 2013)

Co-counsel representing defendant in pretrial first-degree murder case involving previously convicted defendant. Mr. Newman was convicted of first-degree murder in 2001 and sentenced to 47 years in prison. After his prior sentence was vacated and a new trial granted, co-counsel and I filed bond motions securing his release while pending trial, conducted dozens of witness interviews, including interviews of key eyewitnesses who recanted their trial testimony, and filed substantive motions, including one challenging the constitutionality of youth transfer statute. After more than a year of litigation, Mr. Newman's case was resolved with a plea to a lesser-included offense involving no additional prison time.

***In re I.C.***, juvenile cases, (Illinois, 2013)

Co-counsel representing juvenile charged with numerous felony offenses. I assisted in preparing students to litigate contested fitness hearing. I prepared students to conduct direct examination of defense expert and cross-examination of state's expert. Students were trained in how to develop a theory of the case, how to implement that theory through the use and introduction of exhibits, and how to impeach and refresh witnesses.

***United States v. Ingmar Guandique***, 2009 CF1 9230 (Washington, D.C. Superior Court, 2009)

Selected as co-counsel representing defendant in a nationally-recognized case involving first degree murder. My responsibilities included cross-examining high-profile

witnesses; developing and writing complex motions, including a motion challenging the admission of expert testimony related to geographic profiling; assisting in all aspects of the investigation and trial strategy; and preparing for and cross-examining several expert witnesses, including experts in the fields of DNA, serology, forensic anthropology, and fingerprint analysis. Case is currently pending hearing on motion for new trial.

*United States v. Ronald English*, 2007 CF1 16618 (Washington, D.C. Superior Court, 2007)

Co-counsel representing defendant in first-degree murder case. Mr. English was acquitted of all homicide related charges after completion of a multiple defendant trial. The case involved a challenge to the admission of firearm and toolmark “match” expert testimony under *Frye-Dyas*. Though the court ultimately admitted the expert testimony, defense motion and hearing transcript have been cited in forensic conferences and legal journals, including “The Champion.”

*United States v. Charles Nath*, 2008 CF3 29392 (Washington, D.C. Superior Court, 2008)

Counsel representing defendant charged with armed robbery and assault with a knife. Legal defense involved complex medical causation question related to cause of lung collapse. I cross-examined multiple government medical expert witnesses and presented defense expert in the field of cardiovascular surgery and heart transplant. Mr. Nath was acquitted on all counts.

## **SELECTED LECTURES AND TRAININGS**

Introduction to Sentencing: Theory, Planning, Advocacy, and Case Rounds (September 2009, 2010)

Training presentation to Georgetown University Law Center Prettyman Fellows regarding sentencing guidelines, developing sentencing theory, and preparing for oral and written sentencing advocacy.

The Law of Privileges (October 2010)

Presentation to Washington D.C. Public Defender Service beginning attorneys regarding the law of privileges and its impact on criminal litigation.

Trial Practice Group (2009-2010)

Co-taught weekly trial skills class to junior attorneys at the Public Defender Service in Washington D.C. The training focused on all aspects of trial skills, including but not limited to motions practice, direct and cross-examinations, case theory development, preparing for expert witnesses, and negotiation.

Science and Its Impact on the Law (April 2012)

Presentation at the Public Defender Conference in Mississippi regarding the scientific method, the intersection of science and the law, and challenges to the admissibility of science-based testimony.