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EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

LL.M (6/01)

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D. (5/95)

Honors: **Recipient**, Black Law Students' Association Alumna of the Year (2/97); **University Wide Commencement Speaker**, University of Maryland Graduate Commencement Program (5/95); **Recipient**, Aron Scholarship (1/95); **Recipient**, Maryland State Senatorial Scholarship (1994 – 1995); **Recipient**, Alliance of Black Women Attorneys' Scholarship (3/94); **Recipient**, J. Franklin Bourne Bar Scholarship (9/93); **American Jurisprudence Award Recipient**, Property (5/93)

JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

B.A. (5/92)

Major: English

Minor: Journalism

TEACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, Howard University School of Law

(1/05 – present)

Duties include teaching MD Law in National Perspective.

Associate Professor, Georgia State University Law School

(1/03 – present)

Duties include teaching Civil Procedure, Domestic Relations and Race and the Law.

Adjunct Professor, Howard University School of Law

(1/06 – present)

Duties include teaching an Essay Exam Writing Course for graduating law students.

Adjunct Professor, David A. Clark School of Law

(1/07 – present)

Duties include teaching an Essay Exam Writing Course for graduating law students.

Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Maryland School of Law

(8/01 – 6/02)

Duties included teaching first year one semester courses in Contracts, Civil Procedure and Legal Writing; preparing and grading final exams for Contracts and Civil Procedure classes; and grading student's pleadings, discovery requests and summary judgment motions.

A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Research Fellowship in Social Justice, Harvard Law School

Research Fellow (9/99 – 6/00)

Duties included research and drafting of an article for presentation at the 2000 Geneva Conference on Criminal Justice reflecting trends and issues of importance in the U.S. Criminal Justice system; preparing keynote presentation for National Conference of State Governors; researching and preparing memoranda, papers and articles on numerous criminal justice, constitutional and social-political issues.

Albert M. Sacks Clinical Research Fellowship, Criminal Justice Institute, Harvard Law School

Clinical Research Fellow (9/98 – 9/99)

Duties included developing and compiling teaching materials for clinical curriculum; assisting clinical instructors with the administration of the course; conducting research and drafting memorandum about the evolution of the right to counsel in the United States and its applicability within the context of the Chinese criminal justice system; and writing appellate briefs.

Charles Hamilton Houston Preparatory Institute, Georgetown University Law Center

Instructor (7/98 – present)

Duties include developing a curriculum for and teaching a 7-week Torts class to pre-law students, who will be attending law school at institutions across the nation.

University of Maryland School of Law

Adjunct Professor (1/97 – 5/97)

Duties included developing a curriculum for and teaching a comparative constitutional law seminar with a focus on interpreting provisions of and case law derived from South Africa's newly adopted Constitution and the United States Constitution, within the context of the historical experiences of each country.

PTEX, Hyattsville, MD

Instructor (6/96 – present)

Duties include teaching property law, tort law and legal writing techniques to law students and graduates for success in law school and on the Maryland, New Jersey, District of Columbia, and New York Bar Examinations.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Piper & Marbury, L.L.P.

Toxic Tort Defense and Commercial Litigation Departments

Associate (9/96 – 5/98)

Duties included conducting depositions of doctors and economists in federal products liability case; conducting depositions of fact witnesses in state medical malpractice and asbestos cases; conducting extensive research and analysis of revenues derived from state sponsored tobacco sales; conducting document review for MCI filing with Department of Justice; conducting several state court hearings; preparing two appellate court briefs; preparing numerous motions and research memoranda and drafting over twenty-five answers for Fen-phen class action and individual suits.

Truth and Reconciliation South African Monitoring Project, Cape Town, South Africa

International Legal Monitor (9/96)

Duties included meeting with Commissioners and advocates from various National Governmental Organizations to discuss the development and feasibility of a national agenda which would advance the achievement of truth-finding; facilitate equitable distribution of resources to historically deprived segments of the population and promote South Africa's constitutional commitment to harmony amongst its diverse citizenry.

Court of Appeals of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland

Chief Judge Robert M. Bell

Judicial Law Clerk (8/95 – 9/96)

Duties included preparing draft majority and dissenting opinions; producing memoranda developing various points of constitutional, criminal and tort law; publishing case summaries of filed opinions for Amicus Curiae; and preparing bench memoranda for oral arguments.

Lawyers for Human Rights, Pretoria, South Africa

Legal Extern (8/94 – 1/95)

Duties included preparation of legal memoranda for Constitutional Court case of first impression involving state sanctioned prayer in private educational institution; drafting reports outlining deficiencies in South Africa's maintenance system; drafting reports regarding the inclusion of a constitutional provision regulating hate speech; participating in conferences concerning the necessity of having a Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and production of reports regarding constitutionality of existing apartheid statutes.

PUBLICATONS

Loving Grutter: Reinstating Race in TransRacial Adoptions, 1 Geo. Masson U. Civ. Rts. L.J. (2005).

The Diversity Dichotomy: The Supreme Court's Reticence to Give Race a Capital "R", 72 U. Cin. L. Rev. 977 (2004)

In Memoriam: John M. Brumbaugh, 61 MD. L. Rev. 1, 6-8 (2002)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Throwing Babies Out With the Bathwater: The Polemics and Propriety of Same-Sex Adoption Bans

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

Upcoming Presentation (work-in-progress), *Throwing Babies Out With the Bathwater: The Polemics and Propriety of Same-Sex Adoption Bans*, Howard University School of Law, April 2007

Presenter (work-in-progress), *Throwing Babies Out With the Bathwater: The Polemics and Propriety of Same-Sex Adoption Bans*, Southeast / Southwest Scholars of Color Conference, April 2006

Presenter (work-in-progress), *Throwing Babies Out With the Bathwater: The Polemics and Propriety of Same-Sex Adoption Bans*, LatCrit X Conference, October 2005

Invited Speaker, *Law School Success*, Black Law Students' Association Regional Academic Retreat, October 2005

Presenter (work-in-progress), *Loving Grutter: Reinstating Race in TransRacial Adoptions*, Southeast Association of Law Schools ("SEALS"), July 2005

Presenter (work-in-progress), *Loving Grutter: Reinstating Race in TransRacial Adoptions*, Southeast/ Southwest Legal Scholars of Color Conference, May 2005

Invited Panelist, *The Post-Grutter Affirmative Action Debate*, Southeast/Southwest Legal Scholars of Color Conference, May 2005

Invited Panelist, *Applications of Grutter to K-12 Education*, Southern Regional Council Legal Education Symposium "Brown v. Board of Education: A Dream in the Balance", April 2004

Moderator, Panel: *The Implications of Bodne v. Bodne*, Daily Report, April 2004

Key Note, *Effective Bar Preparation*, Virgil Hawkins Bar Association, Orlando, Florida, April 2004

Key Note, *The Diversity Debate: Predicting Outcomes in Grutter*, Gates City Bar Association, February 2003

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, Ad Hoc University Sub-Committee to Review Discrimination Harassment Policy, Spring 2004

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Human Relations Commission

City of Atlanta

Acting Chair (1/03 – 1/06)

During my 2 year appointment I reviewed complaints, conducting hearings in cases and decided cases alleging racial, sexual orientation, age-based, and gender based discrimination, within the City of Atlanta. The Commission was charged with investigating claims presented, conducting hearings and making recommendations to the Mayor, regarding the appropriate disposition of cases.

CONFERENCES

Co-organizer, *A Conversation on Race and Ethnicity in Legal Education*, Georgia State College of Law, April 15, 2005

BAR AFFILIATIONS

United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1997); Court of Appeals of Maryland (1995)

