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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

Loyola Law School

Los Angeles, CA

Visiting Professor of Criminal Law & Innovation

2021-present

- Teach Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure; and Race, Class, and Criminal Justice.
- Faculty Advisor, Criminal Law Society and Students Demand Action.

Loyola Law School, Center for Juvenile Law and Policy

Los Angeles, CA

Director Emeritus and Of Counsel

2021-present

Clinical Professor, Director, Juvenile Justice Clinic

2015-2021

Clinical Professor, Co-Director, Juvenile Justice Clinic

2012-2014

Clinical Professor, Juvenile Justice Clinic

2011-2012

Associate Clinical Professor, Juvenile Justice Clinic

2008-2011

- Taught Criminal Procedure (Investigation and Adjudication); Advanced Criminal Litigation Skills; Juvenile Delinquency Law and Procedure; and Race, Class, and Criminal Justice.
- Directed a year-long, live-client clinic with two exam courses and clinical work.
- Created symposia, including on Juveniles and the Supreme Court.
- Engaged in strategic legislative advocacy and amicus support for key juvenile justice issues.
- Devoted significant time to evaluating and seeking grant opportunities, maintaining relationships with funders, and communicating with funders about mission and operations.

Harvard Law School

Cambridge, MA

Visiting Clinical Professor

Winter Term, 2019

Visiting Instructor, Trial Advocacy Workshop

2010 – 2021

- 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.

University of Southern California

Los Angeles, CA

Masters in Criminal Justice Program and Course Development

2018 – 2019

Adjunct Professor

2019 – present

- Collaborate with national criminal justice experts and USC instructional design professionals to establish a master's level curriculum for leaders in law enforcement, probation, and corrections.
- Design online curriculum and teach online a course on justice-involved youth.

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Gideon’s Promise**, formerly the Southern Public Defender Training Center Atlanta, GA
Faculty, Summer Institute 2012 – 2019
- Train public defenders from around the country on trial skills and specialized topics in indigent client defense.
 - Provide mentorship to fledgling lawyers in under-resourced areas so that they may provide excellent representation and, in turn, serve as models to other defenders in their jurisdiction.

- Stanford University** Stanford, CA
Teaching Assistant for: 2001 – 2003
- Professor Lawrence Friedman, “Introduction to American Law.”
 - Professor Bill Abrams, “Children, Youth, and the Law.”

PUBLICATIONS

- **Trauma-Focused Justice: Recognizing Systemic Trauma**, 46 U. ARK. L.R. 519 (2024).
- **Social Media Policing: Targeting Certain People**, *work in progress*.
- **Reconciling the Liberal Agenda: Abortion, Criminal Punishment, and Adolescence**, *work in progress*.
- **Abolishing Juvenile Interrogation**, 101 N.C. L. REV. 1015 (2023).
- **To Protect Our Children and Fight the Coronavirus, Release Youth from Juvenile Detention**, Data for Progress & The Justice Collaborative Institute, April 2020.
- **Enough is Enough: Kavanaugh Should Not Sit On The Supreme Court**, The American Prospect, October 2, 2018.
- **Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice**, 53 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 641 (2016).
- **Letter to a Young Public Interest Attorney**, 5 L.A. PUB. INT. L.J. 73 (2015).
- **A Tale of Two Systems: How Schools and the Juvenile Justice System Are Failing Kids**, 13 U. MD. L.J. RACE, RELIGION, GENDER & CLASS 179 (2013).
- **Reducing Incarceration for Youthful Offenders with a Developmental Approach to Sentencing**, 46 LOY. L.A. L. REV 801 (2013).
- **Introduction: A New Era in Juvenile Justice**, Juveniles and the Supreme Court, 46 LOY. L.A. L. REV 1 (2013).
- **Public Defender Guide**, Loyola Law School Guide for Aspiring Criminal Defense Social Justice Lawyers.
- **Juvenile Defender Trial Skills Training Program**, Pacific Juvenile Defender Center and Center for Juvenile Law and Policy, training manual and links to video demonstrations available online at: <https://my.lls.edu/juveniledefendertrialskills>.

TESTIMONY

- **U.S. Senate — Written Testimony, Reassessing Solitary Confinement: The Human, Fiscal, and Public Safety Consequences**, Hearing Before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights, June 2012.
- **U.S. Senate — Written Testimony, Ending the “School-to-Prison Pipeline,”** Hearing Before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights, December 2012.
- **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

- Board Member, BreakFree Education, 2014–present. *BreakFree supports the delivery of the highest quality education to children incarcerated by the juvenile and criminal justice systems. BreakFree 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, Central District of California Federal Court, 2020–2023, and Eastern

District of New York Federal Court, 2023–present, Philadelphia Public Defender, 2024–present.

- *Strickland* Expert on Ineffective Assistance of Counsel, Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern Pritzker Law School, pro bono, 2018–present and Wrongful Conviction Center at the MacArthur Justice Center, pro bono, 2020–present.
- Fellow, Academic Institute, The Justice Collaborative, 2019–2021. *TJC brings academics, researchers, journalists, and leaders together to promote human dignity and restraint in the reform of the American criminal justice system.*
- Invited Participant, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Juvenile Justice Roundtable, Sacramento, CA, April 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

- Keynote Speaker, *Trauma and Justice-Involved Populations*, Bowen School of Law, University of Arkansas, Symposium, March 2023.

- Speaker, *Trauma-Informed Advocacy*, ACLU National, Training, September 2022.
- Speaker, *Trauma-Informed Juvenile Justice for Social Workers*, UCLA School of Social Welfare, April 2022.
- Speaker, *Challenging Police Deception in Juvenile Interrogations*, Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, December 2021.
- Panelist, *Trauma and Its Impact*, Everychild Foundation Symposium, Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, March 2021.
- Speaker, *Cross-Over Youth*, Smart on Crime National Conference, Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation, June 2020.
- Panelist, *Decarceration, Covid, and Racial Disparities*, Organized by the Office of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, April, 2020.
- 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.
- Moderator and Organizer, Series on Policing post-Ferguson, Los Angeles, CA, September 2014.
- 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.
- Moderator and Organizer, *Realignment and Criminal Justice Reform*, collaboration between Loyola Law School and the ACLU of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, Spring 2012.
- 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