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Professional Experience

Assistant Dean of Clinical Education, Assistant Professor of Practice, and Director of Children's Rights Clinic, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

July 2018-Present

- Continued duties as previously described in position from July 2016-July 2018.
- Assist Associate Dean of Clinical Education with the day-to-day management of the clinical education program.

Director and Lecturer in Law, Children's Rights Clinic, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

July 2016- July 2018

- Developing and overseeing the Children's Rights Clinic including screening and acceptance of cases and the screening and acceptance of Rule 13 student attorneys.
- Supervising Rule 13 law students as they represent clients involved in the foster care, delinquency, and order of protection systems in the St. Louis Metropolitan area, as well as the Missouri Court of Appeals and the Missouri Supreme Court
- Providing direct representation for clients when Rule 13 students are not assigned to the case
- Developing and teaching 13 week clinic seminar which focuses on the procedure and theory of practice as guardian ad litem and attorney for the child
- Pursuing opportunities to partner with community agencies to make sure there are no gaps in legal services for children and youth in the St. Louis Metropolitan area

Adjunct Professor, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

December 2014-Present

- Teaching online legal writing classes and trial advocacy class to students in the LL.M, and M.L.S. programs at Washington University
- Developing lesson plans and non-traditional opportunities for learning
- Grading assignments and providing feedback on skills based activities

Legal Services Director, Voices for Children

December 2014-July 2016

- Provided legal representation to children in foster care in the City of St. Louis
- Supervised the St. Louis City Program staff of eight child advocacy attorneys and one paralegal
- Supervised volunteer advocates (CASAs)
- Oversaw the day-to-day operations and legal practice of the St. Louis City office
- Developed and implemented office policies and procedures including hiring of St. Louis City Program child advocacy attorneys

- Provided legal training to child advocacy attorneys and volunteer advocates (CASAs)
- Served as liaison between Voices for Children and community partners including, the St. Louis City Juvenile Court and Children's Division and its contract agencies

Supervising Attorney and Lecturer in Law, Civil Justice Clinic and Criminal Justice Clinic, Washington University in St. Louis School of Law

September 2009-December 2014

- Supervised Rule 13 law students as they represent clients involved in the foster care, delinquency, and criminal justice systems in the St. Louis Metropolitan area, as well as the Missouri Court of Appeals and the Missouri Supreme Court
- Oversaw Civil Justice Clinic caseload when classes are not in session, including representation of clients as needed
- Taught and Co-Taught clinic seminars with clinic directors
- Supervised law students at area high school enrolled in the Marshall Brennan Project
- Served on law school faculty committee formed to address aftermath of Ferguson with the law school community
- Pursued scholarly research agenda including topics of gang involved youth, child soldiering, school discipline, dually involved youth, girls and dating violence, internet safety and the reproductive rights of girls in foster care

Attorney, St. Louis City Trial Office, Missouri State Public Defender's Office

December 2007-September 2009

- Provided legal representation to juveniles and adults in the City of St. Louis accused of criminal or juvenile offenses, including misdemeanors and felonies
- Client interviewing and counseling, legal writing and research, motions practice, and deposition practice
- Summer intern coordinator
- Taught/group leader in system wide intern training
- Developed office wide internship program

Co-Interim Co-Legal Director, Voices for Children (formerly St. Louis City CASA)

January 2006-May 2006

- Provided legal representation to over 80 children in foster care in the City of St. Louis at all court appearances, including protective custody hearings, adjudications, dispositions, review hearings, termination of parental right hearings, adoption hearings and motion hearings
- Supervised 9 attorneys, 1 child advocacy specialist, and 15 volunteer advocates
- Supervised volunteer advocate training program including training coordinator
- Oversaw the day to day legal practice of the organization
- Developed and implemented office policies including part time policy and employee review process
- Served as a liaison between the Voices for Children and the Juvenile Court and outside agencies such as Children's Division and St. Louis Children's Hospital
- Developed legal budget for the organization

- Attended and presented at Board Meetings including creating and reporting on Legal Director's Report
- Speaker at various fundraisers and recruitment events

Supervising Staff Attorney, Voices for Children

August 2005- August 2006

- Continued Staff Attorney duties as stated below and added:
- Supervised 4 staff attorney in the office and overseeing all aspects of their caseloads and court appearances
- Created position of child advocacy specialist and then hiring and supervising Child Advocacy Specialist
- Developed protocol/procedure for transition out of the foster care system for teenagers 17 ½- 21 year old
- Legal research on issues such as state created danger cases and substantive due process claims for children in foster care and The Indian Child Welfare Act
- Legal writing, including various motions and orders including appellate work

Staff Attorney, Voices for Children

September 2002-August 2005

- Provided legal representation to more than 150 children in foster care in the City of St. Louis at all court appearances, including protective custody hearings, adjudications, dispositions, review hearings, termination of parental right hearings, adoption hearings, and motion hearings
- Supervised group of 30+ volunteer advocates as they conducted independent investigation on care and protection cases, including regular meetings and contact, report reviewing, and trial preparation
- Legal research and writing
- Taught quarterly training and continuing education classes to volunteer guardians ad litem, including: Overview of the Legal System and Cultural Values, Advocating for Your Child in the Delinquency System, The New Foster Care Bill-1453, Speaking Up In Court, Indian Child Welfare Act- A Case Study
- Participated in 30 Minute interview about St. Louis City CASA on "Conversations with Lee Presser"

Attorney, St. Louis City Youth Advocacy Unit, Missouri State Public Defender's Office

August 2001-September 2002

- Provided legal representation to juveniles in the City of St. Louis accused of criminal and status offenses at all court appearances, including detention hearings, adjudications, dispositions, certification hearings, and motion hearings
- Client interviewing and counseling, legal writing and research, motions practice, and deposition practice
- Regional intern recruitment for summer positions within the Public Defender system
- Taught/group leader in system wide intern training

Education

Loyola University- Chicago School of Law, LLM, May 2007

- LL.M. in Child & Family Law Academic Merit Award
- LL.M. in Child & Family Law Academic Research Award

University of Missouri-Columbia School of Law, JD, May 2001

- Thurgood Marshall Full Scholarship
- President- Black Law Student Association 2000-2001
- Student Bar Association
- Faculty Research Assistant -Professor Henry Chambers

University of Kansas, B.S.W. 1997

- Honor Roll
- Black Faculty and Staff Scholar
- Director-Community Internship Program
- Board Member- Center for Community Outreach

Publications

The Trickle Up Effect: Incorporating an understanding of Immigration Law and Policies into Best Interest Analysis in State Child Welfare Proceedings, The Washington University Global Studies Law Review, Volume 17, Number 3, 2018

Nowhere to Turn: The Battle of Girls in Care to Exercise Their Reproductive Rights, The Michigan Child Welfare Law Journal, Fall 2008

Presentations Include:

- Presenter,, “Youthful Client Training”, Missouri State Public Defender System, June 2018
- Guest, “Juvenile Justice”, St. Louis On the Air With Don Marsh, Radio Show Local NPR Affiliate, February 2018
- Presenter, Women’s Voices Raised for Social Justice, *The Juvenile Justice System*
- Presenter, St. Louis County Juvenile Courts Deputy Juvenile Officer Mandated Department of Justice Training 2018
- Presenter, Multidisciplinary Training For Child Welfare Cases, 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri, St. Louis Family Court ,*Compassion Fatigue* 2016
- Presenter, Missouri Bar Family Law Conference, *Assessing Safety*, August 4, 2016
- Presenter, Missouri Bar Family Law Conference, *Protecting the Rights of Transgendered Youth in Foster Care*, August 5, 2016
- Presenter, University of Missouri St. Louis, Transgendered Spectrum Conference, *Protecting the Rights of Transgendered Youth in Foster Care*, November 7, 2015
- Presenter, Multidisciplinary Training For Child Welfare Cases, 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri-St. Louis Family Court, *Understanding Ethical Obligations in Child Welfare Cases*, March 13, 2015
- Presenter, Missouri CASA Statewide Training, *Social Media: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly and Touched by the System: The Collateral Consequences of Court Involvement*, November 8, 2013
- Presenter, STARS Training Class, *The Role of the Guardian ad Litem*, December 4, 2013

- Presenter, STARS Training Class, *Working With Older Youth In Care*, October 1, 2013
- Presenter, St. Louis Youth Law Forum, *Social Media: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly*, July 26, 2013
- Presenter, National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference, National Association of Counsel for Children, *Kids, Social Media, and The Law*, August 15, 2013
- Presenter, Missouri Juvenile Justice Association Fall Educational Conference, *Juvenile Orders of Protection*, October 24, 2012
- Presenter, Multidisciplinary Training For Child Welfare Cases, 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri-St. Louis Family Court, *Legal and Social Work Ethics in Child Welfare Cases*, May 11, 2012
- Presenter, Missouri Juvenile Justice Association Spring Educational Conference, *The School to Prion Pipeline*, May 27, 2011
- Panelist, Law and Society Association, Session: Bringing Children into the Legal Academy: The Role of Childhood in Creating and Maintaining the Legal Order, Paper: *Prosecution for Protection: A Call for a More Global Approach to Combating Youth Gang Violence in the United States*, May 27, 2010
- Presenter, Multidisciplinary Training For Child Welfare Cases, 22nd Judicial Circuit of Missouri-St. Louis Family Court, *Legal and Social Work Ethics in Child Welfare Cases*, May 12, 2010

Recognitions, Memberships, and Licensure

Member, St. Louis County Juvenile Court Expedited Case Processing subcommittee, 2018-Present

Member, St. Louis County Juvenile Court Mediation and Parenting Coordination Oversight Committee, 2018-Present

Member, St. Louis County Juvenile Courts Juvenile Detention Alternatives Working Group, September 2017- Present

Appointed by Chief Justice of Missouri Supreme Court to the *Task Force on Criminal Justice* July 2017- Present

Appointed by Chief Justice of Missouri Supreme Court to the *Committee on Practice & Procedure in Municipal Division Cases* June 2016- Present

Appointed by Chief Justice of Missouri Supreme Court to the *Missouri Supreme Court Municipal Courts Working Group* May 2015-March 2016

Recipient *Outstanding Achievement in Practice Award*, BLSA, Washington University in St. Louis, February 2014

National Association of Counsel for Children- Board Member, January 2019- Present

Brother 2 Brother, Board Member and Secretary, 2016-Present

Missouri CASA Board 2011– 2014, Secretary 2013-2014

American Bar Association

Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis

Missouri Bar- September 2001-Present