

Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

J.D., Howard University School of Law

Received: May 12, 1984

Top 15% of Class

B.A., Howard University, 1980

Major: Journalism

Minor: Legal Communications

Courses Taught, Furman University:

Constitutional Law—Judicial Process

The course will focus on United States Supreme Court interpretation and treatment of federal and state rights and constraints related to the “*separation of powers*” doctrine. This class does not engage in a sterile analysis of a case and the legal reasoning and holding of the court. Rather, discussion and assignments focus on facts and political climates creating the controversy, how the case evolves into a Supreme Court level case and how the court approaches the case.

Constitutional Law—Civil Liberties

The course focuses on the role the United States Supreme Court plays in deciding issues related to the civil liberties of Americans. This class does not engage in a sterile analysis of a case and the legal reasoning and holding of the court. Rather, discussion and assignments will focus on the facts and political climates creating the controversy, how the case evolves into a Supreme Court level case and how the Court treated the case.

Law and Public Policy

This course centers on an important question: Do court rulings effect significant change in public policy? The course examines this question by examining U.S. Supreme Court, other federal courts and state court policy statements (or the absence of policy statements) in the following subject areas: death penalty, abortion, land loss, access to justice, discrimination (race, gender, sexual orientation) and affirmative action.

Local Internship

PS 85 increases student understanding of state and local government and politics, implementation of public policy, and intergovernmental relations. The centerpiece for learning in this course is the 165-hour internship with an organization that focuses on state or local public affairs. At the end of the term, each student should have a comprehensive and sophisticated view of state and local public affairs. Students also should be knowledgeable of and facile in the application of qualitative methods used in the social sciences

Work Experience:

September 1, 2007 to

Present

Visiting Instructor, Furman University.

September 2004 to

Present

Coach, Furman University Mock Trial Program.

April 18, 2005 to

August 16, 2006

Executive Director, The Black Family Land Trust.

June 1, 2004 to

April 18, 2005

Principal, The Cosby Group.

October 16, 2001

to February 5, 2004

Executive Director, The South Carolina Centers for Equal Justice.

September 16, 1997

to October 15, 2001

Executive Director, Legal Services Agency of Western Carolina.

June 27, 1996

to August 1997

Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Administrative Head, Greenville Regional Office, South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Criminal Division.

January 9, 1995

to May 15, 1996

Assistant Deputy Attorney General, South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Criminal Division.

March 15, 1994

to January 9, 1995

Assistant Division Director, South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Public Safety and Environmental Law Division.

March 16, 1993

to March 14, 1994

Assistant Attorney General, South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Public Safety and Environmental Law Division.

January 4, 1988

to March 15, 1993

Assistant Attorney General, South Carolina Attorney General's Office, Public Interest Litigation Division.

January 1991 to

December 1991

Instructor, *Administrative Law* and *American Civil Liberties*, South Carolina State College.

December 1, 1986

to December 31, 1987

Law Clerk, United States Magistrate Judge William M. Catoe, Jr.

February 16, 1985

to October 6, 1986

Associate, the Law Firm of Juliette Brown Mims.

Fall/Spring

1982 to 1984

Research Assistant, Howard University School of Law, Professor Henry H. Jones.

Presentations:

March 2006

February 2006

November 2002

November 2003

March 2003,

July 2002

2000 to 2005

Marc 21, 2001

Presenter, Annual Conference of the North Carolina Land Trust Alliance

Presenter, Black Farmers and Agriculturalist Association

Address, National Legal Aid and Defender Association, "Moving Back to Center"

Presenter, Using Technology from an Executive Director's View at the annual conference of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association

Address, Breaking the Cycle of Violence, Pee Dee Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Assault

Presenter, Southeastern Project Directors Association Meeting

Participant, National discussion on Diversity in Legal Services Community and the Justice Community

Participant, National Discussion on the Role of Gender in the Legal Services Community and the Justice Community

Teaching Interests:

Law and Public Policy

American Civil Liberties

Judicial Process

Race Litigation in America

American Government

Research Interests:

- Law and Public Policy--
- Judicial Activism
- Schools and the Law
- Legal Aid and the Effectiveness of the New State Justice Communities
- The Role of Gender in the Legal Services Community and the At-large Justice Community
- Why a Civil Gideon?
- Race-based Litigation from *Worcester* to Now

Professional Affiliations:

South Carolina Bar

District Court of South Carolina

Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

National Legal Aid and Defender Association

Community Service:

2005 to present	Member , Board of Directors of the Upstate Mediation Center
2003 to 2004	Member , National Rural Legal Services Committee
2002 to 2004	Chair , Civil Policy Group of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association
2002 to 2004	Member , Board of Directors of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association
2002 to 2005	Member , Board of Directors of Sunbelt Human Advancement Resources
2000 to 2003	Member , Board of Directors, Upstate Community Mediation Center Board
1999 to 2000	Chair , Board of Directors Upstate Community Mediation Center
1999 to 2004	Member , Board of Directors, Greenville Mental Health
1997 to 2000	Member , Board of Directors, Sisters Saving Sisters
1997 to present	Member , Access to Justice, a committee of the South Carolina Bar
1997 to 2001	Member , Project Director's Group
1997 to 2004	Member , PLUS a membership group for Human Services Providers
1997 to 2004	Member , GADSHA, Greenville Area Directors of Human Services Agencies
1997 to 1999	Member , Old 96 Girl Scouts Board
1995 to 1996	Member , Community Incentives Committee, "Fighting Back", a Community Project of Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council
1994 to 1995	Chairman , "FIGHTING BACK" Committee, A Community Project of Lexington/Richland Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council, Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Bar
1993 to 1994	Chairman , Columbia Division of Law School for Non-Lawyers, Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Bar
1992 to 1993	Chairman , Publications Revisions Committee, Young Lawyers Division of the South Carolina Bar

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* [A Child Is Missing](#)
* [Post-Conviction Relief Manual](#)