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**EDUCATION**

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW—NEWARK, Newark, NJ**

J.D. Awarded May 1999

Honors: ***Rutgers Law Review***, Articles Editor  
Association of the Bar of the City of New York - Committee on Civil Rights  
Judge Herbert Tate, Sr. Community Service Scholarship  
Philip J. Levin Public Interest Scholarship  
Marie Slocum Memorial Scholarship

Activities: Public Interest Law Foundation, Board Member  
Association of Black Law Students, Board Member  
Pro Bono Certificate Program

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington, DC**

B.A. Sociology Awarded May 1995 (Minor: Government)

Honors: Georgetown University Community Service Award  
Activities: Georgetown University Young Scholars, Co-coordinator and Mentor  
Harriet Tubman Tutoring Program, Founder and Volunteer Tutor

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, Denver, CO**

**Assistant Professor of Law** August 2010 – Present

**Director, Community Economic Development Clinic**

Create and direct a transactional law clinic that provides pro bono representation to small businesses, nonprofit corporations, tax-exempt organizations, and other community-based constituencies. Supervise student attorneys and teach accompanying seminar with emphasis on business law and community economic development, such as transactional drafting, corporate formation, governance, negotiations, client counseling, and economic development programs sponsored by federal, state, and local governments. Network with community groups and other service providers to develop strategic partnerships and identify potential clients. Mentor Whiting Clinical Fellow and manage gift that funds the fellow’s salary and financially supports the clinic’s activities.

**UNIVERSITY OF TULSA COLLEGE OF LAW, Tulsa, OK**

**Co-Director, Clinical Legal Programs** August 2008 – July 2010

**Social Enterprise & Economic Development Law Project,** June 2007 – July 2010

**Director and Wellspring Assistant Clinical Professor of Law**

Created and taught a transactional law clinic that provided pro bono representation to small businesses, nonprofit corporations, and tax-exempt organizations. Supervised student attorneys and taught accompanying seminar with emphasis on small business development and the formation and maintenance of tax-exempt nonprofit corporations. Networked with community groups and other service providers for client recruitment.

**UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore MD**

**Community Development Clinic Clinical Fellow** July 2004 – June 2007

Supervised students in a transactional law clinic that provides representation and counseling in the areas of state and federal tax exemptions, nonprofit and corporate maintenance, local government law, community economic development, and general business transactions. Co-taught accompanying seminar and conducted client recruitment.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **ST. HOPE CORPORATION, Sacramento, CA**

#### **Business Development Manager**

February 2002 - September 2003

Developed and facilitated partnerships between St. HOPE Corporation and its affiliated nonprofits and for-profit businesses, nonprofit organizations, and educational institutions. Coordinated legal and organizational restructure to streamline operations, participated in development of business plans and marketing strategies, provided marketing and public relations support, acted as board liaison between corporate officers and boards of directors, and coordinated board training and development. Also supervised and prepared budget for volunteer and intern programs and supported start-up for-profit bookstore and barbershop economic development projects.

### **SHEARMAN & STERLING, San Francisco, CA**

#### **Associate**

September 1999 - July 2001

#### **Summer Associate**

May 1998 - August 1998

Represented foreign and domestic financial institutions in various financings, including credit agreements and asset purchase agreements. Reviewed and drafted loan documents, amendments, and legal opinions. Reviewed and drafted corporate organizational documents. Researched and wrote memoranda of law analyzing bank finance, evidentiary, and damages issues.

### **CHICAGO LEGAL ADVOCACY FOR INCARCERATED MOTHERS, Chicago, IL**

#### **Paralegal/Jail Project Coordinator**

August 1995 - August 1996

Conducted intake interviews with incarcerated women regarding child custody issues. Advised clients, negotiated with foster care caseworkers, and corresponded with clients and opposing parties. Managed volunteer program that recruits lawyers and paralegals to teach criminal procedure to incarcerated women.

## **BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

- Member of the Bar, State of California
- Member of the Bar, State of Colorado
- Member of the Bar, State of Maryland (inactive)

## **SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- Board of Directors, Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA) (January 2012 – present).
- Community-to-Classroom Committee Advisory Committee, University of Denver (Oct. 2011 – present).
- Business Support Coalition, Denver Office of Economic Development (Aug. 2011 – present).
- Small Business Resource Hub Committee, NEWSED Community Development Corporation (June 2011 – present).
- Faculty Executive Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (May 2011 – present).
- Executive Committee Member, Metropolitan Tulsa Urban League Young Professionals (September 2008 – June 2010).
- Partner/Participant, PLANiTULSA (City of Tulsa's comprehensive plan process), City of Tulsa (June 2008 – June 2010).
- Board of Directors, Community Action Project of Tulsa County (September 2007 – September 2009); Executive Committee Member (May 2008 – September 2009); Asset Building Committee Chair (May 2008 – September 2009).
- Participant, nTEDI (North Tulsa Economic Development Initiative) Leadership Program (January 2008 – May 2008).
- Section on Civil Rights, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) (Executive Committee Member: January 2007 – January 2009; Secretary: January 2008 – January 2009).
- Director, Entrepreneurial Law Certificate Program, University of Tulsa College of Law (August 2008 – June 2010).
- Appointments Committee, University of Tulsa College of Law (August 2008 – June 2010).

- Service Learning Task Force, University of Tulsa (October 2008 – June 2010).
- Scholarship Enrichment Advisory Committee, University of Tulsa College of Law (August 2008 – June 2010).
- Faculty Senate, University of Tulsa (August 2008 – June 2010).
- Planning Committee, Community Economic Development Committee, ABA Section of Business Law 2008 Spring Meeting (2007 – 2008).
- Board of Directors, Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Baltimore, Maryland (2004 – 2007).
- Council Member, Delivery of Legal Services Section of the Maryland State Bar Association, Baltimore, Maryland (2005 – 2007).

## **PRESENTATIONS and WORKSHOPS**

- Panelist, Maintaining Your Identity in Law School and the Legal Workplace, From the Melting Pot to Inclusion Series, Institutional Diversity and Inclusiveness Program, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (November 16, 2011).
- Panelist, “Law School Clinics: Education and Access,” 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Ira C. Rothgerber Conference – Toward the Constitutional Right of Access to Justice: Implications and Implementation,” University of Colorado School of Law (November 4, 2011).
- Facilitator/Presenter – Business Meeting, 5th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop at the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, Texas (June 19, 2011).
- Co-presenter – “At SEA (Sympathy, Empathy, and Apathy): Teaching Students to Distinguish Between and Strategically Select Modes of Communication” (co-presented with Professors Robin Walker Sterling and Christopher Lasch), Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Seattle, WA (June 16, 2011).
- Panelist – Transactional Clinics’ Impact on Social Justice, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Transactional Clinicians Conference, Chicago, IL (April 16, 2011).
- Co – presenter – “Connecting Sustainable Development and Social Justice in the Post-Metropolis: Observations from the Law Faculty of the University of Denver Sturm College of Law” (co-presented with Professors Tom Romero, William Shutkin and Annecoos Wiersema), Workshop – Urbanization, Nature and Socio-Politics: A North-South Debate, University of Denver Marsico Scholar Program, Denver, CO (April 6, 2011).
- Panelist – “Lawyering for Community II: Approaches to Counseling Community-Based Organizations,” Seventh International Conference on Clinical Legal Education, UCLA Law/University of London IALS, Lake Arrowhead, California, Lake Arrowhead, California (November 5, 2010).
- Co-presenter – “Using Simulations to Teach Substantive Law, Skills, Ethics, and Professionalism,” CLE presentation (co-presented with Professor Christopher Lasch), University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colorado (October 13, 2010).
- Moderator – “What Happens to the Least Among Us? The Economic Crisis’ Impact on Small Businesses, Nonprofits, and Community Redevelopment,” LatCrit Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, Colorado (October 9, 2010).
- Presenter, Work-in-Progress, “Community Lawyering and Economic Development in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: the (Evolving?) Role of CED Clinics,” 4th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, Kentucky (June 26, 2010).
- Co-Facilitator, Community Economic Development Small Working Group, AALS Annual Clinical Conference on Legal Education, Baltimore, Maryland (May 2010).
- Symposium Panel Moderator, The Scholarship of Catharine MacKinnon, University of Tulsa College of Law, Tulsa, Oklahoma (March 2010).
- Panelist – Clinical and Non-Clinical Scholarship at the Crossroads, Southeastern Clinicians’ Regional Workshop, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools (SEALS) 2009 Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, Florida (August 6, 2009).
- Presenter – *More Than Merely Incidental: An Argument for Third-party Beneficiary Rights in Local Government Redevelopment Agreements*, presented at the *Innovations in Transactional Scholarship* works-in-progress session of the 2009 AALS Workshop on Transactional Law, Long Beach, California (June 11, 2009).

- Presenter -- *More Than Merely Incidental: An Argument for Third-party Beneficiary Rights in Local Government Redevelopment Agreements*, Faculty Colloquy Series, University of Tulsa College of Law (November 21, 2008).
- Presenter -- *More Than Merely Incidental: An Argument for Third-party Beneficiary Rights in Local Government Redevelopment Agreements*, Work-in-Progress, Clinical Writers' Workshop sponsored by the *Clinical Law Review*, New York University School of Law, New York, New York (October 18, 2008).
- Panelist – University of Toledo College of Law, Law Review Symposium: "Successful Economic Development in the 21st Century: Revitalizing Center Cities In An Era of Globalization, Technology and Changing Legal Regimes," Toledo, Ohio (March 14, 2008).
- Presenter -- *More Than Merely Incidental: An Argument for Third-party Beneficiary Rights in Local Government Redevelopment Agreements*, Work-in-Progress, Junior Faculty Regional Works-in-Progress Workshop, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri (February 29, 2008).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- “Transactional Community Lawyering: Introducing Denver Law’s New Community Economic Development Clinic” in DURL Online, at <http://www.denverlawreview.org/practitioners-pieces/2011/4/22/transactional-community-lawyering-introducing-denver-laws-ne.html> (June 2011).
- “More than Merely Incidental: Third-Party Beneficiary Rights in Urban Redevelopment Contracts,” 17 GEO. J. POVERTY L. & POL'Y 287 (2010).
- “Ain’t No Sunshine”: Examining Informality and State Open Meeting Acts as the Anti-public Norm in Inner-City Redevelopment Deal Making, 74 TENN. L. REV. 623 (2007) *reprinted in* 18 J. AFF. HOUSING & COMM. DEV. LAW (Fall 2008).