

Carolyn Frazier

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EDUCATION:

- 8/99-5/02 **Northwestern University School of Law** Chicago, IL
- **Juris Doctor, *Magna Cum Laude*, received May 2002**
Dean's List, six of six semesters.
 - **Student, Bluhm Legal Clinic**
Represented children in juvenile criminal proceedings under supervision of Professor Thomas Geraghty. Represented ex-Illinois Death Row inmate Ronald Kitchen in post-conviction appeal. (2000-2002)
 - **Participant, Northwestern University Legal Assistance Project**
Partnered with attorney at Baker & McKenzie to successfully represent minor in hearing to regain SSI disability benefits that were improperly denied. (1999-2000)
 - **Chairperson, Student Bar Association Committee to Improve LRAP**
Successfully advocated for improvement of Northwestern's Loan Repayment Assistance Program. (2001-2002)
 - **Team Leader, International Team Project in Tanzania, Africa**
Planned and facilitated legal research trip for law students to Africa. (2001)
 - **Member, Student-Funded Public Interest Fellowships Program**
Raised funds for law students to work in public interest summer internships. (1999-2002)
- 1988-1993 **Stanford University** Stanford, CA
- **Master of Arts in Russian and East European Studies, 6/93**
Cumulative BA/MA GPA: 3.72/4.0 (4.0=A)
 - **Bachelor of Arts in American Studies, *with distinction*, 6/92**

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 7/04-Present **DLA Piper Clinical Fellow, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern University School of Law** Chicago, IL
- Co-developed and co-manage Signature Pro Bono Project in Juvenile Justice for DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary US LLP ("DLA Piper")'s Chicago office, including direct representation for indigent youth in Cook County Juvenile Court and a large-scale policy study examining the relationship between the Chicago Public Schools and the juvenile justice system. Provide ongoing mentoring, training, and support to firm's attorneys on both aspects of Project. Supervise second- and third-year law students on juvenile cases co-counseled with DLA Piper, including first-degree murder case.
- 10/02-7/04 **Baker & McKenzie** Chicago, IL
- Associate, Corporate & Securities**
Coordinated and managed international aspects of large, cross-border mergers & acquisitions. Assisted multinational companies with maintenance of foreign subsidiaries.
- Co-Counsel for former Illinois Death Row inmate Ronald Kitchen**
Represented Illinois prisoner and former Death Row inmate Ronald Kitchen in post-conviction proceedings. Prior to becoming co-counsel in 2003, participated in representation as law student (2000-2002) and as volunteer attorney (2002-2003).
- Member, Pro Bono Committee**
Linked volunteer attorneys to juvenile cases at Children and Family Justice Center of Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern University School of Law. Represented minor in expulsion proceeding with Chicago Public Schools.
- Summer, 2002 **PILI Graduate Fellow, International Human Rights Law Institute, DePaul University** Chicago, IL
- Received fellowship from Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) to research problem of international trafficking in humans. Reviewed, translated, and performed comparative

analysis of Latin American trafficking legislation. Authored chapter in handbook used by non-profits and governments worldwide to help combat trafficking.

- Summer, 2001 **Summer Associate, Latin American Practice Group, Baker & McKenzie** Chicago, IL
Assisted in creation of U.S./Mexico joint venture; analyzed potential breach of contract claims against client under Costa Rican law. Partnered with Bluhm Legal Clinic of Northwestern University School of Law to successfully represent minor in appeal of criminal case.
- 5/00-5/01 **Research Assistant, Professor Dorothy Roberts** Chicago, IL
Assisted Professor Roberts in researching issues of race and the child welfare system for her book, Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare.
- Summer, 2000 **Intern, Midwest Immigrant Human Rights Center** Chicago, IL
Assisted legal staff in preparation of asylum cases and interviewed Guatemalan families in Chicago with pending asylum claims.
- 1998-1999 **Program Manager, Adolescent Preventive Health Project, University of Chicago** Chicago, IL
Conducted research on minority youth access to preventive health information and resources. Designed community-based outreach program to address areas of need. Supervised collaboration with Chicago Public Schools and local youth agencies in design and delivery of program.
- 1995-1999 **Co-Founder/Director, Community Youth Challenge Program** Evanston, IL
Created and co-directed wilderness-based youth development program for underserved Evanston youth. Designed program content, with focus on self-esteem enhancement and violence prevention. Led year-round workshops and summer wilderness trips; wrote grants to support program; managed community relations.
- 1995-1997 **Child Advocate, Youth Organizations Umbrella, Inc.** Evanston, IL
Collaborated with school district, police department, and other local agencies to provide support, advocacy, crisis intervention services, and enrichment opportunities to disadvantaged youth and families. Conducted community outreach efforts to educate public about youth issues. Coordinated school-based Academic Support Program and supervised core of 15 volunteers. Managed counseling caseload of 10-15 youth.

HONORS/AWARDS:

- 2003 **Robert L. Berner, Jr. Pro Bono and Public Service Award of Excellence, Baker & McKenzie**
For pro bono contributions to firm.
- 2002 **Order of the Coif, Northwestern University School of Law Chapter**
National legal honor society.
- 2000 **Arlyn Minor Book Award, Northwestern University School of Law** For excellence in legal writing.
- 1999-2002 **William Wellington Memorial Scholarship, Northwestern University School of Law**
Merit scholarship to obtain law degree.
- 1992 **Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education**
Full merit scholarship for Master's degree.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Foster parent; strong Spanish language ability.