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EDUCATION

Fordham University School of Law, New York, NY

Juris Doctor received May 1993

Recipient, Archibald R. Murray Public Service Award

Member, Fordham Intellectual Property, Media & Entertainment Law Journal

Columbia College, Columbia University, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts, in Philosophy, received May 1990

EXPERIENCE

Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY

Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2023 – present

Teach a required 7-credit 2-semester (year-long) Legal Writing class to first-year law students. This class focuses on the fundamentals of legal research, predictive and persuasive writing, and oral advocacy.

Additionally teach Criminal Procedure, a 3-credit doctrinal course addressing Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendment jurisprudence.

Fordham University Law School, New York, NY

Adjunct Professor of Law, September 2021 – May 2023

Taught a required 3-credit 2-semester (year-long) Legal Writing class to first-year law students. This class was not limited to the mechanics of legal writing; rather, it incorporates practical lawyering skills such as legal research, negotiation, and oral advocacy.

The Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Division, Bronx County, NY

Staff Attorney, September 1993 – July 2023

Represented indigent clients in all stages of criminal proceedings, including arraignments, grand jury proceedings, pre-trial hearings, and trials. Handled all aspects of case management, including discovery, motion practice, plea negotiations, investigation, and trial preparation. Worked closely with social workers and court liaisons regarding various alternatives to incarceration for clients facing potential jail time. Advised clients on the collateral consequences of criminal convictions, including immigration, housing issues, licensing, and employment implications. Mentored junior attorneys regarding plea negotiations and trial strategies. Tried to verdict approximately thirty felony and misdemeanor cases, including rape, robbery, burglary, possession of a weapon, and assault.

Essay Writing Consultant

Assist students in preparing college and graduate-level application essays, including brainstorming topics, writing mechanics, and editing.

PUBLICATIONS

- *When Courts Become Superspreaders*, New York Daily News, Op Ed, July 15, 2020.
- *The Cost of Showing Up*, Northwestern University Law Review Online, Volume 120 (2025)

- *Fighting the Good Fight*, Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law, Volume 23.2 (forthcoming Spring 2026)
- *The Color of Clemency: Selective Mercy in Misdemeanor Law Enforcement*, American Criminal Law Review, Issue 1, Vol. 64 (forthcoming Spring 2027)

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presenter, *Social Justice in the Legal Writing Classroom*, Empire State Legal Writing Conference (May 2024).
- Panel Participant, Brooklyn Advocates for Justice Reform (March 2024).
- Trainer, Bronx District Attorney's Office (September 2023, September 2024).

SERVICE

- Moot court judge, Brooklyn Law School and Fordham Law School (2021 to present).
- Faculty Mentor, Brooklyn Law School (Fall 2024).
- Faculty Independent Research Supervisor, Brooklyn Law School (Summer 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)
- Faculty Tutor, Civil Practice Externship Course, Brooklyn Law School (Spring 2025)