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EMPLOYMENT

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA

Professor of the Practice and Director, Civil Rights and Federal Practice Clinic

2016 to present

Clinical Instructor, Tulane University School of Law, Civil Litigation Clinic

2009 to 2016

Supervision of student attorneys and management of civil rights docket consisting of employment discrimination, housing discrimination, police misconduct, First Amendment, and other constitutional claims filed under 42 U.S.C. §1983.

Awards: New Orleans City Business 2019 Leadership in Law Award; Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center's 2019 Fair Housing Hero Award

Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, New Orleans, LA

General Counsel

2004 to 2009

Investigation, research, and analysis of fair housing violations, including rental, sales, lending, insurance, and land use practices that constitute illegal discrimination under the federal Fair Housing Act; representation of fair housing center in enforcement actions; supervision of intakes and testing activities, including audits of discrimination in housing and public accommodations; supervision of litigation filed by cooperating attorneys on behalf of victims of housing discrimination; recruitment and training of cooperating attorneys; presentations to community, government, and industry groups; coordination with social justice, policy, legal aid, and advocacy organizations to further housing opportunity and recovery in the Gulf Coast region; grant writing and reporting; and oversight of all education and outreach activity, including all communications with the press.

Awards: 2007 Loyola University School of Law's Gillis Long Public Interest Law Award; 2007 *City Business* "Leadership in the Law" Award; 2006 *Gambit Weekly* "40 Under 40"

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section, Washington, DC

Trial Attorney, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section

1999-2003

Investigation, research and analysis of complaints of disability discrimination, including disability discrimination in employment, public and private accommodations, and voting; representation of the United States in enforcement actions under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; presentations to advocacy and legal organizations regarding disability rights; section contact for providing information regarding the Help America

Vote Act; research of accessible voting technology; coordination of civil rights implementation efforts with other federal agencies and Civil Rights Sections.

Awards: 2001 Special Commendation Award; 2002 Special Achievement Award

EDUCATION

Loyola University School of Law, New Orleans, Louisiana
Juris Doctor, 1999

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Women's Studies, 1996

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Education, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Mediation Skills for Assistant United States Attorneys Seminar, July 24-26, 2001.

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Legal Education, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, Civil Trial Advocacy Training, April 29-May 8, 2003, Columbia South Carolina.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Bar of the State of Louisiana; admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Eastern, Middle, and Western Districts of the Louisiana; also admitted in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit and the Supreme Court of the United States.

Member of the American Bar Association, National Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Federal Bar Association, New Orleans Association for Women Attorneys, American Association of Law Schools, Clinical Legal Education Association.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"From Then to Now: 25 Years in the Fight for Housing Justice," Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center's Fit for a King Summit, New Orleans, LA, January 16, 2020.

"Cross-Clinic Collaboration," Southern Clinical Conference, Baton Rouge, LA, October 12, 2019.

"Overspecialized and Underprepared: A Critique of Clinical Legal Education and a Model for Change," 2019 AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Francisco, CA, May 5, 2019.

"Civil Rights Issues of Today: Using Your Career to Inspire Change," Tulane Law School, New Orleans, LA, February 13, 2019.

"40 Years of Clinical Education at Tulane Law School," Tulane Inn of Court, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA, February 2, 2019.

"Reasonable Accommodations and Program Access under the ADA: Exploring Inclusiveness," Louisiana State Bar Association's Government and Public Law Section CLE, Baton Rouge, LA, November 01-02, 2018.

“Addressing Zoning Barriers to Equal Housing Opportunities for People with Disabilities,” 2018 American Bar Association HIV/AIDS Law and Practice Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 22, 2018.

“Tenants’ Fair Housing Rights – The Fair Housing Act,” Panel Presenter, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Fair Housing Month Conference, New Orleans, LA, April 5, 2012

“Housing Law Issues Affecting Louisiana Consumers,” Panel Presenter, Louisiana State Bar Association-sponsored conference (2008 Louisiana Justice Community Conference), Baton Rouge, LA, October 10, 2008.

“Discrimination and Residential Segregation,” Women’s Council of Realtors, New Orleans Metropolitan Chapter, September 25, 2008.

“Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications under the Fair Housing Act,” National Disability Rights Network’s Annual Conference, June 3, 2008.

“Zoning and Land Use Barriers to Affordable Housing Development,” Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation’s Baton Rouge Fair Housing Summit, April 24, 2008.

“Defining Reasonable: An Overview of Reasonable Accommodations and Modifications under the Fair Housing Act,” Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center’s Fourth Annual Fair Housing Conference, April 21, 2008.

“Barriers to Affordable Housing Post-Katrina,” American Bar Association’s Forum on Affordable Housing Regional Meeting, February 9, 2008.

“Trends in Fair Housing,” Gulf Coast Fair Housing Center’s 3rd Annual Fair Housing Conference, May 7, 2007.

“Analyzing the Disability Provisions of the Fair Housing Act,” Louisiana State Bar Association-sponsored seminar, “Sizzling Issues in Disability Law,” New Orleans, LA, February 16, 2005.