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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

*Associate Professor of Law* 2014—Present  
Assistant Professor of Law 2010—2014

### **Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, Texas**

- Courses: Lawyering Process I, Lawyering Process II, and Appellate Litigation
- Teaching first-year law students the necessary legal reasoning, writing, citation, appellate litigation, and oral advocacy skills to be an exceptional attorney
- Serving on the following committees: Curriculum Committee (Chair, 2016 to present), Ad Hoc Bar Committee (Co-Chair, Summer 2016)
- Past committee service includes: Faculty Scholarship Committee, Ad Hoc Experiential Learning Committee, Admissions, Academic Standards, Library, Student-Faculty Relations, University Faculty Merit Increase Committee, University Campus Carry Committee, and University Student Evaluations Committee
- Teaching Interests: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law, Evidence, Lawyering Process

*Assistant Clinical Law Professor of Legal Research & Writing* 2007—2010

### **University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas**

- Courses: Legal Research and Predictive Writing; Appellate Advocacy
- Taught first-year law students invaluable legal research, writing, analytical, citation, trial, and appellate litigation skills
- Head Coach for the University's two Admiralty Moot Court Teams for 2009-2010 school-year (both teams were finalists)

### *Appellate Staff Attorney*

**Federal Public Defender's Office, Springfield, Illinois** 2005—2007

- Zealously advocated for indigent defendants in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of Illinois and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- Covered initial appearances, detention hearings, change-of-plea hearings, and sentencings
- Filed numerous appellate briefs, presented oral arguments, and filed motions
- Served as a panelist speaker in a CLE course for CJA attorneys

### *Staff Attorney*

**U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Atlanta, Georgia** 2001—2005

- Served all the Eleventh Circuit judges by drafting memoranda and proposed opinions on wide-ranging issues, including federal criminal law, employment discrimination, immigration, and international law
- Revised Court's internal Sentencing Guidelines Manual relied upon by judges, law clerks, and staff attorneys to review the legality of federal sentences
- Acted in a supervisory capacity by reviewing and editing other staff attorneys' draft memoranda, proposed opinions, and proposed orders before documents were submitted to the judges
- Competitively selected to handle special projects for the Court, including working on a complicated multi-defendant criminal appeal involving a church *Ponzi* scheme that was featured on CNBC's American Greed

### *Assistant Public Defender*

**Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office, Miami, Florida** 1998—2001

- Represented criminal defendants in Florida's intermediary appellate courts
- Filed over 100 appellate briefs and presented many oral arguments
- Commended in a published opinion, *Ortega v. State*, 755 So. 2d 813, 814 (Fla. 3d DCA 2000) (per curiam), for the "excellence" of my brief
- Advised trial attorneys on complicated matters

## **EDUCATION**

***Juris Doctorate***, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida 1995—1998

**Class Rank: 7/141=Top 5%**

- Honors: Earned the highest grade in the Appellate Litigation Clinic, Constitutional Law I, Evidence, Wills and Trusts, and Employment Discrimination
- Received “Outstanding Trial Litigation Skills Award”

***Bachelor of Arts Degree***, Stetson University, DeLand, Florida 1991—1995

- Honors: Dean’s List, Greek Woman of the Year, and Omicron Delta Kappa
- Activities: Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. (President); Student Government Representative

## **BAR LICENSURE**

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth, Seventh, and Eleventh Circuits; Central District of Illinois; Florida; Georgia

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- *Crossfire on Compulsory Campus Carry Laws—When the First and Second Amendments Collide*, 102 IOWA L. REV. -- (2017) (forthcoming).
- *Symposium on “Texas Gun Law and the Future:” The Fatal Flaws in Texas’s Campus Carry Law*, 41 THURGOOD MARSHALL L. REV. 2 (co-authored with Daniel De Luna) (lead article).
- *The Cost of Raising A Killer—Parental Liability for the Parents of Adult Mass Murderers*, 61 VILLANOVA L. REV. 1 (2016) (lead article)
- *Firearms Law Redux—Legislative Proposals for Disarming the Mentally Ill Post-Heller and Newtown*, 3 MENTAL HEALTH L. & POL’Y J. 320 (2014)
- *Bullets and Books By Legislative Fiat: Why Academic Freedom and Public Policy Permit Higher Education Institutions to Say No to Guns*, 48 IDAHO L. REV. 1 (2011) (lead article)
- *Persuasive Speech and Persuasive Legal Writing Require the Same Skills: So Why Aren’t We Using Oral Argument to Teach Persuasive Writing?* AALS SECTION ON TEACHING METHODS (2011)

## **PRESENTATIONS AND MEDIA**

- Invited Speaker, “*Universities in a Dangerous World: Defending Higher Education Communities & Values*,” presented by Global Congress of Scholars at Risk Network, Montreal, Canada (June 7, 2016)
- Invited Co-Speaker, Symposium on “*Texas Gun Law and the Future*” presented by Thurgood Marshall School of Law Review, Houston, Texas (Apr. 1, 2016)
- Invited Panelist Speaker, “*Faculty in Research*,” Thurgood Marshall School of Law Research Week 2016, Houston, Texas (Mar. 31, 2016)
- Co-Moderator, *How to Play the Mystifying Law Review Submission Game*, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Faculty Quodlibet Scholarly Papers Forum, Houston, Texas (Sept. 2015)
- Presenter, *The Cost of Raising a Killer—Parental Liability for Some Adult Rampage Shooters’ Parents*,

Concordia School of Law, Boise, Idaho (Apr. 2015)

- Invited Speaker, *Update on Bullets & Books by Legislative Fiat—The Constitutionality of Campus Carry Laws*, American Constitutional Law Society at Concordia Law School, Boise, Idaho (Apr. 2015)
- Presenter, *Parental Liability & Mass Shootings*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, Amelia Island, Florida (Aug. 2014)
- Panelist Speaker, *Teaching Methodology, Learning & Technology in Higher Education*, Texas Southern University Annual International Trends in Evidence-Based Research Conference, Houston, Texas (June 2014)
- Moderator, *Research By the Book @#TMSL*, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Research Week, Houston, Texas (Apr. 2014)
- Presenter, *If Nancy Lanza Had Lived—The Tort Liability That Could Attach to those Who Know or Should Know Someone is Mentally Ill and Dangerous and Fail to Protect or Warn Third Parties*, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Faculty Quodlibet Scholarly Papers Forum, Houston, Texas (Nov. 2013)
- Presenter, *Firearm Laws Redux—Proposals for Disarming the Mentally Ill*, Southeastern Law Scholars Conference, Charleston, South Carolina (Oct. 2013)
- Co-Presenter, *Students Gone Wild: Tips for Dealing With Negative Student Situations*, 15th Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute, Savannah, Georgia (Apr. 2013)
- Presenter, *Legislative Proposals for Disarming the Mentally Ill*, Thurgood Marshall School of Law & South Texas College of Law Scholarship Exchange Series, Houston, Texas (Mar. 2013)
- Invited Speaker, U.S. Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's Town Hall Meeting on Mental Illness, Guns, and Violence, Houston, Texas (Feb. 2013)
- Invited Speaker, Radio Show, *Real Talk With Ray Baker* on Sirius XM Channel 141 (discussing the U.S. Supreme Court's opinion in Nat'l Fed'n of Indep. Bus. v. Sebelius, 132 S.Ct. 2566 (2012), which upheld the highly controversial individual mandate provision of the Affordable Care Act) (broadcasted July 2, 2012)
- Presenter, *The Dichotomy Between a Student's Second Amendment Right to Possess Firearms and a Higher Education Institution's First Amendment Right to Ban Firearms*, Thurgood Marshall School of Law & South Texas College of Law Scholarship Exchange Series, Houston, Texas (Mar. 2012)
- Presenter, *Legality and Wisdom of Legislation Permitting Guns on Campus*, 5th Annual National Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Houston, Texas (June 2011)
- Invited Speaker, *Possibilities: The J.D. Examined*, Rocky Mountain Black Law Students Association Regional Conference at St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, Texas (Feb. 2011)
- Invited Speaker, *Family and Career: Trajectories of the Female Attorney*, Rocky Mountain Black Law Students Association Regional Conference at St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio, Texas (Feb. 2011)
- Presenter, *Focus: Teaching Legal Writing in the Age of Distraction*, Southeast Regional Legal Writing Conference (co-presenter), Stetson University College of Law, Tampa Bay, Florida (Aug. 2009)