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Admitted to Practice in Texas, California, and Mississippi

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
J.D. Degree, May 1992

Law Journal: Review of Law and Social Change: Staff Editor;
Capital Case Colloquium Coordinator; Editor of multiple articles in 18
N.Y.U. Rev. L. & Soc. Change Vols. 2 & 3, entitled "Challenging the
Death Penalty: A Colloquium"

Honors: Recipient of Public Interest Law Foundation Grant

Activities: NYU Amnesty International, Death Penalty Committee Chairperson
St. Francis Xavier Welfare Rights Project, Advocate
New York Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, Lobbyist
NYU Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF), Board Member
NYU Criminal Defense Clinic, Student Attorney

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
B.A. with Honors in Sociology and the College, June 1989

Research: Assisted Professor William Julius Wilson in conducting
survey of Chicago housing project residents for his
book: The Truly Disadvantaged

Honors: Dean's List 1985-1989
Richter Summer Internship Grant, 1987, 1988

Activities: ACLU Student Chapter, Founder and President
Big Brother Program of Chicago, Volunteer
Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas School of Law June 2017-Present
Clinical Professor Law
Director, Budd Innocence Center
Direct the Actual Innocence Clinic at teach related seminar on habeas corpus and post conviction
remedies for prisoners claiming innocence. Present speakers and events on criminal justice issues
pertaining to wrongful convictions.

Golden Gate University School of Law September 2014
Guest Lecturer
Teach class on habeas corpus and post conviction remedies for actual innocence seminar

St. Francis School of Law online, Redwood City, CA October, 2012-August 2013
Professor of Law
Teach first year criminal law; other subjects to be determined

Northern California Innocence Project February 2010-April, 2012
Santa Clara University Law School, Santa Clara, CA
Clinical Faculty/Senior Supervising Attorney
Supervise law students enrolled in the Project; teach seminars and assist in seminar curriculum
development for clinic; supervise other Project attorneys; directly represent indigent prisoners in state and
federal habeas corpus proceedings, serve on Innocence Network Amicus Committee, draft amicus briefs

for Innocence Network; screen cases; teach selected classes for first year Criminal Law section.

University of Mississippi Poverty Law Clinic, Oxford, MS

Guest Clinical Instructor; Spring 2000

Supervised four students who earned course credit on a Mississippi Post-Conviction case.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

California Appellate Project, San Francisco, CA

September 2013-May 2017

Staff Attorney

Assist court-appointed attorneys representing California death row prisoners in direct appeal, state and federal habeas corpus proceedings; train counsel in capital defense representation and state and national conferences; supervise law students.

Private Practice, Berkeley, CA

June, 2012-August 2013

Attorney

June 2009-January 2010

Direct representation of death row prisoners in appellate and post conviction proceedings. Consult on state and federal capital habeas corpus proceedings in California and Mississippi.

Northern California Innocence Project

February 2010-April, 2012

Santa Clara University Law School, Santa Clara, CA

Clinical Faculty/Senior Supervising Attorney

Directly represent indigent prisoners in state and federal habeas corpus proceedings.

Habeas Corpus Resource Center, San Francisco, CA

May 2004-May 2009

Habeas Corpus Attorney

Represented death-sentenced prisoners in habeas corpus and clemency proceedings in the California Supreme Court, federal district courts, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and U.S. Supreme Court.

Office of the State Public Defender, San Francisco, CA

October 2001-May 2004

Deputy State Public Defender

December 1993-November 1998

Represented death-sentenced prisoners in direct appeals to the California Supreme Court, in habeas corpus proceedings in both state and federal court, and in clemency petitions.

Administrative Office of the United States Courts

October 2000-September 2001

Death Penalty Resource Counsel

Served as a resource to lawyers representing Mississippi death sentenced prisoners in federal habeas corpus proceedings under a contract with the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

Mississippi Post-Conviction Counsel Project, Jackson, MS

December 1998-August 2001

Project Director

Directly represented condemned prisoners in post-conviction proceedings. Recruited post-conviction capital litigators. Trained counsel. Provided written testimony before the United States Senate Judiciary Committee in Support of the Innocence Protection Act.

U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, CA

June 1992 to November 1993

Death Penalty Law Clerk

Drafted opinions, orders, and bench memos in capital cases; member of Ninth Circuit Capital Case Committee responsible for training judges and law clerks on death penalty law and procedure; edited Ninth Circuit Death Penalty Handbook.

Professor Anthony Amsterdam, NYU Law School

January 1990 to May 1992

Research Assistant

Death penalty defense work. Researched and drafted certiorari petitions and clemency petitions.

- Texas Resource Center**, Austin, TX June 1991 to August 1991
Summer Law Clerk
 Death penalty defense work. Researched and drafted federal habeas petitions and a certiorari petition to the U.S. Supreme Court; conducted habeas corpus investigations.
- NAACP Legal Defense Fund**, New York, NY Sept.1990 to May 1991
Law Clerk
 Death penalty defense work. Researched and drafted habeas corpus petitions; lobbied against federal habeas corpus reform bills.
- ACLU Death Penalty Project**, San Francisco, CA June 1990 to August 1990
Summer Law Clerk
 Researched and drafted habeas petitions; conducted habeas corpus investigations.
- ACLU National Office**, New York, NY June 1988 to August 1988
Volunteer Intern
 Published an article entitled "Due Process: A Legislative Solution" for ACLU publication entitled Liberty at Work: Expanding the Rights of Employees in America and assisted editing of the publication; worked with National Spokesperson on campaign concerning negative publicity surrounding presidential candidate Michael Dukakis' ACLU membership.
- NYC Commission on Human Rights**, New York, NY June 1987 to August 1987
Volunteer Intern
 Researched and prepared report on racial patterns in sexual harassment cases.
- NYU Law Students Against the Death Penalty** September 1999-August 2001
 Supervised students in researching and drafting sections of Mississippi capital post-conviction manual.
- Harvard Law School Death Penalty Project** February 1999-August 2001
 Supervised group of law students in researching and drafting certiorari petitions to the United States Supreme Court in death penalty cases.
- University of Chicago Math Department**, Chicago, IL October 1986-June 1988
Calculus Teaching Assistant
 Served as a teaching assistant to sections of first-year calculus students.
- Blue Gargoyle Prison Literacy Project**, Chicago, IL October 1986-June 1987
Volunteer
 Taught reading and writing to prisoners incarcerated at Joliet State Penitentiary.

PRESENTATIONS

- Innocence Network Annual Conference**, Memphis, TN
Presenter, March 2018
 Led discussion on procedural issues regarding federal habeas and strategies for litigating state and federal post conviction petitions.
- California Appellate Project's Eleventh Annual Capital Appellate Training**, San Francisco, CA
Presenter, September 2015
 Presented session on new legal developments in California death penalty jurisprudence
- California Appellate Project's Training for New Capital Defense Counsel**, San Francisco, CA
Presenter, April 2014
 Presented session on Eighth Amendment law as applied to capital appellate litigation.

California Appellate Project's Eighth Annual Capital Appellate Training, San Francisco, CA
Presenter, September 2012

Presented session on litigating prosecutorial misconduct claims on automatic appeal to the California Supreme Court in death penalty cases.

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Conference, Cincinnati, OH

Presenter, April 2011

Co-presented a session on litigating federal habeas corpus claims in light of the Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act.

Habeas Corpus Resource Center Fall Conference, San Francisco, CA

Faculty Member, November 2008

Presented a training session on litigating claims of mental retardation pursuant to *Atkins v. Virginia* in preparation for state court evidentiary hearings.

NAACP Legal Defense Fund Capital Punishment Training Conference, Airlie, VA

Faculty Member; July 2005

Presented a training session on litigating challenges to lethal injection protocols.

California Attorneys for Criminal Justice Death Penalty Conference, Monterey, CA

Faculty Member, February 2005

Instructed attorneys on challenging lethal injection protocols at the nation's largest death penalty conference.

American College of Forensic Psychology, San Francisco, CA

Faculty Member, Spring 2003

Presented a training session to forensic psychologists regarding litigation of mental retardation in capital cases.

Current Issues in Public Interest Law; Oxford MS

Faculty Presenter; February 2000

Presented overview of state post-conviction litigation at a Continuing Legal Education Seminar sponsored by the University of Mississippi Law School

Defending A Death Penalty Post-Conviction Case in Mississippi; Jackson MS

Sponsor and Faculty Presenter; Fall 1999

Conducted training on spotting and developing post-conviction issues. Organized and hosted conference.

From Segregation to Incarceration: Critical Resistance Mini-Conference; Birmingham, AL

Faculty Presenter; Spring 1999

Addressed issues of law and activism concerning human rights for death row prisoners.

Critical Resistance, Berkeley, CA

Panelist, September 1998

Served on panel of national conference to address national organizing against the death penalty.

California Attorneys for Criminal Justice Death Penalty Conference, Monterey, CA

Faculty Member, February 1998

Instructed attorneys and investigators on investigating and litigating juror misconduct issues.

PUBLICATIONS

Statement for "PROTECTING THE INNOCENT: ENSURING COMPETENT COUNSEL IN DEATH PENALTY CASES"; Hearing before the Committee on the Judiciary, United States Senate, One Hundred Seventh Congress, First Session, June 27, 2001, S. HRG. 107-485, pp. 139-141.

“A Punishment in Search of a Crime: Americans Speak Out Against the Death Penalty” (Book Annotation) in 18 N.Y.U. Rev. L. & Soc. Change 942-943

“Due Process: A Legislative Solution.” Liberty at Work: Expanding the Rights of Employees in America (American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY September 1988)

AWARDS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

ABA Death Penalty Representation Project Grant	September 2000-August 2001
NAPIL Equal Justice Fellowship	September 1999-August 2001
Southern Poverty Law Center Grant	Fall 1999
Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation Grant	Spring 1999
Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale Grant	Spring 1999
Columbia Public Interest Law Foundation Grant	Spring 1999
Federal Defenders of San Diego Grant	Summer 1998