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Professional Experience

Temple University Beasley School of Law	(1985-Present)
Dean	(2008-Present)
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs	(1989-2008)
Professor of Law	(1985-Present)

Full Professor since 1994

Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

Assistant United States Attorney (1980-1985)

Office of the City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles, CA

Deputy City Attorney (1976-1980)

Selected Activities

Within the Profession

Member, American Bar Association, Task Force on Recruitment and Retention of Law Students and Young Lawyers (2014)

Member, Minority Bar Committee, Pennsylvania Bar Association (2009-2014)

Co-Chair, National Association of Women Lawyers Committee for the Evaluation of Supreme Court Nominees (2009-present)

Member, Board of Directors, Defender Organization of Philadelphia. (Board Member since 1990; Board Secretary, 1992-94; Vice President 1995-1999; President 1999-2006)

Section of Litigation Delegate to American Bar Association House of Delegates (2003-2013)

American Bar Association Section of Litigation Council (2002-2013)

Chair, American Bar Association Section of Litigation, Overcriminalization Task Force (2011-2013)

American Bar Association House Committee on Technology and Communications (2011-2012)

American Bar Association Section of Litigation, Task Force on Implicit Bias (2010-2012)

American Bar Association Commission on the Impact of the Economic Crisis on the Profession and Legal Needs (2009-2010)

American Bar Association Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws (2008-2011)

American Bar Association Nominating Committee (2005-2008); Steering Committee of Nominating Committee (2006-2008)

American Bar Association Standing Committee on CLE (2004-2007)

Philadelphia Bar Association Committee to Promote Fairness in the Courts (2002-2007)

Pennsylvania Bar Association Gender Task Force, Member and Vice-Chair (1996-2000)

Within Legal Education

Chair, AALS Conference for Pretenured Faculty of Color (2016)

Member, AALS Committee on Libraries (2013-15)

Conference Planner, ABA Section on Legal Education Deans' Meeting (2013)

Executive Committee, AALS Evidence Section (2008-present)

Co-Chair, ALI-ABA/ACLEA Critical Issues Summit, "Equipping Our Lawyers: Law School Education, Continuing Legal Education, and Legal Practice in the 21st Century" (2008-2009).

Within Temple University

Member, Search Advisory Committee, Faculty Athletics Representative (2015)

Chair, Search Committee, Temple University Vice President for Institutional Advancement, (2013)

Member, Temple University Customer Service Task Force (2013-present)

Chair, Temple University Special Task Force on the Freeh Report (2012)

Temple University Press Editorial Board of Review (2010-2013)

Chair, Tyler School of Art Dean Search Committee, (2010-2011)

Temple University President's Ad Hoc Committee on Revision of Tenure and Promotion Guidelines (2010-2011)

Temple University NCAA Faculty Representative (1994-2006); NCAA Atlantic-10 Conference Faculty Representative (1995-2006)

Civic and Public Service

Secretary, Distinguished Daughters of Pennsylvania (July 2015)

Chair, Philadelphia Police Oversight Board (March 2015)

Member, City of Philadelphia Board of Ethics (5-year term beginning December 2014)

Member, Salvation Army of Greater Philadelphia Advisory Board (2012-present)

Pennsylvania Women's Forum (2009 to Present, Treasurer 2011-12, VP 2012-13, President 2013-15)

Monitor, Settlement of Bailey v. City of Philadelphia (Stop-and-Frisk Procedures) (2011 - Present)

Board of Directors, Committee of Seventy (2010 – 2014)

Legal Services Corporation (LSC) Pro Bono Task Force (2011– 2012)

Advisory Council, The Pennsylvania Prison Society (2009-Present)

National Ally, Vision 2020 (2008-2012) Advisory Board, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia (2009-Present)

Support Center for Child Advocates Volunteer (2007-2011)

Board of Directors, Women's Way of Philadelphia (2002-2005)

Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Police Discipline (2001)

Publications

Life Skills for Happy Lawyers (Philadelphia Bar Association, Women in the Profession Newsletter) (July 2011)

Passing on the Profession to Young Lawyers, 15 The Woman Advocate 4 (Summer 2010)

Classical Rhetoric and the Modern Trial Lawyer, 36 LITIGATION 2 (with Waicukauski and Sandler) (Winter 2010)

THE 12 SECRETS OF PERSUASIVE ARGUMENT (with Waicukauski and Sandler) (2009)

LAWYERS AS COMMUNITY BUILDERS (The Pennsylvania Lawyer) (September/October 2009)

A TIPPING POINT FOR LAW SCHOOLS? (National Law Journal) (July 20, 2009) (Reprinted in the Legal Intelligencer) (July 30, 2009)

100 VIGNETTES FOR IMPROVING TRIAL EVIDENCE: MAKING & MEETING OBJECTIONS (with Bocchino & Sonenshein) (NITA, 2005)

THE WINNING ARGUMENT (with Waicukauski and Sandler) (2001)

Ethos and the Art of Argument, 26 LITIGATION 31 (with Waicukauski and Sandler) (Fall 1999)

Clarifying the Meaning of Federal Rule of Evidence 703, 36 B.C. L. REV. 53 (1994)

TRIAL EVIDENCE: MAKING AND MEETING OBJECTIONS (2nd ed., with Bocchino & Sonenshein) (NITA, 1990)

Passing the Confrontation Clause Stop Sign: Is All Hearsay Constitutionally Admissible?, 77 KY. L.J. 7 (1988)

Chapter: The Bail Reform Act of 1984, CRIMINAL DEFENSE TECHNIQUES (Matthew Bender, 1986).

Selected Speeches and Presentations

International Legal Education

Darfur Lawyers Training Project: London, England, (jointly sponsored by the American Bar Association and the MacArthur Foundation) (2007 and 2008)

Presentation on American Clinical Legal Education, presented to Bosnia University and University of Mostar (Bosnia) (Invited by United States Department of Justice) (co-presenter, with Ohlbaum) (2007)

“Jury Trial Advocacy: Techniques of Persuasion,” Presented to 20,000 members of Japanese Bar Association (full-day program) (co-presenter, with Ohlbaum) (2006) United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Professional Training Program (Arusha, Tanzania), Faculty Member (January 2003)

“Legal Education, American Style” (Presentation to Japanese legal educators. Included demonstration of Socratic Method, technology in courtroom/classroom, Trial Advocacy teaching methods, and a demonstration of critique (Co-Presenter, with Ohlbaum) (2003)

ABA Trial Practice Institute, Oxford, England, Moderator (July 2000)

For Professional Audiences

“The Components of Justice in the U.S.” at the Burlington Vicinage’s Diversity Week Celebration, Burlington, NJ (2015)

Renewing the Search for the Faces at the Bottom of the Well, Summit at UC Irvine School of Law, “Does the Institution have a Role in Fostering Success for Students of Color and more specifically for African-American students?” (Panelist) (2014)

“The Persistent Challenges of Achieving Diversity” at the Pennsylvania Diversity Council, 5th Annual Philadelphia Diversity & Leadership Conference (2014)

“Cracking the Code: Everything You Should Have Learned in Kindergarten (But Didn’t)” at Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, American Council on Education Women in Higher Education Network Meeting (Keynote Speaker) (2012)

Regional Summit for Women in-House Counsel, Capture your Power – Your Role in Advancing Women in the Legal Profession (co-sponsored by the American Bar Association Commission on Women in the Profession and DELVACCA) (Introductory Remarks) (2010)

U.S. Attorney’s Office: Black History Month (Keynote Speaker) (2010)

Women in the Profession Summit: Then, Now and Where Do We Go From Here?, National Conference for the Minority Lawyer, American Bar Association (Keynote Speaker) (2009)

Annual Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Memorial Public Interest Lecture, Philadelphia Bar Association (2009)

Appeared and Testified, Senate Committee on the Judiciary Hearings on the Nomination of Sonia Sotomayor to be Associate Justice to the United States Supreme Court (2009)

21st Annual Minority Attorney Conference: Minority Lawyers as Community Builders and Social Engineers, Pennsylvania Bar Association, (Keynote Speaker) (2009)

White & Williams, LLP, Virginia Barton Wallace Award Breakfast (Speaker) (2008)

“Decline of the Federal Civil Trial”, Stanford Law Review Symposium, “The Civil Trial: Adaptation and Alternatives,” Symposium Moderator (2005)

Symposium, “The Vanishing Trial”, Co-Chair & Moderator (2004)

For Community Audiences

“The Importance of Oral Advocacy”, Martin Luther King Day of Service, Philadelphia Electrical and Technology Charter High School (2014)

Commencement Ceremony, Philadelphia Supervision to Aid Re-entry (STAR) Program (Speaker) (2010)

Commencement Ceremony, The Young Women’s Leadership School at E. W. Rhodes High School (Commencement Address) (2010)

Dr. John Hope Franklin Symposium, Trinity College and the Greater Hartford NAACP (Keynote Speaker) (2009)

Leadership Speaker Series (Inaugural Speaker), The Young Women's Leadership School, Rhodes High School, Philadelphia, PA. (2008)

Naturalization Ceremonies, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Keynote Speaker (October 2001, January 2003, September 2008, November 2011)

Honors, Awards, and Professional Recognition

Named as the 2015 recipient of the Champion of Diversity Award by Pepper Hamilton, LLP

Named as the 2015 recipient of the M. Ashley Dickerson Award by the National Association of Women Lawyers

Honorary Degree Recipient, Trinity College, Commencement 2015

Honored by Senator Robert Casey during Black History Month for significant contributions to the Commonwealth

Named as one of the 100 most influential black attorneys in the United States by On Being a Black Lawyer (OBABL) / Lawyers of Color Magazine (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

Named as the 2013 recipient of the Justice Sonia Sotomayor Diversity Award from the Philadelphia Bar Association

Named as one of the 25 most influential people in legal education by National Jurist Magazine (2013, 2014)

2011 Minority Business Leader Award (Philadelphia Business Journal) (2011)

2011 Torchbearer Award for Outstanding Leadership in Law (Women's Christian Alliance of Philadelphia) (2011)

2009 Wiley A. Branton Award (National Bar Association) (2009)

2009 Sandra Day O'Connor Award (Philadelphia Bar Association) (2009)

2009 Take the Lead Award (Girl Scouts of Eastern Pennsylvania) (2009)

Women in the Profession 2007-2008 Woman of the Year (presented by The Legal Intelligencer, Pennsylvania Law Weekly) (2008)

F. Eugene Dixon, Jr. Inspiration Award (presented by Temple University) (2006)

National Black Prosecutors' Association Founders' Award (2005)

Honorable Robert E. Keeton Faculty Award (presented by the National Institute for Trial Advocacy) (2004)

Gideon Award (given by Temple Law School to acknowledge dedication to the cause of Justice) (2003)

Outstanding Faculty Athletic Representative (All-American Football Foundation) (2003)

2002 Women Making History Award (Greater Philadelphia Chapter, National Association of Women Business Owners) (2002)

2002 Women of Distinction Award (Barristers' Association of Philadelphia) (2002)

Named by Philadelphia Business Journal and the National Association of Women Business Owners as one of twenty-five "Women of Distinction" (2001)

Named by Philadelphia Legal Intelligencer as one of fifty "Women of Influence" (2001)

Bar Memberships

California (1976)

United States Supreme Court (1980)

District of Columbia (1982)

Pennsylvania (1991)

Professional Memberships

American Bar Association

American Law Institute (elected 1996)

Barristers' Association of Philadelphia

National Bar Association, Women Lawyers' Division

National Association of Women Lawyers

Philadelphia Bar Association

Society of American Law Teachers

The Forum of Executive Women

Pennsylvania Women's Forum

Education

Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, J.D. 1976

Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, B.A. 1973