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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Dean of Academic Affairs and Professor of Law (July 1, 2022 to present)

Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas

- Early Promotion to Full Professor of Law with Tenure (2018); Tenured Associate Professor of Law (since 2016); Associate Professor of Law (2014-2016); Assistant Professor of Law (2010-2014)
- Currently teaching: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Evidence
- Past courses taught: Lawyering Process-Legal Writing (2010-2021); Appellate Litigation (Fall 2016)
- Chaired various Committees (Curriculum, Ad Hoc Bar Passage Committee, and Dean's Search). Served on Academic Standards, Rank and Tenure, Ad Hoc Experiential Learning, Admissions, Library, Student-Faculty Relations, University Faculty Merit Increase, University Campus Carry, University Student Evaluations Committees, and University Faculty Excellence Awards Committee
- Rotating Legal Writing Director (2018-2019)
- Rotating Chair for the City of Houston's Grievance Committee (2021-2022)

Assistant Clinical Law Professor of Legal Research & Writing (2007-2010)

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas

- Taught Legal Research and Predictive Writing and Appellate Advocacy
- Head Coach for the University's two Admiralty Moot Court Teams 2018-2019

Appellate Staff Attorney (2005-2007)

Federal Public Defender's Office, Springfield, Illinois

- 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 in Chicago, Illinois
- Filed numerous appellate briefs and persuasive motions and presented oral arguments before the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
- Occasionally covered initial appearances, detention hearings, change-of-plea hearings, and sentencing at the trial level
- Served as a panelist speaker in a CLE course for CJA attorneys

Federal Staff Attorney (2001-2005)

U.S. Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Atlanta, Georgia

- 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 Criminal Sentencing Guidelines Manual relied upon by judges, 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 (1998-2001)

Miami-Dade Public Defender's Office, Miami, Florida

- Represented criminal defendants in Florida's Third District Court of Appeals
- Filed over 100 appellate briefs and made many oral arguments
- Commended in a published opinion, *Ortega v. State*, 755 So. 2d 813, 814 (Fla. 3d DCA 2000) (*per curiam*), for exceptional *Anders* brief

- Advised trial attorneys on complicated legal matters
- Received Award in recognition of my “Loyalty, Dedication To The Cause Of Justice And Outstanding Contribution” to the Law Offices of the Public Defender

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- Recipient of Innovative Research Grant to start Firearms Violence Prevention Research Project (June 2022)
- *Crossfire on Compulsory Campus Carry Laws—When the First and Second Amendments Collide*, 102 IOWA L. REV. 2109 (2017)
- *Symposium on “Texas Gun Law and the Future:” The Fatal Flaws in Texas’s Campus Carry Law*, 41 T. MARSHALL L. REV. 135 (co-authored with Daniel De Luna) (2016)
- *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)

PEER REVIEW OF SCHOLARSHIP

- External Peer Reviewer for Yale Law Journal (Mar. 2021)
- External Peer Reviewer for Northern Illinois University School of Law (October 2020)
- External Peer reviewer for Brooklyn Law School (Dec. 2018)

PRESENTATIONS AND MEDIA

- Legal Commentator on local ABC News with Pooja Lodhia on “Uvalde Shooting: Here is What to Expect from Uvalde Shooting Investigation by the Department of Justice,” <https://abc13.com/what-to-expect-uvalde-school-shooting-investigation-the-department-of-justice/11910002/> (May 30, 2022).
- Guest legal expert on “Town Square with Ernie Manouse” on Houston Public Media, PBS, and NPR discussing Uvalde School Shooting, Gun Control Laws, and Mental Illness <https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/shows/town-square/2022/05/26/425926/uvalde-shooting-opens-discussion-on-gun-control-laws-and-mental-illness/> (May 26, 2022).
- Legal commentator on local NBC News Story on “Mother Says She Can’t Enroll Her Son in School Due to Harm Policy at East Bernard ISD,” <https://www.click2houston.com/news/local/2022/04/27/mother-says-she-cant-enroll-her-son-in-school-due-to-hair-policy-at-east-bernard-isd/> (Apr. 26, 2022).
- Television Panelist on local Fox News segment on Recognizing Toxic Parenting, <https://www.fox26houston.com/video/967052> (Aug. 15, 2021).
- Interviewed and quoted as an expert by Wallethub in online article titled *Cities with the Highest Increase in Homicide Rates During Covid*, https://wallethub.com/edu/cities-homicide-rate/94070#expert=Shaundra_Kellam_Lewis (July 14, 2021)
- Quoted in *U.S. Supreme Court to Review Censure Case of Former HCC Board Member* by Brittany Britto, Houston Chronicle, <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/U-S-Supreme-Court-to-review-censure-case-of-16136189.php> (Apr. 28, 2021)
- Invited Speaker at AALS Hot Topic Panel Discussion on *The Second Amendment at the U.S. Supreme Court and the Future of Heller*, Washington, D.C. (Jan. 2020)
- Invited speaker at the Bar Association of the Federal Fifth Circuit’s Appellate Advocacy Seminar (co-presented on recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions and the appointment of Justice Brett Kavanaugh), New

- Orleans, Louisiana (Oct. 2019)
- Interviewed and quoted as an expert by WalletHub in an online article titled *2018's States Most Dependent on the Gun Industry*, <http://myfinanceexpress.blogspot.com/2018/03/2018s-states-most-dependent-on-gun.html> (Mar. 2018)
 - Invited Speaker, *Universities in a Dangerous World: Defending Higher Education Communities & Values*, presented by Global Congress of Scholars at Risk Network, Montreal, Canada (June 2016)
 - Invited Co-Speaker, Symposium on *Texas Gun Law and the Future* presented by Thurgood Marshall School of Law Review, Houston, Texas (Apr. 2016)
 - Invited Panelist Speaker, *Faculty in Research*, Thurgood Marshall School of Law Research Week 2016, Houston, Texas (Mar. 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)
 - Interviewed and Quoted in *La Voz de Houston* (Houston Chronicle Spanish publication) concerning school shootings (Feb. 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)

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)

- **Major:** English **Minors:** Psychology and Women in Genders Studies
- **Honors:** Dean’s List, Greek Woman of the Year, and Omicron Delta Kappa
- **Activities:** Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. (President); Student Gov’t Representative

BAR LICENSURES

Georgia (since 1998); Florida (since 1999); U.S Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (since 2001); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (since 2005); United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois (since 2005); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (since 2008)

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- Recipient of Stetson University’s 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of “outstanding and personal achievements” since graduating from Stetson (Nov. 4, 2021)
- Award Recognizing my “Loyalty, Dedication to the Cause of Justice and Outstanding Contribution to the Law Offices of the Public Defender for the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida” (2001)