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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

The George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC

Associate Professor of Law and Clinic Director, 2023-present

Visiting Associate Professor and Clinic Director, 2021-2023

- **Director, Criminal Defense and Justice Clinic:** Direct inaugural criminal defense clinic, which provides access to justice to indigent individuals charged with misdemeanors in D.C. Superior Court. Teach weekly seminar on various topics relevant to criminal defense practice, such as pretrial and trial advocacy, constitutional law, holistic representation, and system reform. Supervise law students in their representation of clients at all stages of a criminal case.
- **Racial Justice Reading Group:** Developed and co-teach seminar on discriminatory policing and its impact in criminal legal system.

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor, 2018-2021

Co-taught course on trial advocacy to clinical fellows in Prettyman Fellowship program. Taught fellows various topics related to criminal defense and helped refine litigation techniques.

Assisted fellows with case planning and strategy for their own criminal cases.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Master of Laws, Advocacy, 2012 (earned as part of Prettyman Fellowship)

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Juris Doctor, 2009

Juvenile Justice Clinic, 2008-2009: Provided legal representation to adolescents charged with misdemeanors and felonies under the supervision of faculty. Received International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award for 2009, presented to one student from each clinical program.

Street Law Clinic, 2007-2008: Taught practical law courses and trial skills to D.C. high school students using strategies that promote problem solving and critical thinking. Prepared students for citywide mock trial.

Research Assistant, Professor James Forman, 2007-2008

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Bachelor of Arts, with distinction, 2004

Distinguished Major (one of ten Politics majors selected).

Study abroad: American University of Cairo, Egypt

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Office of the Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria, Virginia
Assistant Federal Public Defender, 2019-2021

Represented indigent clients charged in federal district court with a range of offenses, from misdemeanors to complex fraud and terrorism-related offenses.

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Trial Attorney, 2012-2019

Represented adult and juvenile clients facing serious felony cases in D.C. Superior Court. Assisted clients with collateral issues including education, mental health services, and housing. Helped conduct trainings for new attorneys and members of defense bar. Managed ongoing criminal investigations and directly supervised staff investigators, law clerks, and interns.

E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Clinical Teaching Fellow, 2010-2012

Represented indigent clients in criminal and juvenile cases in D.C. Superior Court. Taught and supervised third-year law students in the Juvenile Justice Clinic in their representation of youth involved in the delinquency system.

Baker & McKenzie LLP, New York, NY

Litigation Associate, 2009-2010

Summer Associate, 2008

Conducted research, drafted pleadings and memoranda in various practice areas, including commercial litigation and international arbitration. Worked extensively on various pro bono projects by interviewing clients, investigating, drafting affidavits, and preparing court filings.

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Fellow, Fall 2009

Supported supervising attorney on various criminal cases in Trial Division by drafting motions and memoranda, conducting legal research, and assisting with case planning and court hearings.

Teach For America, Atlanta, GA

Sixth grade Teacher, Walden Middle School, 2004-2006

Taught middle school language arts and social studies to six classes of 17-20 students, in which 85% performed at 80th percentile or above on statewide assessment (compared to 50% in previous year). Lead coordinator of after-school program.

PUBLICATIONS

Debunking Criminal Restitution, 123 MICH. L. REV. 469 (2024)

Restorative Restitution, 75 AM. U. L. REV. 683 (2026)

Ellingburg and Restitution's Constitutional Reckoning, GEO. WASH. L. REV. ON THE DOCKET (2026)

Work-in-Progress: *Emerging Adults and the Problem of Pretrial*

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND TRAININGS

Emerging Adults and the Problem of Pretrial, presented at
AALS/ABA Criminal Justice Academic Committee Roundtables (virtual) (December 2025)
Clinical Writers' Workshop, George Washington University Law School (November 2025) (also workshop facilitator)
Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop, NYU School of Law (October 2025)
AALS Clinical Scholarship Workshop (virtual) (July 2025)

Restorative Restitution, presented at
Junior Faculty Workshop, George Washington University Law School (December 2024)
Clinical Writers' Workshop, George Washington University Law School (November 2024) (also workshop facilitator)
Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop, NYU School of Law (September 2024)
Mid-Atlantic Clinic Workshop, George Washington University Law School (July 2024 and 2025) (also workshop facilitator)

Debunking Criminal Restitution, presented at
Junior Faculty Workshop, George Washington University Law School (December 2023)
Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop, NYU School of Law (October 2022)
Mid-Atlantic Clinic Workshop, George Washington University Law School (July 2022)

Presenter, *Risk, Resistance, and Responsibility: Supervising Students in Client-Centered Advocacy*, Mid-Atlantic Regional Clinical Conference, American University Washington College of Law (February 2026)

Presenter, *Teaching Resilience While Doing the Hard Work*, AALS Clinical Conference 2025 (May 2025)

Presenter, *Managing Hard Work Because We Should Want to Do Hard Work*, Mid-Atlantic Regional Clinical Conference, American University Washington College of Law (February 2025)

Faculty Member and Trainer, *Interrogating Bias: Cross-Examination Skills for Antiracist Defenders*, Antiracism Training Institute, Black Public Defender Association (October 2024)

Presenter, *Next Generation Pedagogy for Next Generation Lawyers*, George Washington University Law School Faculty Retreat (September 2024)

Presenter, *The Resilient Clinical Teacher*, AALS Clinical Conference 2024 (May 2024)

Panelist, *Michigan Law Review Authors' Panel* (virtual) (October 2023)

Presenter, *Centering the Client: A Framework for Advocacy in a Post-Ferguson World*, AALS Clinical Conference 2023 (April 2023)

Presenter, *Leveraging Best Practices from the Clinical Teaching Market to Further Clinical Legal Education*, AALS Clinical Conference 2023 (April 2023)

Presenter, *Other Than That, How Was the Play, Mrs. Lincoln? Reimagining What's Possible Across Practice Areas Post-Pandemic*, AALS Clinical Conference 2023 (April 2023)

Moderator, *Police Policing Police, The George Washington Law Review* symposium (March 2023)

Presenter, *The Evolving Role of the Criminal Defense Clinic*, Mid-Atlantic Regional Clinical Conference 2023 (February 2023)

Presenter, *The Role of Black Lawyers in Expanding Access to Justice*, Association of Black Law Alumni, George Washington University Law School (virtual) (February 2023)

Presenter, *Advocating for Dignity in Indigent Criminal Defense*, "Social Impact Showcase," George Washington University Law School (February 2023)

Presenter, *Cultural Humility & Racial Bias in the Clinical Setting*, Jacob Burns Community Legal Clinics Orientation, George Washington University Law School (September 2022, January 2023)

Panelist, *Defender Panel*, George Washington University Law School (virtual) (April 2022)

SHORTER WORKS

Brief of Restitution Scholars in Support of Petitioner as Amici Curiae,
Ellingburg v. United States, 2026 WL 135982 (No. 24-482)
(U.S. Supreme Court unanimously decided in favor of petitioner)

Ellingburg and Restitution's Constitutional Reckoning, Sentencing Matters Substack (Feb. 12, 2026)

Justices May Decide Whether Restitution Is a Punishment, Law 360 (Oct. 9, 2025)

Punishment by Another Name, Sentencing Matters Substack (Oct. 6, 2025)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Facilitator, Clinical Writers' Workshop, George Washington University Law School (2024-present)

Faculty Advisor, Inns of Court Program, George Washington University Law School (2024-present)

Faculty Mentor, Bar Success Program (December 2024-May 2025)
Member, Teaching Committee (2025-present)
Member, Public Interest Committee (2025-present)
Member, Intellectual Life Committee (2023-2025)

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York (2010)
District of Columbia (2010)
Virginia (2020)