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BAR MEMBERSHIP

Admitted to the Florida Bar, September 2009

EDUCATION

Juris Doctorate, May 2009

Florida A&M University College of Law-Orlando, Florida

Activities

Member & Publicity Chair, Women's Law Caucus Member, Black Law Student Association
Volunteer, Legal Aid Society of OCBA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Public Administration, December 2005

Cum laude

Florida Memorial University-Miami, Florida

Honors/Awards/Activities

Member, Pre-Law Society Member, Political Science Association
Member, Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Academic Success & Bar Preparation, July 2018- Present

FAMU College of Law- 201 Beggs Avenue, Orlando, Florida

- Teach Introduction to Analytical Skills to help first year students master different academic skills such as critical reading, issue spotting, outlining, analytical writing and exam preparation to prepare for success in law school, the bar exam and in their future legal career.
- Design and implement course materials to enhance law student critical skills development including orientation curriculum, and first year enhancement workshops.
- Provide individual academic counseling to first year students and at-risk first year students who have been placed on academic probation.
- Create and maintain confidential files of student counseling, assessment and progress.
- Teach segments of biannual bar examination preparedness workshops.
- Consult and work closely with students and graduates regarding bar exam preparation.
- Collaborate with colleagues to design and develop curriculum to promote student success in law school and for the bar exam.
- Engage in service activities and scholarship:
 - *The Role of Legal Writing and Academic Support in Bar Preparation: Florida A&M University College of Law's Doctrinal Crossover Case Study* (Co-Author of Presentation) University of Tennessee College of Law
Legal Writing Institute's Annual One Day Workshop
Knoxville, Tennessee, December 2018.
 - *Bridging the Gap: Using Writing Assessments and Feedback to Help Gen Z Students Transition Into Law School* (Co-Author of Presentation)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Legal Writing Institute's Annual One Day Workshop
Champaign, Illinois, December 2018.

Senior Staff Attorney, November 2010- June 2018

Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida- 2 Courthouse Square, Kissimmee, Florida

- Conducted legal research and attended hearings with the judiciary.
- Drafted orders, memoranda for criminal, family, delinquency, and civil matters.
- Assisted the judiciary with case management, pending litigation, and process of criminal and civil appeals.
- Advised the judiciary on case law developments and changes in the law.
- Advised the judiciary on pending litigation and issues.
- Managed civil and criminal database.
- **Recognized and received Chief Judge's Commendation for Exemplary Public Service in 2014.**

Adjunct Professor-Academic Success & Bar Preparation, August 2017- May 2018

FAMU College of Law- 201 Beggs Avenue, Orlando, Florida

- Taught and helped upper-level students master different academic skills such as critical reading, issue spotting, outlining, analytical writing and exam preparation to prepare for success in law school, the bar exam and in their future legal career.
- Met with students individually throughout the semester to provide one on one support and counsel students on the general stressors and challenges of law school.
- Provided students with advice on time management, briefing, and preparing for classes and exams.
- Provided individual academic counseling to students who need assistance with study techniques and exam preparation.
- Helped students develop a plan to improve their academic performance in the area where they struggled utilizing one of the academic skills taught during class.
- Reviewed student exams and practice exams to provide analysis and feedback to help students improve their writing skills and exam preparation strategies.
- Worked closely with at-risk students who had been placed on academic probation.

Staff Attorney, November 2009-November 2010

Seventh Judicial Circuit Court of Florida- Deland, Florida

- Assisted the judiciary with case management, pending litigation, and process of criminal and civil appeals.
- Drafted orders, memoranda, and appellate opinions.
- Conducted legal research and attended hearings.
- Advised judges on pending litigation and issues.

Intern for the Federal Public Defender's Office, January 2009-May 2009

Middle District of Florida- Orlando, Florida

- Drafted sentencing memorandums.
- Observed court and assisted in client interviews.
- Reviewed pleadings, motions, and briefs.
- Researched, gathered, assembled, and synthesized information from a wide range of sources.
- Assisted supervising attorney with controlling authority for different client issues.
- Assisted in the preparation of case summaries, utilizing the Federal Sentencing Guidelines.

Judicial Intern for the Honorable Alicia L. Latimore, March 2008 – December 2008

Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida- Orlando, Florida

- Researched, gathered, assembled, synthesized information from a wide range of sources.
- Drafted memorandum and opinions advising the judge on the controlling authority.
- Reviewed pleadings, motions, and briefs.