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EDUCATION, HONORS AND CERTIFICATION

The John Marshall School of Law, Chicago, IL

Estate Planning, LLM

Anticipated Graduation May 2016

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA

Graduated May 1990 with honors.

(Recipient of the Robert D. Raven Award for Academic Excellence.)

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Graduated August 1987 - B.A. English Writing, Communications. Dean's List

Central High School, Philadelphia, PA

Graduated June 1983 (Class of 242)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Appalachian School of Law, Grundy, VA

Assistant Dean for Student Services (May 2014 to Present): Responsible for all student grievances; reports of honor code violations; liaison to student organizations; the mentor-mentee programs; externships and internships; and compliance with Federal and State student/community safety regulations.

Associate Professor of Law (August 2008 to Present): Teach doctrinal courses including Property I and II and Evidence; a practicum in Real Estate Transactions and Mineral Title Examinations; a seminar on Natural Resources and Intro to Natural Resources; an Externship Course; and a practicum in Law Office Management. Designed and implemented the school's first distance learning course in Evidence.

Director of Externship Programs (July 2011 to Present): Supervise externship training in compliance with ABA rules and regulations, school policies, and all related regulation; Teach all externship courses in the school's multi-tiered program to emphasize experiential learning; Write or revise policies and procedures to facilitate the placement of students in public interest and pro bono sites; Maintain contact with local employers to obtain information on externship opportunities, to develop and enhance working relationships, and to facilitate student placement; Locate and acquire new externship sites to provide students with practical legal skills upon graduation; and Create and promote opportunities for current students to interact and learn from alumni.

Committee Appointments: Chair of the Externship, Practica and Career Development (July 2012 to Present); Admissions Committee (Fall 2008-September 2012); Natural Resources Law Clinic Committee (Fall 2010-Present); Faculty Scholarship Award Committee (Fall 2011-September 2012); Faculty Development Committee Member (September 2012-Present).

Faculty Advisory & Mentoring Roles: BLSA (Fall 2008-Spring 2013); Natural Resources Law Journal (Spring 2009-Present); Outlaw (LGBT) (Spring 2012-Present); Knitting Circle (Fall 2010-Present); Sports & Entertainment Law Society (Fall 2010-Present); Rugby Team (Fall 2008-Spring 2011); Men's Basketball Team participating in Western New England College School of Law's 34th Annual Law School Invitational Basketball Tournament (Spring 2009 and Spring 2010); Bar Mentor, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware (Spring 2010-Present); Faculty Site Supervisor, 1L Summer Externship Program (Spring 2009-Present).

Community College of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Adjunct Professor (August 2001 – April 2008): Teacher in CCP's Paralegal Studies Department, instructing students on legal research & writing; civil litigation practice and procedure in state and federal court; estates & trusts; and Introduction to Paralegal Studies. In 2005, I designed the continuing legal education curriculum for the Paralegal Studies Program for implementation beginning in 2007. Courses were organized for presentation to lawyers and paralegals concerning a range of legal practice areas and topics. Topics I presented for the attendees included E-Discovery Rules and Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Defense.

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA

Pre-Bar Review Program Co-Founder (1991-1992): Co-founded, organized and conducted training sessions to help prepare minority law school graduates for the multi-state bar examination. Teaching Assistant (1988-1990): Assisted in the educational and social development of first and second year law students under the guidance of the lead professor; taught classes on various subjects including legal research and writing, and trial and appellate advocacy.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Speaker: Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Luncheon, Southwest Virginia Community College (January 2014).

Presenter: Empowering Environmental Justice Communities Locally and Globally, Florida A&M University College of Law Fourth Annual Environmental Law and Justice Symposium (November 2013).

Moderator: New and Emerging Technologies: Legal Barriers and Legal Solutions Panel, Governor's First Biennial Natural Resources and Energy Law Symposium (September 2013).

Panelist: Distance Learning Education, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Conference (August 2013 and July 2012).

Lecturer: Human Trafficking, American Bar Association and the Appalachian School of Law International Law Society (Spring 2012 & 2013).

Lecturer: Human Right to Water, University of Kentucky College of Law's Developing Ideas Conference (Summer 2011).

New Scholar Presenter: Reconciling Human Trafficking and Diplomatic Immunity, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Program (Summer 2011).

Radio Guest: Sundown Towns, Weekly Constitutional Radio Program with Prof. Stewart Harris (Spring 2011).

Lecturer: Law Office Management Workshop, ASL's Phi Alpha Delta Chapter (Spring 2011).

Planner: Planned and Conducted Webinar on E-Lawyering for Student Bar Association and Phi Alpha Delta (Spring 2011).

Moderator: ASL Externship Class Program on Ethics and Professionalism (Spring 2011).

Planner: Proposed, Planned and Implemented ASL's Distance Learning Evidence Course (Fall 2009-Summer 2010).

Planner: Proposed, Planned and Conducted Law Office Management Workshop (Spring 2010).

Lecturer: ASL Open House for Students Admitted to 2011 Class (Spring 2010).

Lecturer: Assistant Dean Tommy Sangchompuphen's Workshop on Final Exam Preparation (Fall 2009).

Lecturer: Constitutional Rights Under the Bush and Incoming Obama Administrations for ASL's Black Law Students Association Chapter (Jan. 2009).

Lecturer: Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Philadelphia, PA: Featured speaker at Scenes from an E-Discovery Case, a continuing legal education seminar concerning compliance with amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for electronic discovery (2006).

Lecturer & Author: Sterling Education Services, Philadelphia, PA: Featured speaker at a continuing legal education seminar concerning Fundamentals of Real Estate Development (2007); Landlord-Tenant Law (2006); and Zoning and Land Use Procedures (2005). Prepared related articles for distribution to seminar attendees.

Continuing Legal Education Program Founder & Coordinator: Homer S. Brown Law Association, Pittsburgh, PA: Designed continuing legal education program for the Homer S. Brown Law Association concerning current trends in civil litigation. Prepared related articles for distribution to seminar attendees (1995).

Continuing Legal Education Program Coordinator: Allegheny County Bar Association Ethics Committee, Pittsburgh, PA: Organized mandatory continuing legal education seminars for Allegheny County practitioners to address Ethics and Professionalism. Prepared related articles for distribution to seminar attendees (1994).

PROFESSIONAL WRITING EXPERIENCE

Unsettled Legacies and Restorative Justice: Linking Reparations for the Descendants of African Slaves and Victims of Modern Day Slavery (Work in Progress).

Hydraulic Fracturing in the Appalachia Basin: Incorporating Environmental Justice to Regulate Natural Resource Exploration, 7 ANRLJ 113 (2012-2013).

Twenty-First Century Slavery: Reconciling Diplomatic Immunity & the Rule of Law in the Obama Era, 3 Ala. C.R. & C.L. L. Rev. 121 (2012-2013).

A Modest Proposal: An Emerging Dialogue for Implementing the Human Right to Water, 1 Seattle U. J. Env'tl. L. 123 (2011).

The Appearance of Solidity: Legal Implementation of the Human Right to Water in the United States, 11 Appalachian J.L. 123 (2011).

Occupational Safety and Health: OSHA Targets Violence Against Health Facility Employees, HealthSpan, The Report of Health Business and Law, V. 11, No. 5, Prentice Hall Law & Business (May 1994).

Journalist, The Pittsburgh Courier, Pittsburgh, PA (1998-1999): Worked as free-lance reporter for newspaper; contributed articles relating to various social issues affecting African Americans.

Journalist, Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force, Pittsburgh, PA (1996-1997): Worked as free-lance reporter for newspaper; contributed articles relating to the A.I.D.S. epidemic and recent medical treatments.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The Law Office of Derrick Howard, Philadelphia, PA

Solo Practitioner (August 2000 - Present): Main areas of concentration included commercial litigation, insurance defense, civil rights matters, medical malpractice, personal injury, and consumers' rights. Clients included individuals, non-profit organizations, churches, national banks, and charter schools, among several others. Scope of representation included all aspects of trial and appellate litigation, marketing, firm administration, and client contact.

Post & Schell, P.C., Philadelphia, PA

Senior Litigation Associate (September 1999 – August 2000): Specialization in class action litigation, particularly defense of insurance companies over national claims handling practices. Responsible for direct supervision of entire class action sub-group, including all junior associates, paralegals and staff. Additional responsibilities included preparation of all class actions for resolution through trial, dispositive motions or settlement negotiations; coordinating and supervising all phases of discovery; supervising and training the firm's junior associates, paralegals and staff on all aspects of class action litigation and the handling of complex commercial litigation; and direct client contact.

Doepken Keevican & Weiss, P.C., Pittsburgh, PA

Senior Litigation Associate (December 1995 – September 1999): Experience in the areas of securities and complex, commercial litigation. Assigned primary and secondary responsibility for trials in state and federal courts, and have successfully argued before the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. Responsibilities also included arbitrations; drafting pleadings; presenting dispositive motions; handling all phases of discovery; supervising and training the firms junior associates and paralegal staff; and client contact and development. Pro bono practice included

presentation of clients Protection from Abuse petitions, obtaining divorces for indigent clients and newsmagazine writing for the Pittsburgh A.I.D.S. Task Force.

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart, LLP, Pittsburgh, PA

Associate Attorney (September 1990 – December 1995): Practice experience included securities, commercial, and environmental insurance coverage litigation. Responsibilities included supervising various phases of complex securities litigation and arbitration and environmental insurance coverage litigation; writing legal memoranda and pleadings; researching various civil and criminal legal issues; meeting and interviewing clients; presenting oral arguments in court to decide motions, hearings and other issues affecting the rights of my clients; taking or defending depositions; and participating in trial and arbitration proceedings. Handled bench trials on behalf of various clients.

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Research Associate (Summers 1984 to 1986): Researched historical legal issues on the development of race relations and early civil law for comparison with South Africa's system of Apartheid. The research was sponsored and published by the Rockefeller Foundation as a continuing examination of race and the American legal process by A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr. Provided research assistance for Judge Higginbotham for his publication series Shades of Freedom: Racial Politics and Presumptions of the American Legal Process. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.

AFFILIATIONS

Central High School Alumni Association Member (242nd Class)

South Eastern Association of Law Schools, Steering Committee and Distance Learning Committee Member

Phi Alpha Delta Member

American Bar Association Member (Fall 1990-Present); Member, ABA International Law Section (Spring 2010-Present); Member, ABA Human Rights Committee (Spring 2010-Present); Member, ABA Fall International Law Conference, Sponsorship Committee, Paris, France (Spring 2010-Fall 2010).

Member, Virginia State Bar Association Education Section - Curriculum & Core Competencies Committee (Winter 2010 to Present).

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

Admitted to practice in Pennsylvania, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and the Western District of Pennsylvania U.S. District Courts.

REFERENCES

Tommy Sangchompuphen

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