

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION:

J.D. Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 1970.
A.B. Harvard College, 1966, English Literature, *Cum Laude*.

KEY COMPETENCIES

- Professor of law specializing in criminal law and procedure and juvenile justice.
- Director Emeritus, Bluhm Legal Clinic, formerly responsible for the supervision of 35 faculty lawyers, 20 staff, and 150 law students.
- 50 years as a criminal defense lawyer and clinical teacher.
- Active in criminal/juvenile justice reform initiatives in the United States and abroad.
- Experience with access to justice issues in the United States and abroad.
- Consultant on legal education in developing countries.
- Experienced trial advocacy teacher.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Interim Director Northwestern Center for International Human Rights, 2019 to present.

Director Emeritus, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, August 31st, 2017 – present.

Associate Dean for Clinical Education, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 1981 – 2017. Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 1979 – present.

Director, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 1976 – 2017.

Class of 1967, James B. Haddad Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 2012-present.

Associate Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law 1976 – 1979.

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 1973 – 1976. Co-Director, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 1973 – 1975.

Staff Attorney, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 1970 – 1973.

TEACHING:

Clinical Practice, Trial Advocacy, Appellate Advocacy, Lawyering Process, Juvenile Law, Criminal Procedure, Legal Ethics, Negotiation, Children and the Law.

NORTHWESTERN PRITZKER SCHOOL OF LAW ACTIVITIES:

Director Emeritus, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 2017 - present. Director, Bluhm Legal Clinic, 1976 – 2017.

Member, Law School Senior Leadership Team, 2013-2017. Member, Dean Search Committee, 1985.

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, 1983 – 1985, 2010-2011.

Member, Admissions Committee, 1980 – 1993.

Member, Clinical Education Committee, 1975 – 1985.

As Director of the Bluhm Legal Clinic at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law from 1977 to 2017, I was responsible for the administration and support of an office of 36 clinical faculty, a clerical staff of 12, and 160 law students. The Bluhm Legal Clinic includes the Children and Family Justice Center, the Center on Wrongful Convictions, the Center for International Human Rights, the Roderick and Solange MacArthur Justice Center, the Environmental Advocacy Center, and the Center for Entrepreneurship. It also includes the Bartlit Center for Trial Advocacy and the Center for Negotiation and Mediation. As Director of the Bluhm Legal Clinic, I was responsible for the oversight and teaching of clinic-related courses. I continue to serve as a member of the faculty of the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, specializing in the supervision of students in the Juvenile Court of Cook County.

During my 50 years of teaching and practice, I have specialized in the representation of clients in juvenile and criminal court. I have also been active in juvenile court reform projects, including participation in Chicago's Solovy Commission, and working with the American Bar Association, National Juvenile Defender Center on an assessment of the juvenile division of the Cook County Public Defender's Office. I have also written training materials for lawyers who represent children and parents, and have designed and taught in programs for lawyers who practice in juvenile court. These trainings have been conducted in cooperation with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, a not-for-profit provider of continuing education for lawyers. I am an emeritus member of the Board of Trustees of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

During my career, I have worked in Ethiopia, Ghana, Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Namibia, Botswana, Senegal, Thailand and Vietnam on research projects involving juvenile justice, access to justice, and clinical legal education. In 1996, I helped to design a clinical curriculum for the Addis Ababa University School of Law. In 2000, I assisted in the drafting of a proposal for a child law curriculum for the Faculty of Law

at the University of Ghana in Legon. I have also been involved in training African lawyers in trial advocacy skills in cooperation with the National Institute for Trial.

Advocacy. I published a book, in cooperation with Penal Reform International and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, entitled *Access to Justice in Africa and Beyond*. In 2009, I conducted an assessment of legal education in Ethiopia, funded by USAID and the American Bar Association. With my wife, Professor Diane Geraghty, I published *Child-Friendly Legal Aid in Africa* (UNODC, UNDP, UNICEF, 2011). In 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, and 2018, I conducted trainings for law school clinical teachers in Ethiopia. In 2013, I participated in a training for law school deans in Myanmar focusing on clinical legal education. I participated in the ABA's International Summit on the Legal Rights of Street-Connected Children & Youth on November 28th-29th, 2017, in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

I have served on the boards of directors of the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, Glencoe Youth Services, the Chicago Area Project, First Defense Legal Aid, the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and SGA Social Services. I also serve on DLA Piper's New Perimeter Project, the firm's intentional pro-bono initiative.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Editorial Advisory Board, Journal of Ethiopian Law, 2018 – present.

Consultant, Islamic University, Bangladesh re: establishment of a clinical program, 2017.

Consultant, review of Addis Ababa University Law Faculty's Ph.D. program, 2016.

Trainings for clinical teachers in Ethiopia, sponsored by the Addis Ababa University Law Faculty, 2010-2018.

Consultant, Justice Audit Bangladesh, Government and Justice Group, 2017.

Training for law school deans in Myanmar on clinical legal education, July 2013.

Member, Advisory Board, Zanzibar Legal Aid Journal, 2013-present.

Consultant to UNICEF, Sierra Leone on access to justice issues, April 2011 – June, 2011.

Consultant to UNICEF, West Africa on legal aid for children, April 2010 – December, 2010.

UNODC Drafting Panel on Legal Aid, Vienna, Austria, October, 2009.

Consultant to ABA Rule of Law Initiative on Legal Education in Ethiopia, 2009-2011.

Led joint effort of DLA Piper, Accenture, and Northwestern Law School to support the law school in Addis, Ababa, Ethiopia, 2007 – 2010.

Member, Advisory Board, Cook County Public Defender's Office, 2009-2014.

Member, UNICEF Team, Juvenile Justice in Vietnam, 2007.

Member, UNICEF Team, Juvenile Justice in Nepal, 2007.

Member, UNICEF Evaluation Team, Diversion and Detention Alternatives for Juveniles in Thailand, summer 2006.

Member, Chicago Council of Lawyers/Chicago Appleseed Advisory Committee, Cook County Criminal Justice Survey, 2005 – present. Co-author, Report on Cook County's Felony Courts, 2007.

Chair, Association of American Law Schools, Africa Law Section, 2006 – 2007.

Member, Planning Committee, Association of American Law Schools Clinical Conference, 2006 – 2007.

Member, Advisory Board, DLA Piper New Perimeter Project, 2005 – present (The New Perimeter Project is DLA Piper's international *pro bono* initiative. DLA Piper is a 3500 lawyer international law firm).

Primary author, Evaluation of the Law Offices of the Cook County Public Defender, Juvenile Division in cooperation with the A.B.A. Juvenile Defender Center, 2005.

Member National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Board of Trustees, June 2001 – December, 2016.

Chair, NITA Publications Committee, 2004 – 2016.

Emeritus Member, NITA Board of Trustees, 2016 – present.

Member, Legal Services Delivery Work Group, Illinois Equal Justice Project, Chicago Bar Association and Illinois State Bar Association, 1997.

Chair, Conference on Clinical Legal Education in Africa, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, July, 1996.

Member, Illinois State Justice Commission, 1995 – 1996.

Member, Governor's Mental Health Task Force to Evaluate the Joseph Wallace Case, 1994.

Member, Executive Committee of Program Directors, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 1994 – 1995.

Member, AALS Clinical Conference Planning Committee, 1994 – 1995.

Member, Advisory Board, MacArthur Justice Center, 1993 – present.

Member, Illinois Supreme Court Solovy Commission on Juvenile Justice, 1993 – 1994.

Chair, Juvenile Law Committee, Chicago Bar Association, 1991 – 1992.

Member, AALS Accreditation Committee, 1990 – 1993.

Member, Task Force on Training the Advocate, Section of Litigation, American Bar Association, 1988 – 1990.

Vice-President, Chicago Council of Lawyers, 1987 – 1988.

Primary author, Evaluation of the Cook County Public Defender's Office, Chicago Council of Lawyers, 1986.

Chairman, Federal Judicial Evaluation Committee, Chicago Council of Lawyers, 1985 – 1988.

Member, Board of Governors, Chicago Council of Lawyers, 1983 – 1988.

Faculty, Illinois Judicial Conference, 1978 – 1979, 1988 – 1989.

Director, Midwest Region, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 1977 – 1999.

Member, Board of Directors, Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, 1975 – 1979.

Member, Board of Directors, Chicago Cook County Criminal Defense Consortium, 1975 – 1979.

Chairman, Chicago Council of Lawyers, Criminal Justice Committee, 1975.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Member, Board of Trustees, and President Alumni Association, North Shore Country Day School, Winnetka, IL., 2019 – present.

Member, Board of Directors, SGA Youth and Family Services, 2018 – present.

Member, (now emeritus) Board of Trustees, National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA), 2000 – present.

Board of Directors, Chicago Area Project, 2005 – 2017.

Evaluation of the Juvenile Division of the Law Offices of the Cook County Public Defender, 2005.

Member, Village of Glencoe Zoning Commission, 1990 – 1996.

Board Member and President, Glencoe Youth Services, 1985-1995.

AWARDS/HONORS:

2019: Certificate of Recognition awarded by the Addis Ababa University School of Law & Governance Studies for 50 years of collaboration and support for legal education in Ethiopia, March, 2019.

2018: Lifetime Achievement Award, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law's Center on Wrongful Convictions

2017: Abner Mikva Legal Legends Award, American Constitution Society.

2017: William Pincus Award for Outstanding Commitment to Clinical Education, Clinical Section, Association of American Law Schools.

2016: Dawn Clark Netsch Public Service Award, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

2016: UNICEF Chicago Humanitarian Award (with Diane Geraghty).

2015: Walter J. Cummings Award for Pro Bono Service, Federal Bar Association, Chicago, IL.

2013: Lifetime Achievement Award, Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

2012 – present: Class of 1967, James B. Haddad Chair, Northwestern University School of Law.

2012: Northwestern University School of Law Student Public Interest Service Award.

2009: Public Interest Law Initiative, Distinguished Public Service Award.

2007: Appleseed Fund for Justice, Chicago Council of Lawyers, Commitment to Justice Award.

2007: John Howard Association, Annual Award for Advocacy in Juvenile & Criminal Justice.

2006: Named one of Illinois top 10 law teachers, by the Chicago Lawyer Magazine.

2003: The Leonard Jay Schragger Award of Excellence, Chicago Bar Association, Chicago Bar Foundation.

2002: Creation of the Thomas F. Geraghty Fund for Juvenile Justice, Northwestern University School of Law.

2001: Francis Stanton Alumni Award, North Shore Country Day School, Winnetka, Illinois.

Dean's Teaching Awards, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2005.

2001: Northwestern Pritzker School of Law Student Bar Association: Creation of the Thomas F. Geraghty Leadership Award.

2001: ABA Livingston Hall Award for Juvenile Justice.

1999: Laureate of The Illinois State Bar Association Academy of Lawyers, Inaugural Class.

1997: Distinguished Service Award, National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

1994: Robert F. Oliphant Award, National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH ACTIVITIES:

The Cook County Criminal Justice Audit, with Loyola University, the Justice Mapping Project, and DataMade. Can be accessed by contacting Thomas F. Geraghty (2015-present).

Pietro S. Toggia, Thomas F. Geraghty, Kokebe W. Jemaneh, Editors, *Access to Justice in Ethiopia: Towards an Inventory of Issues*. (Center for Human Rights, Addis Ababa University, 2014).

A Tribute to Louis W. McKinney, 63 Case Western Reserve Law Review 283 (2012).

Thomas F. Geraghty, *The Children & Family Justice Center's 20th Anniversary: Splendid Accomplishments and a Wonderful Future*, 6 Nw. J. L. & Soc. Pol'y 402 (2011).

Diane Geraghty & Thomas Geraghty, CHILD-FRIENDLY LEGAL AID IN AFRICA. (UNICEF, UNODC & UNDP, 2011). (French version available).

Thomas F. Geraghty, *Access to Justice and Legal Education in Africa*, INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND PROMISING PRACTICES FOR LEGAL AID PROVIDERS (Danish Institute for Human Rights, 2010).

Thomas Geraghty, *African Legal Education: A Missed Opportunity and Suggestions for Change: A Call for Renewed Attention to a Neglected Means for Securing Human Rights and Legal Predictability*, 5 Loy. U. Chi. Int'l L. Rev. 87 (2007) (with Emmanuel Quansah).

Reform of Legal Education in Ethiopia: The Ethiopian Experience in the Context of History, the Present, and the Future, 22 Journal of Ethiopian Law 49 (2008). (with Emmanuel Quansah, adapted from *African Legal Education: A Missed Opportunity and Suggestions for Change*, 5 Loy. U. Chi. Int'l L. Rev. 87 (2007)).

Co-author, *Illinois: An Assessment of Access to Counsel & Quality of Representation in Delinquency Proceedings*, Bluhm Legal Clinic, MacArthur Foundation Models for Change,

2007.

Book Chapter, "Assessing Children's Competence to Stand Trial and to Waive Miranda Rights: New Directions for Legal and Medical Decision-Making in Juvenile Courts," in *The Mental Health Needs of Young Offenders: Forging Paths Towards Reintegration and Rehabilitation*, eds., Carol L. Kessler and Louis Kraus, Cambridge University Press, 2007 (with Louis Kraus and Peter Fink).

Co-editor, *Access to Justice in Africa and Beyond*, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY, (2007).

The Criminal/Juvenile Justice Clinic as A Public Interest Law Office: The Best Way to Teach Justice, 75 MISSISSIPPI L.J. 699 (2006).

Legal Clinics and the Better Trained Lawyer (Redux): A History of Clinical Education at Northwestern, 100 N.W.U. L. REV. 231 (2006).

Juvenile Justice Strategies to Control Youth Violence: Is There a Conflict?, 94 JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY 1, 481-496, (2004).

Prison and After Prison, 94 JOURNAL CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY 4, 1149-1162 (2004).

Trying to Understand America's Death Penalty System and Why We Still Have It, 94 JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY 2, 209-238, (2003).

In Re Pena: Interdisciplinary Teaching Materials in Child Advocacy, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY, (2002-2003) (with Diane Geraghty and Angela Vigil).

Cook County Criminal Law Practice in 1929: A Community's Response to a Notorious Trial, 92 JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINOLOGY 555, 555-608 (2002).

Problems in Ethics & Professional Responsibility, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY, REVISED ED.(2002) (with Robert Burns and Steven Lubet).

Learning From Tragedy: Representing Children In Discretionary Transfer Hearings, 33 WAKE FOREST LAW REVIEW, 595 (1998) (with Will Rhee).

Treating the Mentally Ill Offenders: The Challenges of Creating an Effective Safe, and Just System, Book Review, 89 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 393 (1998) (with Louis J. Kraus, M.D.).

Forward -- The Debate Over the Future of Juvenile Courts: Can We Reach Consensus, 88 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 1 (1997) (with Steve Drizin).

Justice for Children, How Do We Get There?, 88 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 190 (1997).

Problems and Cases on Juvenile Advocacy, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY (1995) (with Bruce Boyer).

Consolidated Department Stores et. al. v. Northwest Dock & Dredge, NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY (1995) (advanced materials on trial advocacy).

Motions in Limine, in ILLINOIS TRIAL GUIDE (Matthew Bender, ed., 1992).

Teaching Trial Advocacy in the 90's & Beyond, 66 NOTRE DAME LAW REVIEW 687 (1991).

American United Tobacco Company v. Federal Trade Commission, case file used by the American Bar Association's "Effective Argument to the Court" conference, Washington, D.C. (May 1989).

The Care and Feeding of Defender Organizations, Book review, 82 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1255 (1988).

Farrell et al. v. Strong Line, Inc. et al., NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY (1986). These teaching materials have been used in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's advanced trial advocacy courses from 1986 to the present.

World Oil Co. v. Toiler Salvage Co. & Northeast Shipbuilding Inc., NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY (1982). These teaching materials have been the basis for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's advanced trial advocacy courses from 1982 to the present.

People, Practice, Attitudes and Problems in the Lower Courts of Ethiopia, VI JOURNAL OF ETHIOPIAN LAW 2 (Dec.1969).

RECENT PRESENTATIONS:

Organization of Symposium, "Human Rights and Access to Justice in Ethiopia," co-sponsored by the Northwestern Journal of Human Rights and the Addis Ababa University Law School's Journal of Ethiopian Law, February, 2020.

Justice Audit in Ethiopia, presented to members of the judiciary, government departments, and legal educators, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, March 2019.

Presentation on clinical legal education made to legal educators in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, March 2019.

Presentations to Independent Lawyers of Myanmar and to USAID on defending lawyers who defend human rights defenders in Myanmar, October, 2019.

Training Lawyers to work in developing countries, Professional Skills Institute Materials Consortium, Nagoya University Tokyo, Japan, Nov., 2019, in cooperation with the National

Institute for Trial Advocacy.

Training on counseling, Professional Skills Institute Materials Consortium, Nagoya University, Tokyo, Japan, November, 2019, in cooperation with the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

Presentations to Independent Lawyers of Myanmar and to USAID Myanmar on legal defense of human rights defenders, Naypitaw and Yangon Myanmar, October, 2019.

Presentations on Interviewing and Counseling, Office of the Public Defender, Lagos, Nigeria, January 2019.

Training of trial observers, A.B.A, Center for Human Rights, and Bangladesh Legal Services, Dhaka, Bangladesh, June 2018.

Clinical Simulation, University of The Gambia Law School, March 2018. Legal Education in Ethiopia, DLA Piper Pro Bono Conference, 2017.

Yearly presentations on clinical legal education, Addis Ababa University Faculty of Law, Ethiopia (1995-2018).

Designed and Implemented training for the Tanzania Anti-Corruption Agency (March, 2015).

The Externship Program in Ethiopia, November 2012, Addis Ababa University School of Law.

Use of Demonstrative Evidence, Cook County Public Defender Training Institute, September 2012.

Justice Advocacy Faculty Training Institute. Trial advocacy teacher training for African lawyers, University of Washington, & Justice Advocacy Africa., Seattle, WA, March, 2011.

Access to Justice, Department of Justice Workshop on International Perspectives on Indigent Criminal Defense, Washington, D.C., January, 2011.

Training for clinical teachers in Ethiopia, sponsored by the Curriculum Implementation Committee of the Justice Systems and Legal Research Institute of the Ethiopian Ministry of Justice, November, 2010, (materials for this course are being used as the basis for clinical programs in several Ethiopian law schools).

Child-Friendly Legal Aid. Presentation for UNICEF & UNODC with Diane Geraghty. Dakar, Senegal, May, 2010.

Legal Education in Ethiopia, Conference of Ethiopian Legal Educators, American Bar Association/ USAID, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, October 16-17, 2009.

Forensic Testimony in Criminal Cases, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY, September 18, 2009.

Administration of Criminal Clinics, Clinical Legal Education Forum, The Committee of

Chinese Clinical Legal Educators, Open Society Institute, Harbin, China, August 9-14, 2009.
Access to Justice, The Role of Legal Education, Conference on Legal Aid in Africa, Kigali Rwanda, Danish Institute for Human Rights, 2008.

Access to Justice in Africa, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, 2008.

Juvenile Justice in Asia, UNICEF Training, Katmandu, Nepal, 2007.

The Role of the Legal Profession, Moderator, Conference on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights through Provision of Legal Services, Kyiv, Ukraine, March, 2007.

Clinical Education, A Boon for Promising Lawyers, Presentation to the Supreme Court Bar of India, February, 2007.

Closing Argument: A Framework for Preparing and Presenting an Effective Closing Argument: Developing the Most Plausible Explanation, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Dublin, Ireland, March, 2006.

Legal Education and Human Rights in Africa: The Role of American Lawyers, DLA Piper, January, 2006.

Juvenile Transfers to Adult Court and The Intersection of Research and Policy: A Practitioner's View Regarding Transfer of Children to Criminal Court, Office of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention, Washington, D.C., January, 2006.

Ethics in the Courtroom, Short Course for Prosecutors and Defense Lawyers, July, 2005, July, 2006.

Establishing the Death Penalty Moratorium for the State of Illinois, National Association of Criminal Defense Investigators, July, 2005.

Investigation and Advocacy at Sentencing, National Association of Sentencing Advocates, July, 2005.

New Approaches to Access to Legal Services: Research, Practice, Policy, Panel Commentator, American Bar Foundation, Salt Lake City, February, 2005.

EXAMPLES OF SIGNIFICANT LITIGATION:

People v. Hester, No. 61-1251, Circuit Court of Cook County, 2010 – 2020 (Wrongful conviction of a 14-year old in 1961). Conviction vacated and certificate of innocence granted, 2019-2020. This was a 1961 murder conviction of a 14 year-old. Steve Drizin, Laura Nirider, and Patrick Fitzgerald and his team at Skadden, secured this result on behalf of Mr. Hester, representing Mr. Hester over a 10 year period. To date, it is the oldest wrongful conviction case on record.

People v. Kari Ford, Illinois Appellate Court, No. 1-17-2592, January 18, 2019 (Right to

treatment for a sex offender confined in the Illinois Department of Corrections since 1977).

People v. Christian Walker, Illinois Appellate Court, No. 16-2897, August 31, 2017, (Important reasonable double case appealed from the Cook County Juvenile Court. Conviction reversed).

State of Wisconsin v. Brendan Dassey (member, defense team, 2008 to present).

Strong v. Gaetz, No. 07C-0435, Federal habeas petition granted for wrongfully convicted who was incarcerated for a murder he did not commit. Petition granted May 28, 2015. Civil Rights case settled for \$8,000,000 in 2017.

Next Friend, Jimmy Doe v. Cook County, No. 99C-3945, A federal civil rights proceeding resulting in reform of Cook County's Juvenile Temporary Detention Center

Newman v. Gaetz, 1-08-cv-04240, Federal District Court for the Northern District of Illinois (habeas relief granted to a juvenile whose trial counsel failed to raise fitness to stand trial).

People v. Ronald Kitchen, No. 88 CR 15409 (July, 2009). Exoneration of wrongfully convicted defendant after 21 years in prison.

Orange v. Burge, No 1: 04-CV-168(2008): Settlement of civil rights claim for 5 million dollars brought by a former death row inmate who was the victim of police torture. I also represented Mr. Orange in state court post-conviction proceedings and before the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

People v. Walter Allen, 875 N.E.2nd 1221, Illinois Appellate Court 2007. This case, which I tried, was one of the first cases in Illinois to establish the right of a defendant to call an expert witness on the issue of the reliability of an eyewitness identification.

A.M. v. Butler, 360 F.3d 787 (7th Cir. 2004): A juvenile was convicted of murder based upon his un-counseled statement to the police. The Seventh Circuit held that the juvenile's confession was inadmissible. The case was handled in collaboration with Steven Drizin of the Bluhm Legal Clinic and Jenner & Block.

Hardaway v. Young, 302 F.3d 757 (7th Cir. 2002): A 14 year-old was tried as adult for murder and was convicted, based in large part on his uncounseled statement to police. We represented the 14 year-old at trial, on appeal in the Illinois courts, and in a federal habeas petition. The federal district court granted the petition, but the Seventh Circuit reversed. However, in reversing the district court's grant of habeas relief, the Seventh Circuit noted the problems associated with uncounseled interrogations of juveniles, and in so doing, helped to set the stage for subsequent cases that have raised this important issue.

People v. M.G. (2002): A murder case in which the defendant was charged with killing her newborn child. Defense medical experts demonstrated that the child died of natural causes. M.G. was found not guilty.

Brown v. Sternes, 304 F.3d 677 (7th Cir. 2002): Petitioner established that he was denied effective assistance of counsel when his lawyers failed to investigate his mental health history. The Seventh Circuit called attention to what it found to be a complete breakdown of the adversarial system in this case.

People v. Leroy Orange, 195 Ill.2d 437 (2001): Condemned prisoner made one of the first complaints (1984) of police torture by Jon Burge and other Area 2 police officers. His allegation that his confession was coerced was rejected by the Supreme Court of Illinois. Thereafter, Governor Ryan pardoned Mr. Orange on the ground of actual innocence. (see, settlement of civil Leroy Orange's civil case described above).

People v. Scott Kinkead, 182 Ill.2d 316 (1998): Death penalty sentence reversed after postconviction hearing established that the defendant was taking psychotropic medication when he plead guilty and sought the death penalty.

People v. Dino Titone, 151 Ill.2d 19 (1992): Death penalty post-conviction case in which it was alleged that a Cook County Judge solicited a bribe in a murder case. The judge was sent to prison. The defendant's death penalty sentence was vacated.