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Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law

- Juris Doctorate received May 9, 2004
- Articles Editor: NORTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW

Duke University; Durham, NC

- Master of Arts in history received December 2001
- Center for Documentary Studies Graduate Fellowship Award 1999-2001

Indiana University; Bloomington, IN

- Bachelor of Arts Degree with Honors received May 1999

Bar Admissions

State of Indiana;

United States District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana.

Academic Experience

The George Washington School of Law—Washington, D.C.: July 2024-present

Title: Professor of Fundamentals of Lawyering

Courses Taught: Fundamentals of Lawyering I & II

Committee Service: Judicial Clerkships

Outside Service: Board Member of the Legal Writing Institute

Emory University School of Law—Atlanta, GA: July 2023-June 2024

Titles: Professor of Practice; Associate Dean of Academic Programs and Students

Courses Taught: Introduction to Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication

Administrative Duties:

- Oversee student affairs, academic advising, the office of the registrar.
- Responsibilities included:
 - Working with the registrar to create the course schedule and engage in long range planning to determine future curricular needs of the law school to better inform faculty hiring priorities.

- Leading a staff of approximately 15 people engaged in various tasks in support of student life.
- Hiring additional staff to assist with student bar preparation and readiness.
- Mediating conflict between individual students and student groups.
- Handling student disciplinary matters under the law school's code of conduct.
- Implementing record keeping protocols in accordance with ABA guidelines.
- Providing support and guidance to faculty on matters related to teaching, classroom management, and ABA compliance.
- Acting as a liaison between the law school and various courts that periodically use our building to hold oral arguments.
- Assisting in preparing the law school for its spring 2025 ABA site visit.
- Developing and implementing interventions to improve the bar passage rate for students exhibiting risk factors indicating a potential for failure.
- Planning and overseeing student orientation.
- Managing the budget for student life/affairs.
- Supervising the law school's "Houses" or small groups and their respective student advisors—the Dean's Teaching Fellows.

Committee Service: ABA Site Visit (*ex officio*); Academic Standing; Bar Passage and Improvement; Contract Faculty Hiring (Chair); Contract Faculty Review and Promotion (*ex officio*); Curriculum (*ex officio*); Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Professional Conduct.

The George Washington University Law School—Washington D.C.: July 2022-June 2023

Title: Professor of Fundamentals of Law

Courses Taught: Fundamentals of Lawyering I & II; Property

Committee Service: Intellectual Life

Emory University School of Law—Atlanta, GA: July 2015—June 2022

Titles: Professor of Practice; Interim Chief Diversity Officer (Oct. 2021-June 2022)

Courses Taught: Introduction to Legal Analysis, Research, and Communication; Introduction to Legal Advocacy; Writing for Judicial Chambers; Property; Analysis, Research and Communication (online Juris Masters course); and Introduction to the American Legal System (online Juris Masters course).

Committee Service: Appointments; Judicial Clerkships; Community and Diversity; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Academic Success and Student Support.

Additional Activity: Advisor on numerous student journal pieces selected for publication; taught legal writing in the law school's exchange program at the University of Warsaw in Poland. Voted to sit on the Dean's Faculty Advisory Council.

Awards: 2020 Provost's Distinguished Teaching Award for Excellence in Graduate and Professional Education.

Elon University School of Law—Greensboro, NC: July 2010—June 2015

Title: Assistant Professor of Law

Courses Taught: Legal Method and Communication I & II; Property; and Critical Race Theory

Committee Service: Admissions; Appointments; Curriculum; and Academic Standing

Additional Activity: Served as advisor to the Black Law Students Association Chapter; founding president for a local charter school serving low-income children

Indiana University Maurer School of Law—Bloomington, IN: August 2007--May 2010.

Title: Lecturer in Law

Courses Taught: Legal Research and Writing I & II

Legal Experience

Bose McKinney & Evans, LLP: Indianapolis, IN September 2006—July 2007.

Worked as an associate within the firm's litigation and appellate practice sections representing clients in land development, labor and employment, trade secret, and insurance defense matters. Work included conducting legal research, drafting legal memoranda, composing pleadings, motions and responses, briefing legal issues at the trial and appellate levels, and negotiating the settlement of disputes.

Indiana Supreme Court; Judicial Clerk to the Honorable Justice Frank Sullivan, Jr.: August 16, 2004–August 11, 2006.

Researched, drafted, and edited opinions addressing a variety of federal and state issues in criminal and civil law. Developed, researched, and wrote memoranda on interim issues concerning cases before the Court. Debated issues in preparation for oral argument. Evaluated appellate briefs.

Baker & Daniels: Indianapolis, IN: Worked as a summer associate from May 9, 2003, until August 8, 2003, conducting legal research and drafting legal memoranda.

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice P.L.L.C.: Charlotte, NC: Worked as a summer associate between May 20, 2002, and August 9, 2002, conducting legal research and drafting legal memoranda.

Other Employment

Center for Documentary Studies; Behind the Veil Project, Durham, NC

Worked as an associate editor and researcher for the Behind the Veil Project between August 1999 and May 2002. This project is an oral history archive focused upon the experiences of African Americans living during the Jim Crow South period. As an associate I researched with and maintained oral tape archives and created and edited excerpted material from interviews that were included in the subsequently released book Remembering Jim Crow.

Publications

How Quickly We Forget: The Short and Undistinguished Career of Affirmative Action, 65 S. Car. L. Rev. 503 (2013)

Remembering Jim Crow: African Americans Tell About Life in the Segregated South (New York: The New Press, 2001).

Presentation

1L Workshop on Race and the Law—Moderator of panel discussion of legal practitioners whose work is focused on issues of social justice reform, February 2022

Ali's Comeback—Moderator of panel discussion including Ambassador Andrew Young, Dr. Khalilah Ali, Robert Kassel, Michael Julian Bond, and Art Jones, January 2022

Marginalized Voices Within the Academy: Legal Writing Professors of Color Speak—Southeastern Association of Law Schools, August 2018

The Blues as an Organizational Tool—Southeastern Region Legal Writing Institute Conference, April 2018

Writing to Learn: Using Writing to Promote Deep Learning—Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, August 2016

All Divergence is Local: A Historical Reconceptualization of Interest Convergence as a National Phenomenon Tempered by The Realities of Local Racial Politics—Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, August 2016

Hot Topics: Incorporating Current Events into the Legal Writing Classroom—Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, July 2016

Beyond Ferguson: A Frank Discussion of Race, Policing and the 4th Amendment
Elon University School of Law Panel Discussion Moderator, September 2014

Elon University Undergraduate Forum on Policing in the Wake of Ferguson, MO
Discussion Panelist Elon University, August 2014

Reflections on 50 Years After the Passing of the Civil Rights of 1964 Panelist for CLE
Presentation by Charlotte, NC Leary Bar Association, July 2014

How Quickly We Forget: The Short and Undistinguished Career of Affirmative Action Faculty Exchange Colloquium—Wake Forest University School of Law, October 2013

Students Start Your Engines: Techniques for Engaging Students in the Classroom—
Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, May 2012.

Farewell to Grutter: Moving Beyond Equal Protection to Equal Opportunity—
Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, August 2012.