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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law
Juris Doctor with Highest Honors, May 2007
North Carolina Law Review: Staff member; two publications
Honors and Awards: Davis Society; Chancellor's Scholarship; Dameron Scholarship; Order of the Coif
Moot Court: National Appellate Advocacy Team
Pro Bono Board: Director; Public Relations Coordinator

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
BA with Highest Distinction/Afro-American Studies, May 1998
Honors and Awards: Morehead-Cain Scholarship: Irene F. Lee Award for outstanding senior woman

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

University of North Carolina School of Law — Chapel Hill, NC
Clinical Assistant Professor of Law — August 2012-Present
- Teach two semesters of first-year Research, Reasoning, Writing, and Advocacy
- Support all programs of the Writing and Learning Resources Center

George Washington University Law School — Washington, DC
Adjunct Professor, Scholarly Writing Program — September 2011-May 2012
- Lectured a small section of second-year Law Review staff members about the scholarly writing process
- Advised students at all critical stages of the writing process, including multiple one-on-one conferences
- Reviewed and provided extensive feedback on all interim assignments, from topic brainstorming to final drafts

Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law — Washington, DC
Pro Bono Coordinator — September 2010-May 2011
- Created a comprehensive law school pro bono program virtually from the ground up
- Counseled students regarding public interest careers and use of pro bono experiences in job search activities

Federal Public Defender — Washington, DC
Assistant Federal Public Defender — January 2010-May 2010
- Drafted and argued pre-trial motions and responses
- Interviewed witnesses and extensively reviewed law enforcement files in preparation for homicide trial

Goodwin Procter LLP — Washington, DC
Associate — September 2007-December 2009
- Drafted numerous motions and appellate briefs in federal and state civil suits
- Prepared legal memoranda on a wide variety of complex issues
- Co-authored a brief on behalf of amicus curiae in the *Baze v. Rees* case in the United States Supreme Court
- Conducted and defended depositions in complex civil suits

North Carolina Center on Actual Innocence — Durham, NC
Extern — January-April 2007
- Conducted intensive investigation into an actual innocence claim for an inmate with a life sentence for murder
- Interviewed forensic experts, private investigators, law enforcement officers and numerous other witnesses
- Drafted motions for location and preservation of evidence and for post-conviction DNA testing
- Prepared legal memoranda for state legislators seeking to introduce new innocence protection legislation

Office of the Public Defender, North Carolina Judicial District 15B Carrboro, NC
Intern July-August 2006

- Negotiated plea agreements with Assistant District Attorneys in misdemeanor cases in district court
- Interviewed clients and witnesses in preparation for negotiations and trial
- Prepared several legal memoranda in preparation for pre-trial motions and hearings in homicide cases

Goodwin Procter LLP Washington, DC
Summer Associate May-June 2006

- Researched and prepared legal memoranda for the litigation group on a wide range of matters

Center for Death Penalty Litigation Durham, NC
Weston Fenhagen Fellow Summer 2005

- Conducted legal research tasks in preparation of state/federal post-conviction petitions and a 4th Circuit brief
- Drafted Superior Court order of first impression where defendant received new trial based on DNA evidence
- Drafted pre-trial motion regarding a potential constitutional violation of defendant's rights
- Interviewed witnesses and jurors to develop information about potential post-conviction claims
- Assisted in creation of a clemency plan for a client nearing the end of his appeals process

NON-LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Center for Teaching Quality Chapel Hill, NC
Policy Associate May 2001-May 2004

- Conducted case studies in 12 high-poverty Southern school districts about the No Child Left Behind Act
- Co-authored policy briefs, newsletters, journal articles and one book chapter about teacher quality policy
- Presented information on teacher recruitment at three national summits for state and local policy leaders

Chewning Middle School, Durham Public Schools Durham, NC
Teacher July 1999-May 2001

- Taught 7th Grade language arts, social studies, and science in a high-poverty school setting
- Wrote and received a grant to create a high-interest, low-readability library to assist with lesson planning
- Assisted in design of new middle school language arts curriculum for Durham Public Schools
- Chaired 7th Grade Student Assistance Program to aid students with academic or behavioral problems

BAR ADMISSIONS

North Carolina, October 2007
District of Columbia, July 2008

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Getting Started, Getting Support, and Getting a Draft: Co-presenter with Craig Smith at 2013 UNC Festival of Legal Learning

Using Popular Culture to Teach Storytelling: Co-presenter with Kaci Bishop at 2013 Carolinas Legal Writing Colloquium

Comment, *Using the Adversarial Process to Guide Prosecutorial Discretion in Charging the Death Penalty*, 85 N.C. L. REV. 931 (2007)

Recent Development, *"Deference Does Not By Definition Preclude Relief": The Impact of* Miller-El v. Dretke *on* Batson *Review in North Carolina Capital Appeals*, 84 N.C. L. REV. 1328 (2006)

"*Highly Qualified" Teachers and the Teaching Profession: Policy Lessons from the Field* (with Barnett Berry & Eric Hirsch) in PORTRAIT OF A PROFESSION: TEACHERS AND TEACHING IN THE 21ST CENTURY 175 (David Moss, et al., eds., 2004)

The Search for Highly Qualified Teachers (with Barnett Berry & Eric Hirsch). 85 PHI DELTA KAPPAN 684 (2004)

Assessing and Supporting New Teachers (with Barnett Berry & Peggy Hopkins-Thompson). The Center for Teaching Quality (2002)