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EDUCATION

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

Ada, Ohio

Juris Doctor, December, 1992

V. P. of Black Law Student Association

Pharmacy – Law Journal, Staff Editor

Student Bar Association

O.N. U. Street Law Program

1990 CLEO Fellow and Scholar

National Negotiations Competition

ROOSEVELT UNIVERSITY

Chicago, IL

B.A. Political Science May, 1989

KENNEDY -KING COLLEGE

Chicago, IL

A. A. Liberal Arts December, 1986

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Present – October 2013 **LAW OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER**
Attorney Supervisor – Specialty Courts

Supervise attorneys assigned to specialty Courts at 26th and California, Maywood, Skokie, Rolling Meadows and Markham Courthouses. Specialty Courts: Drug, Veterans, Mental Health, RAP, ACT, Misdemeanor and Deferred Prosecution and Prostitution Diversion Court.
Public Defender's Designee on the Oversight Board for Adult Redeploy Illinois
Public Defender's Designee on the Joint City and County Heroin Task Force
Chairperson of the Mental Health Initiative Working Group

October 2013-
July 2009 **LAW OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER**
Attorney Supervisor - Felony Trial Division
Supervise attorneys assigned to the Felony Trial Division, investigate client complaints, approve time off requests and monitor the representation of the indigent accused.

July 2009-
Nov. 1994 **LAW OFFICE OF THE COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER**
Assistant Public Defender - Assigned to Juvenile Court in the Juvenile Justice Division and Child Protection Division. Assigned to Criminal Courts in Preliminary Hearings, Night Narcotics and Felony Trial Division. Assigned to Markham in the Felony Division

ACTIVITIES - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. , Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM) past president of the Board of Directors

April 2003-

March 1997

26th & California - Chicago, IL

Felony Trial Division

Appointed to represent indigent accused charged with felonies including First Degree Murder.
Responsible for pre-trial and post-trial motions.

Night Narcotics

Appointed to represent indigent accused charged with felony drug cases.
Responsible for pre and post-trial motions.

Preliminary Hearings

Appointed to represent individuals accused of drug cases to determine.

November 1994-

March 1997

Child Protection-

Appointed to represent indigent parents accused of abusing and/or neglecting their children from Temporary Custody Hearings to Termination of Parental Rights.

Juvenile Justice

Appointed to represent Juveniles charged with felony and misdemeanors crimes.

June 1993 -

September 1993

COOK COUNTY JUDICIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Research Assistant

Interview pre-adjudicated youth and their families; condense and disseminate responses to risk assessment to determine eligibility for Home Detention Program.

May 1992 -

August 1992

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL of Illinois

Environmental Law Clerk

Assisted in the investigation of environmental violations; conducted legal research, drafted complaint, prepared memoranda; attended and participated in trials, settlement negotiations, and NAAG seminars.

June 1991-

September 1991

OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY, Ada, Ohio

Criminal Dispute Resolution Clinic

Student Conciliator

Assisted the Lima, Ohio Prosecutor's office with the disposition of Criminal disputes prior to the commencement of the prosecutorial process.

January 1990-

August 1987

GARDNER CARTON & DOUGLAS - Chicago, IL

Environmental Law Paralegal

Assisted lawyers with research projects pertaining to hazardous waste clean-up litigation; Superfund (CERCLA), RCRA, Clean Air Act, and the Clean Water Act; prepared exhibits for discovery ; attended Illinois Pollution Control meets and reported information to clients.

ACTIVITIES

Delta Sigma Theta, Public Service Sorority

Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM) - former President of the Board of Directors.