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Curriculum Vitae

Education

New York University, College of Arts and Sciences
B.A. 1988

New York University School of Law
J.D. 1991
Honors – Notes Editor, Journal of International Law & Politics

Civil Rights and Litigation Practice

- *Agency Review Team Leader* November 2008- January 2009
President –Elect Barack Obama Transition Team
Served as the lead agency reviewer for the United States Commission on Civil Rights on President-Elect Barack Obama’s Transition Team
- *Special Counsel* 1999-2001
United States Commission on Civil Rights – Washington, DC
Reviewed affirmative action policies in higher education on behalf of the United States Commission on Civil Rights
- *Special Assistant* 1996-1999
United States Commission on Civil Rights – Washington, DC
Served as special assistant to Commissioner A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.
- *Clerk* 1991-1993
The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Chief Judge
United States Circuit Court for the Third Circuit - Philadelphia, PA
- *Litigation Associate* 1993-1996
Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison – New York, NY

United States Supreme Court Practice

- Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District Number One, No. 05-908, 05-915 (*Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of Howard University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic*)
- Campa v. United States, No.08-987 (*Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of Howard University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic*)
- Kenny A. v. Perdue, No. 08-970 (*Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of Howard University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic*)
- Northwest Austin Municipal District Number One v. Holder, No. 08-322 (*Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of Howard University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic*)
- Northwest Austin Municipal District Number One v. Holder, No. 08-322 (*Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of the Honorable Congressman John Lewis*)
- Anduze v. Florida Atlantic University, (*Petition for a Writ of Certiorari*)
- Cesar v. Nord, (*Petition for a Writ of Certiorari*)

State Supreme Courts Practice

- In re Marriage Cases (*Amicus Curiae Brief to the California Supreme Court on behalf of the Howard University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic*)
- Varnum v. Brien (*Amicus Curiae Brief to the Iowa Supreme Court on behalf of the Howard University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic*)
- Derr v. Maryland (*Amicus Curiae Brief before the Maryland Court of Special Appeals on behalf of the Howard University School of Law Civil Rights Clinic*)

Academic Experience

- *Associate Professor of Law & Director of Civil Rights Clinic* 2005 - Present
Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC
Created new impact litigation civil rights clinic, focusing on appellate litigation before the United States Supreme Court and federal circuit courts.

Courses taught include first year courses in Civil Procedure, and Legal methods, and Upper-Level courses in Constitutional Law, Federal Civil Rights History and Philosophy, Supreme Court Jurisprudence, and The Civil Rights Clinic.

- *Assistant Director Lawyering Program 2000 - 2005*
New York University School of Law – New York, NY
Responsible for supervising required year-long program of over 400 first-year students, creating exercise materials, drafting program textbook, and recruiting and training team of 16 full-time lawyering professors.
- *Associate Professor of Lawyering 1997- 2000*
New York University School of Law - New York, NY

Scholarly Publications

- *The Lawyering Map*, (forthcoming Spring 2011)
- *To Go Battle with Time and Space: Emancipated Slave Marriage, Interracial Marriage, and Same-Sex Marriage* 13 Iowa Journal of Gender, Race & Justice 105 (2009)
- *Only Connect: The Right To Community as an Individual Liberty Interest* 112 Penn State Law Review 985 (2008)
- *Making out the Ghost behind the Words*, collected in *Affective Lawyering* (North Carolina Press 2006);
- *Thinking like a Lawyer* 81 North Dakota Law Review 795 (2005)
- *Lawyering by the Book: Theories of Practice*, co-authored with Anthony Amsterdam & Peggy Cooper Davis (2004)

Bar Admissions

New York State
District of Columbia
United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia
United States District Court for the District of Maryland
United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Languages

Fluent in French & Creole