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Professional Experience

NORTHWESTERN PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW, Chicago, Illinois

Clinical Professor of Law (2018 – Present)

Clinical Associate Professor (2013 – 2018)

Clinical Assistant Professor (2005 –2013)

Children and Family Justice Center (CFJC), Bluhm Legal Clinic

Legal Director: Supervision of second and third year law students engaged in clinical course work as well as students involved in intensive off-site semester-long externships; Co-teaching of weekly seminar regarding juvenile and criminal justice issues as well as trial practice skills; Support for CFJC grant writing as well as on-going grant reporting; Coordination of CFJC amicus work; Litigation and strategic support for all CFJC attorneys, fellows and projects, including the Illinois Coalition for the Fair Sentencing of Children, the Juvenile Re-entry Assistance Project and Project of the Record

Center on Wrongful Convictions (CWC), Bluhm Legal Clinic

Staff Attorney/Clinical Supervisor: Supervision of second and third year law students representing clients in parole, juvenile delinquency and post-conviction criminal proceedings; Co-teaching of weekly seminar regarding juvenile and criminal justice issues, with special emphasis on subjects associated with wrongful convictions such as DNA testing, eyewitness identification practices, false confessions and federal post-conviction remedies

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, DC

Staff Attorney – Trial & Special Litigation Divisions (2000 – 2005)

Represented juveniles and adults charged with criminal matters in trial proceedings, appellate proceedings and collateral matters relating to educational placement, housing and entitlement benefits; participated in ongoing class action litigation to enforce consent decree regarding conditions at juvenile detention center; co-coordinated weekly trial skills program for summer law clerks; conducted trainings on habeas corpus, prosecutorial misconduct, jury pool challenges, prisoner re-entry and sentencing advocacy, especially with respect to juveniles transferred into criminal court; participated in special forensic practice group focusing on nuclear and mitochondrial DNA evidence; represented Public Defender Service on D.C. Sentencing Commission

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC

Prettyman Clinical Teaching Fellow – Criminal and Juvenile Justice Clinics (1998 –2000)

Represented juveniles and adults charged with delinquency and criminal matters in trial proceedings and post-sentencing/disposition; supervised third-year law students in juvenile justice clinic throughout all aspects of client representation; co-taught accompanying juvenile justice course covering substantive criminal law, trial skills and issues particular to juvenile representation; completed associated LL.M. coursework regarding indigent juvenile/criminal defense and clinical pedagogy

URBAN JUSTICE CENTER,

HOMELESSNESS OUTREACH AND PREVENTION PROJECT, New York, NY

Staff Attorney, Skadden Fellow (1996 – 1998)

Represented homeless and low-income clients via high volume administrative court advocacy and long term class action litigation regarding welfare reform and the “criminalization” of homelessness; co-founded and co-supervised the Workfare Workers Clinic, a year-long externship program for New York University law students

Education

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC, **LL.M.** (Advocacy), 2000

Prettyman Clinical Fellowship Program – Juvenile Justice Fellow

LL.M. Thesis: *Forced Forensic DNA Sampling: The Fourth Amendment's Final Frontier*

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, CT, **J.D.**, 1996

Student Attorney, Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization: Poverty, HIV & Prison Clinics

BROWN UNIVERSITY, Providence, RI, **A.B.** (Public Policy), 1992

Phi Beta Kappa, *Magna Cum Laude*

Honors & Awards

Ruth Goldman Award, American Constitution Society, 2016

BPI Champion of Change Award, 2014 (awarded to the Children & Family Justice Center)

Seventh Circuit Bar Association Pro Bono Advocacy Award, 2014 (awarded to Nicole Harris team)

MacArthur Foundation Award for Creative & Effective Institutions, 2013 (awarded to the Children & Family Justice Center)

Dean's Teaching Award, 2007-2008

Prettyman Fellowship, 1998

Skadden Fellowship, 1996

Bar Admissions

Washington, DC (1998)

Illinois (1997)

New York (1996)

Recent Publications

“*Transfer of Jurisdiction*,” (book chapter) Juvenile Law: Pre-Delinquency and Delinquency, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (July, 2017)

With Dr. A. Kavanaugh, “*Transfer Hearings*,” (book chapter), Inside Forensic Psychology, ABC-CLIO (2016)

“*Prosecution of Youth in Criminal Court*,” (book chapter) Illinois Juvenile Law and Practice, Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education (2013)

Recent Teaching, Consulting and Public Speaking Engagements

“The Exoneration of John Horton,” University of Chicago School of Law (panelist) (January 2018)

“Punishing the Poor: Bail Reform in Chicago,” NULS (moderator) (December 2016)

“Lawyer as Problem Solver: Client Counseling,” NULS (January 2015)

“Special Initiative: Youth in the Adult System,” National Juvenile Defender Center (July 2014)

“What Questions Does *Miller [v. AL]* Ask and How Can We Answer Them,” Illinois Coalition for the Fair Sentencing of Children (July 2014)

“Resentencing: Best Practices Post-*Miller* [v. AL] and *Davis* [v. IL]” Illinois Coalition for the Fair Sentencing of Children (July 2014)

“Lessons in Listening,” Skadden Fellowship Foundation (June, 2014)

“Lawyer as Problem Solver: Client Counseling,” NULS (January 2014)

“Nicole Harris' Eight Year Struggle for Justice,” Jenner & Block (CLE program) (December, 2013)

“The Fallibility of Eyewitness Identification,” Legal Prep Academy (March, 2013)

“Lawyer as Problem Solver: Client Counseling,” NULS (January 2013)

“Death-in-Prison Sentences for Children: Evolving Jurisprudence Regarding Extreme Sentencing of Youth,” The Yale Law School Association of Illinois (September 2012)

“Community Connections,” Francis W. Parker School (May 2012)

“Juvenile Life Without Parole ‘Teach-In,’” University of Illinois at Chicago/ Department of Criminal Justice (April 2012)

“Lawyer as Problem Solver: Client Counseling,” NULS (January 2012)

“Community Connections” (year-long seminar for high school students engaged in public interest activities) Francis W. Parker School (May, September, October, November 2011)

“The Juvenile Justice System: Know Your Rights,” Christopher House (July 2011)

“Juvenile Life Without Parole,” PILI Luncheon Series (July 2011)

“Juvenile Life Without Parole: The Story of Jacqueline Montanez,” Puerto Rican Agenda (April 2011)

“Juvenile Life Without Parole: The Story of Jacqueline Montanez,” Institute for Puerto Rican Arts & Culture (April 2011)

“Juvenile Life Without Parole: The Story of Jacqueline Montanez,” University of Illinois at Chicago/ Hull House (April 2011)

“Juvenile Life Without Parole: The Story of Jacqueline Montanez,” YMCA of Greater Chicago (March 2011)

Moot Court re: *Camreta v. Greene*, Loyola Law School (a collaboration involving faculty specializing in criminal, constitutional and child welfare law from Loyola, DePaul, Kent and the University of Chicago) (February 2011)

“Juvenile Justice Issues in Illinois,” Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network (JIDAN) Conference, Washington, D.C. (November 2009)

“*Miller v. Alabama* & *Graham v. Florida* – Evolving Supreme Court Jurisprudence Regarding Juvenile Life Without Parole,” Francis W. Parker School (November 2009)

“Sentencing Strategies for Youthful Clients,” Cook County Public Defender Annual Training Program, Oak Park, IL (September 2009)

“Juvenile Parole Revocation Process,” Law of Office of the Cook County Public Defender, Juvenile Division (September 2009)

“Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network (JIDAN) Update,” Juvenile Indigent Defense Resource Institute (JDRI) Advisory Council, Chicago, IL (July 2009)

Consultation re: Training Topics and Materials for Juvenile Defenders, Committee for Public Counsel Services, Youth Advocacy Project (June 2009)

“Post-Dispositional Advocacy,” Juvenile Defender Trial Practice Institute, Chicago, IL (June 2009)

Presentation re: Post-Dispositional Advocacy, Juvenile Defender Trial Practice Institute, Chicago, IL (June 2009)

“Juvenile Justice Issues in Illinois,” Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network (JIDAN) Conference, Miami, FL. (June 2009)

“Sentencing Strategies for Youthful Clients,” Illinois Public Defenders Association annual conference, Springfield, IL (May 2009)

“Juvenile Detention Advocacy, JIDAN & JDRI,” Illinois Public Defenders Association annual conference, Springfield, IL (May 2009)

“Juvenile-Specific Parole and Aftercare,” Illinois Prisoner Review Board, Chicago, IL (May 2009)

“Post-dispositional Advocacy,” Law of Office of the Cook County Public Defender, Juvenile Division (April 2009)

“Juvenile Justice Issues in Illinois,” Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network (JIDAN) Inaugural Conference, Washington, D.C. (January 2009)

“JIDAN,” Juvenile Indigent Defense Resource Institute (JDRI) Advisory Council, Chicago, IL (January 2009)