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## EDUCATION

### **Stanford Law School, J.D., 2003.**

- Clinic:* Youth and Education Law Project.  
*Internships:* San Francisco Federal Public Defender; Legal Services for Children.  
*Activities:* Streetlaw; Public Interest Law Foundation; East Palo Alto Law Project.  
*Honors:* Stanford Public Interest Fellow; Foundation of CA State Bar Merit Scholarship.

### **University of Virginia, B.A. in History and African American Studies, 1997.**

- National Merit Foundation Scholarship*  
*Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society*

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

<b>Loyola Law School, Center for Juvenile Law and Policy</b>	Los Angeles, CA
<i>Clinical Professor, Director, Juvenile Justice Clinic</i>	2015-present
<i>Clinical Professor, Co-Director, Juvenile Justice Clinic</i>	2012-2014
<i>Clinical Professor, Juvenile Justice Clinic</i>	2011-2012
<i>Associate Clinical Professor, Juvenile Justice Clinic</i>	2008-2011

- Teach Criminal Procedure (Investigation and Adjudication); Advanced Criminal Litigation Skills; Juvenile Delinquency Law and Procedure; and Race, Class, and Criminal Justice.
- Direct a year-long, live-client clinic with two exam courses and clinical work.
- Supervise students performing 220 to 350 hours of client service in trial court and on appeal.
- Supervise attorney staff and manage social workers.
- Collaborate with education attorneys and clinical students in Youth Justice Education Clinic and Juvenile Innocence and Fair Sentencing Clinic.
- Conduct outreach to community organizations, schools, and client service providers.
- Create symposia, including on Education Advocacy from Delinquency to Death and on Juveniles and the Supreme Court; Organize series on policing post-Ferguson and on Realignment and Criminal Justice Reform; Moderate panels for Loyola events.
- Engage in strategic legislative advocacy and amicus support for key juvenile justice issues.
- Evaluate grant opportunities; Collaborate on grant applications and on reports to current funders; Identify and strategize areas for development of new funding opportunities; Communicate with funders about organizational mission and day-to-day operations.

<b>Harvard Law School</b>	Cambridge, MA
<i>Visiting Clinical Professor</i>	Winter Term, 2019
<i>Visiting Instructor, Trial Advocacy Workshop</i>	2010 – 2018

- Teach trial advocacy skills in an intensive three-week program educating about 200 Harvard law students during the Winter term.
- Direct three weeks of volunteer judges and advocates from across the U.S. as a team leader.

<b>University of Southern California</b>	Los Angeles, CA
<i>Masters in Criminal Justice Program and Course Development</i>	2018 – 2019
<i>Adjunct Professor</i>	2019 – present

- Collaborate with national criminal justice experts and USC instructional design professionals to establish a Masters level curriculum for leaders in law enforcement, probation, and corrections.
- Design online curriculum and teach online a course on Youthful Offenders.



- **Oregon Senate — Testimony, In Support of a broad package of Juvenile Justice reform,** including ending Juvenile Life Without the Possibility of Parole, **SB 966, 967, 968, 969, and 1008**, Hearing Before the Oregon State Senate, March 2019.
- **Oregon House of Representatives — Testimony, In Support of Recording Juvenile Interrogations, HB 3261**, Hearing Before the Oregon State House of Representatives, March 2019 and May 2019.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia** Washington, D.C.  
*Staff Attorney, Trial Division, Serious Felonies, Hiring Committee.* 2003 – 2008

- Represented children and adults charged with homicide and serious felonies.
- Researched, wrote, and argued complex, original pre-trial motions.
- Managed defense teams of experts, social workers, investigators, law clerks, and interns.

**Maya Angelou Public Charter School** Washington, D.C.  
*Teacher, Program Coordinator, co-founded by James Forman Jr. and David Domenici.* 1998 – 2000

- Taught at model charter school for at-risk high school children involved in the delinquency and criminal justice systems.
- Developed and implemented original curricula and lesson plans; taught full course load.
- Forged partnership with Kaplan for the donation of SAT prep classes and instructor training.
- Created, developed, and directed volunteer programs for tutors, teachers, and college interns.

**Baach, Robinson & Lewis** Washington, D.C.  
*Legal Assistant AND Volunteer, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless.* 1997 – 1998

### SELECTED EXPERT WORK AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Fellow, Academic Institute, The Justice Collaborative, 2019–present. *TJC brings academics, researchers, journalists, and leaders together to promote human dignity and restraint in the reform of the American criminal justice system.*
- *Strickland* Expert on Ineffective Assistance of Counsel, for pending habeas appeal out of the Eastern District of Arkansas, Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern Pritzker Law School, pro bono, 2018–present.
- Invited Participant, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Juvenile Justice Roundtable, Sacramento, CA, April 2019.
- Board Member, Center for Educational Excellence in Alternative Settings (“CEEAS”), 2014–present. *CEEAS supports the delivery of the highest quality education to children incarcerated by the juvenile and criminal justice systems. CEEAS runs the Travis Hill Schools inside the two detention facilities where youth are held in New Orleans, LA – the Youth Study Center and Orleans Justice Center.*
- Expert retained to testify and provide litigation strategy consultation on juvenile sentencing, adolescent development, trauma, and mitigation expertise, San Bernardino County Public

Defender Office, 2014, Los Angeles Alternate Public Defender Office, 2016, and Immigrant Defenders, 2018–2019.

- Written legislative advocacy in California in support of juvenile justice reform initiatives such as raising the minimum age of juvenile transfer, reforming accomplice liability for children, and creating a minimum age of juvenile court jurisdiction of twelve years of age, 2016–2018.
- Training Committee, Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, 2014–2017, organized Comprehensive Juvenile Defender Training, AB 703 and CA Rule of Court 5.664, Pacific Juvenile Defender Center, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA, June, 2016.
- Co-Authored Amicus Brief and provided strategic counsel, *In re Joseph H.*, along with the Juvenile Law Center, Center for Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern Pritzker Law School, and the Pacific Juvenile Defender Center. *Capacity and Miranda were among the issues addressed in the briefs. The case was appealed through the United States Supreme Court.*
- Written legislative advocacy in Georgia to defeat *Georgia House Bill 328*, which would have eliminated a dedicated juvenile division and attorney at the Public Defender, Spring 2015.
- Invited Participant, A Dialogue on Representing Children in Los Angeles, Children’s Rights Litigation Committee (CRLC) of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation, 2014.
- Juvenile Intensive Training Program (“JITPS”) certified trainer through National Juvenile Defender Center (“NJDC”).
- Advisor, PEW Charitable Trusts, Public Safety Performance Projects, 2011.
- Invited Participant, ABA roundtable on New Standards for Administration of Justice for Prosecutors and Defense Lawyers, 2010.
- Invited Participant, Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative, 2008.
- Member, D.C. Bar Gang Task Force, 2006-2008.

### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, *The Ethical Side of Brady*, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Santa Monica, CA, June, 2019.
- Moderator, *The Opioid Crisis in State Courts*, Journalist Law School, Loyola Law School, June 2019.
- Speaker, *Making the Most of Your Motions Practice*, Gideon’s Promise, formerly the Southern Public Defender Training Center, July 2012, August 2013, August 2014; January, 2016; January 2019.
- Speaker, *Challenging Admissibility of Statements and the Interrogation of Children*, American Association of Law Schools, Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Chicago, IL, May 2018.

- Moderator, *Bail Reform*, Journalist Law School, Loyola Law School, June 2018.
- Panelist, *Challenging Admissibility of Statements and the Interrogation of Children*, National Juvenile Defender Center, Annual Summit, Minneapolis, MN, October 2018.
- Speaker, *Trauma Informed Juvenile Justice*, Supreme Court of Arizona's Judicial Conference, Tucson, AZ, June, 2018; Los Angeles County Bar Association's Independent Juvenile Panel Training, Los Angeles, May 2018; Court Leadership Conference, Flagstaff, AZ, October, 2017; *Gault* 50 year anniversary celebration, Orlando, FL, May 2017; Louisiana Center for Children's Rights, October 2017; Ventura County Public Defender, September, 2017; San Bernardino County Public Defender, September, 2017; Attorney General's Office, Washington D.C., October 2016; Juvenile Delinquency Law Training Seminar, Los Angeles Public Defender, Los Angeles, CA, March 2016; Orleans Public Defender, October 2015; Clinical Writer's Workshop, NYU Law School, September 2014.
- Speaker, *Storytelling, Cross Examination, and Developing a Theory of the Case*, Litigation Talent Academy, Seattle Public Defender, Seattle Washington, April 2018.
- Panelist, *Considerations for Judges in Transfer of Children to Adult Criminal Court*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, San Diego, CA, March 2018.
- Speaker, *Race, Class, and Adolescence*, Hammer Museum Constitutional Speaker Series, Los Angeles, CA, July 2017.
- Panelist, *Criminal Justice Reforms in Clinical Legal Education*, American Association of Law Schools, Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Denver, CO, May 2017.
- Panelist, *Trauma Informed Juvenile Justice*, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, New York, NY, February 2017, National Juvenile Defender Center Annual Summit, Atlanta, Georgia, October 2016; Children and the Law Section, American Association of Law Schools, New York, NY, January 2016.
- Speaker, *Adolescent Development as Mitigation in the Representation of Youthful Offenders*, Gideon's Promise, formerly the Southern Public Defender Training Center, July 2012, August 2013, August 2014, January 2016, August 2016, August 2017; San Bernardino Public Defender Office, June 2015; Orlando, Florida Public Defender, July 2014; Public Defender Retreat, Las Vegas, NV, April 2014; Public Defender Retreat, March 2009.
- Speaker, *Post-Election Policy Consequences on Marginalized Communities*, Human Resources, Los Angeles, December 2016.
- Panelist, *Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope*, the University of Southern California School of Social Work, the National Association of Social Work, and the USC Black Social Work Caucus, Los Angeles, November 2016.
- Panelist, *Using Developmental Science to Expand Roper Protections for All Youthful Clients Challenging the Death Penalty*, Federal Public Defender National Capital Habeas Unit Conference, Chicago, IL, July 2016.
- Speaker, *Ethical Duties of Lawyers Representing Youth in Delinquency Court*, Los Angeles Delinquency Conference, Los Angeles, CA, June 2016.

- Panelist, *Guarding Due Process in Restorative Justice*, American Association of Law Schools, Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Baltimore, MD, May 2016; National Juvenile Defender Center Annual Summit, Louisville, KY, October 2014.
- Guest lecturer, *Closing Argument*, Federal Public Defender of Los Angeles, July 2015, July 2016, July 2017.
- Speaker, *Preparing Students to Obtain the Job of Their Dreams*, American Association of Law Schools, Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Palm Springs, CA, May 2015.
- Panelist, *Race, Class, and Adolescence, Public Defender Service in Academia Conference*, Washington, D.C., November 2014.
- Speaker, *Client-Centered Representation: Building Rapport and Trust With Every Client*, Louisiana State-Wide Juvenile Defender Training, May 2014.
- Speaker, *Developing a Multi-Media Skills Training Program*, American Association of Law Schools, Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Chicago, IL, May 2014.
- Panelist, *Representing Juvenile Clients in Los Angeles, Gideon's Army Screening and Discussion*, Youth Justice Coalition, Inglewood, CA, April 2014.
- Speaker, *Developmental Considerations in Representation of Clients in the School-to-Prison Pipeline*, Orlando, Florida Public Defender, July 2014; Clinical Writer's Workshop, NYU Law School, September 2013.
- Speaker, *Trayvon Martin's Death and George Zimmerman's Acquittal: A Framework for discussing implications for marginalized communities*, Asians and Pacific Islanders for LGBT Equality and Latino Equality Alliance, August 2013.
- Panelist, *Developmental Considerations in Representation of Clients in the School-to-Prison Pipeline*, Beyond the Classroom: Education Rights and Identifying Weaknesses of the Public School System, Symposium for the Los Angeles Public Interest Law Journal, Loyola Law School, March 2013.
- Speaker, *Reducing Incarceration for Youthful Offenders with a Developmental Approach to Sentencing*, Clinical Writer's Workshop, NYU Law School, October 2011.
- Panelist, *Prosecutorial Misconduct*, California Supreme Court Historical Society, April 2011.
- Moderator, *Ineffective Assistance of Counsel in Juvenile Court*, Center for Juvenile Law and Policy Symposium, Loyola Law School, April 2010.
- Moderator, *Criminal Investigations*, Fidler Institute for Criminal Justice, Loyola Law School, April 2010.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

California  
Washington, D.C.  
United States Supreme Court

TEACHING INTERESTS

- *Primary*: Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure (Adjudication and Investigation); Evidence; Juvenile Justice; Law and Social Science
- *Secondary*: Race and Criminal Justice; Professional Responsibility

REFERENCES

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