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## **Associate Judge, Circuit Court of Charles County, Maryland**

**La Plata, Md**

10/2017-Present

Preside over all matters in a state court of general jurisdiction. I hear preliminary motions through post adjudication of administrative appeals, complex civil, domestic violence, family law, felony, large claim civil and medical malpractice cases. In addition to managing and serving as the county's Adult Drug Court judge. I supervise the court's Alternate Dispute Resolution/ Mediation department, an administrative assistant, judicial law clerk and intern.

## **Chief, Special Victims & Family Violence Unit, Office of the State's Atty.**

**Prince George's Co., Md.**

7/2016-10/ 2017

Managed the unit of prosecutors assigned to prosecute all the baby murder, child abuse, domestic violence, and felony sexual offenses which occur in Prince George's County, Md. Prosecute a caseload of child abuse homicides, domestic violence homicides, and sexual assault felonies through vertical prosecution of cases. Appeared in Circuit Court daily in addition to reviewing 15-20 felony cases per week to determine whether the case should be charged or declined to prosecute. Served as a member of various county and state-wide multi-disciplinary teams focused on the prevention of domestic, familial, and sexual violence. Provided legal expertise to law enforcement and prosecutors throughout the state. Assisted in compliance with and procurement of state and federal grant funds. Taught continuing legal education classes to state and local law enforcement agencies. Governed the daily management and supervision of staff, which included ten attorneys, a paralegal, several victim advocates, administrative aides and interns. Assisted in developing a policy manual for the office and the unit. I tried two baby murder cases in the Circuit Court within 12 months. To date I have prosecuted over 20 baby murder cases. I was also the Training Director for the office. I trained new and less experienced attorneys on how to litigate misdemeanors, felony, and murder trials.

## **Special Asst. State's Atty, State's Attorney Office for Charles County**

**La Plata, Md**

5/2016-7/2016

Prosecuted domestic violence and sexual assault felonies and misdemeanors in which there was a conflict within the State's Attorney's Office. The cases I have been assigned were in both the District and Circuit Courts of Charles County. My work has included a

complicated and extensive Grand Jury investigation, in which several witnesses were examined by me and submitted to questions asked by the Grand Jury.

**Asst. Chief, Special Victims & Family Violence Unit, Office of the State's Atty.**

**Prince George's Co., Md.**

7/ 2015-7/2016

Prosecuted felonies through vertical prosecution of cases involving special victims and family violence. Ultimately impaneling and trying several jury trials in which the lead charge was murder or first degree sexual offenses and rape charges. Facilitated weekly case review meetings with prosecutors. Served as a member of various county and statewide multi-disciplinary teams focused on the prevention of domestic, familial, and sexual violence. Provided legal expertise to law enforcement and prosecutors. Taught continuing legal education classes to state and local law enforcement agencies. Assisted in the daily management and supervision of staff and assisted in developing a policy manual for the office and the unit.

**Team Leader Sexual Assault / Child Abuse Unit, Office of the State's Atty.**

**Prince George's Co., Md.**

2/2010- 6/2015

Prosecuted sexual assault, human trafficking, and child and vulnerable adult abuse cases. Taught continuing legal education classes to state and local law enforcement. Maintained a heavy caseload of indicted felony cases through vertical prosecution which led to daily appearances in the Circuit Court. Litigated, researched, and wrote pre-trial and trial motions. Supervised a staff of senior level attorneys, a paralegal, and interns. Argued and tried over five baby murder cases in the Circuit Court.

**Asst. Chief, Child Abuse/ Sexual Assault Unit, Office of the State's Atty.**

**Prince George's Co., Md.**

2/2009-2/2010

Maintained a heavy caseload of felony child and sexual abuse felony cases through vertical prosecution, not limited to, but including child and vulnerable adult physical and sexual abuse, rape and sexual offenses of adults, and baby homicide cases. Appeared in Circuit Court daily through litigating, researching, writing motions, and trying cases. Assisted in the supervision of staff attorneys, a paralegal, and interns. Assigned cases to line prosecutors.

**ASA, Child Abuse/ Sexual Assault Unit, Office of the State's Atty.**

**Prince George's Co., Md.**

9/2003-2/2009

Prosecuted child abuse and sexual assault felony cases. Appeared in Circuit Court of Prince George's County daily while handling a caseload of approximately 35 felony child and sexual abuse cases monthly.

**Sr. Associate, Law Offices of Weinstock, Friedman & Friedman, PA,**

**Baltimore, Md.\_**

9/2000-9/2003

Represented clients in the Circuit and District Courts throughout the state of Maryland who were charged with misdemeanors and felonies in state and federal courts from

prearrest through post conviction. Prepared, filed, and argued civil complaints and motions. Drafted interrogatories and held depositions. Advised over 75 clients per week on collections, consumer, criminal, family, and probate law. Managed a civil and criminal defense caseload of over 50 cases per month.

**General Counsel/ Organizational Analyst, FOCUS 2000**

**Baltimore, Md.**

8/2000-10/2000

Drafted and reviewed all contracts presented to and entered by the not-for-profit organization. Advised the Board of Directors and President on legal issues affecting the organization. Assisted with the coordination of new ventures.

**ASA, Office of the State's Atty.**

**Montgomery County, Md.**

10/1999-8/2000

Prosecuted family violence, vehicular manslaughter, motor vehicle theft, and drug felony cases assigned to the district in which I was assigned. Appeared in the Circuit Court daily since all of my cases were charged and adjudicated in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County.

**ASA, Juvenile Division, Office of the State's Atty.**

**Montgomery County, Md.**

1/1999-10/1999

Prosecuted juveniles charged with felonies and misdemeanors. All my cases which were charged were adjudicated in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County.

**ASA, District Court, Office of State's Atty.**

**Montgomery County, Md.**

9/1996-1/1999

Prosecuted adults charged with criminal and traffic misdemeanors throughout Montgomery County. Handled approximately four misdemeanor dockets in the District Court weekly.

**Jud. Law Clerk, Ret. Hon. DeLawrence Beard, Cir. Ct.**

**Montgomery County, Md.**

9/1995-8/1996

Performed legal research, drafted opinions, and wrote legal memorandum of law for civil and criminal matters heard before the Circuit Court for Montgomery County.

**Faculty Positions:**

**Adj. Faculty, American University-Washington College of Law**

8/2023-Present

Teach Lawyer Bargaining (3 Credits) & Special Victims & Witnesses (3 Credits) to 2L & 3L students. Prepare syllabus, deliver classroom lecture, and grade all assessments.

**Faculty, Md. Judicial College, Annapolis, Md**

9/2019-Present

Compile, prepare, and teach various continuing education courses to Md. State District, Circuit, & Appellate court judges.

**Adj. Faculty, College of Southern Maryland**

**La Plata, Md.**

8/2018-Present

Teach Business Law 101 to undergraduates. Prepare syllabus, deliver classroom lecture, and grade all assessments, live, hybrid, and online.

**Adjunct Faculty, Bowie State University**

**Bowie, Md.**

9/2003-5/2017

I have taught at least one three credit course, every fall and spring semester, on the following topics: criminal law, victimization & the law, advanced criminal procedure & evidence, and trial practice.

**Adjunct Faculty, AEQUITAS, Md. Sexual Assault Laws & Trial Testimony**

3/2017

Taught a webinar to Sexual Assault Nurses throughout the State of Maryland on the updates of Sexual Assault Laws and Best Practices of how to prepare for and deliver effective trial testimony.

**Adjunct Faculty, University of Maryland**

**College Park, Md.**

8/1995-8/1996

I taught a three-credit Business Law undergraduate course under the guidance of the ret. Hon. DeLawrence Beard, Ret. Circuit Court Judge of Montgomery County, Md.

**Adjunct Faculty, Mont. Co. Comm. Coll.**

**Rockville, Md.**

5/1999-7/2000

I taught a one-credit writing course and a LSAT preparatory course to undergraduates.

**Guest Speaker:**

DV Teen Dating Violence Summit, Largo, MD

2/2015-1/2017

Guest Speaker, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Charles Co. Chapter

1/2017

Guest Speaker, Inns of Court for So. Md.

2/2017

Guest Speaker, Discovery Channel, Silver Spring, MD

2/2017

**Judicial Councils:**

Harry Cole Judicial Council

10/2017-Present

\*Community Liaison

Md. Hispanic Judicial Council

1/2023-Present

\*Founding Member

**Bar Activities:**

Charles County Bar Assoc.

1/2017-Present

Pres. Southern Maryland Women's Bar Assoc.

4/2017-6/2018

Maryland State Bar Assoc.

1/2016-Present

Maryland Hispanic Bar Assoc.  
Salome Howard Bar Assoc.

1/2016-Present  
7/2016-Present

**Boards & Commissions:**

Governor's Commission on Child Justice Act Committee 1/2017-10/2017  
Board Member, Community Advocates for Families and Youth, Largo, Md. 1/2011-8/2013

**Bar Admissions:**

1/2002 District of Columbia Bar, Bar # 475795  
5/2001 Federal Bar for the District of Maryland, Bar #26373  
12/1995 State of Maryland

**Education:**

1992-1995 J.D. Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY  
1987-1991 B.S., Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.  
University 100 (Honors Program)