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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW – DELAWARE CAMPUS Wilmington, DE
Assistant Dean of Student Affairs (January 2006 - present)
Professor of Law (July 2004 - present)
Visiting Professor (August 2003 - June 2004)

Courses taught: Property I, Property II, Landlord/Tenant Law, Environmental Justice Seminar

Law School Committees: Faculty Appointments (2004- 2005; 2005 –2006; Chair, 2006 - 2007)
Chair, Faculty Retention (2005 - 2006)
Co-chair, Student Services Task Force of Strategic Plan (2005 - 2006)

Administrative Duties: Advise law students; supervise initial and ongoing orientation for incoming students; supervise the Student Bar Association and the activities of its organizations.

THE DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW Chicago, IL
Visiting Professor (August 2002 - July 2003)

Courses taught: Property, Environmental Law Seminar, Land Use Planning

THE LOUIS D. BRANDEIS SCHOOL OF LAW
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE Louisville, KY
Professor of Law (2002 - 2004)
Associate Professor (1997 - 2002)
Assistant Professor (1993 - 1997)

Courses taught: Property I, Property II, Environmental Law, Land Use Law Seminar, Torts II
Basic Legal Skills, Writing Component of the Summer Enrichment Program

Co-Chair: Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference (1997)

University Committees: University Faculty Grievance Committee (2001 -2002);Multicultural Center Advisory Committee (2000 - 2002); Women's Center Advisory Council (1995 - 1997);Chair, Center for Environmental Law, Kentucky Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development (1998 - 2002); Faculty Participant, International Service Learning Project, Dangriga, Belize (March 2000)

Law School Committees: Chair, Regulatory Law and Policy Program (2000 - 2002); Part-Time Division Study Committee (2001 - 2002); Probation and Reinstatement (1994 - 2002); Dean's Search Committee (1999 - 2000); Writing Faculty Hiring Committee (1999 - 2000); Skills Instruction (1997-2000) ;Economic Welfare (1996 - 1999); Academic Support Screening (1996 - 1997); Student Development and Academic and Support (1994 - 1996)

Advisor: Environmental Law Moot Court Team (1994 - 2002)

Honors: 2000 Law Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award

2000 Ann Oldfather Fellowship Award
1998 Barbara Lewis Fellowship Award for Teaching

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW Washington, D.C.
Instructor (1990 - 1993)

Courses taught: Legal Writing, Research, and Analysis
Advanced Legal Writing

Presented workshops for the Howard Law Journal on "The Substantive Read of an Article" (September 29, 1992) and on "How to Write on to Journal" (April 21, 1993). Presented seminars for the Office of Career Services on "Writing in a Summer Associate Position" (April 8, 1992, and March 24, 1993). Presented faculty forum entitled "The Constitutionality of Inclusionary Zoning: Affordable Housing and the Takings Clause" (October 29, 1992).

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC AND TAX POLICY
D.C. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND REVENUE Washington, D.C.
Financial Economist (May 1989 - June 1990)

Developed legislation and policy on professional services sales tax. Revised District of Columbia sales and use tax regulations. Advised Department officials and auditors on application of sales and use tax statutes and regulations. Monitored changes to federal tax laws affecting District tax statutes. Received Associate Director's Award for Outstanding Performance.

OFFICE OF PROGRAM ENFORCEMENT Washington, D.C.
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Attorney (October 1984 - August 1987, Summer 1988)

Drafted pleadings, settlement arrangements, and memoranda of law to be filed in pending or proposed cases. Advised Department officials on policy implications of litigation. Represented the Department in suspension and debarment hearings. Also represented the Department in salary and I.R.S. tax refund offset cases involving claims collection for Title I loans.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF HOME BUILDERS Washington, D.C.
Law Clerk (May 1983 - May 1984)

Assisted association members with legal problems involving housing and construction law and zoning administration. Prepared memorandum and state-by-state compendium on implied warranties for the sale of homes. Prepared memorandum on inclusionary housing.

EDUCATION

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY Washington, D.C.
NATIONAL LAW CENTER
LL.M. in Land Use Management and Control awarded in February 1992
Honors: Teaching Fellowship (1987 - 89)

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER Washington, D.C.
J.D. awarded in May 1984
Honors: Law Fellow in Legal Writing and Research
Clark Foundation Scholarship
Activities: Street Law Clinic

SMITH COLLEGE Northampton, MA
A.B. in Economics awarded in May 1981
Honors: Georgia-Pacific Foundation Scholarship
Activities: President, Student Government Association
Director, Bridge Minority Freshman Orientation Program
Member, Board of Trustees (1981 - 83)

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles:

The Houses that Eminent Domain and Housing Tax Credits Built: Imagining a Better New Orleans. 34 Ford. Urb. L. J. ____ (2006)(with Carol Brown).

Sustaining Urban Green Spaces: Can Public Parks Be Protected Under the Public Trust Doctrine? 10 S.C. Envtl. L. J. 23 (2002).

In Search of Neighborhood Nightmares: The Duty of Builders and Developers to Disclose Off-Site Environmental Conditions, 12 J. Nat. Resources & Envtl. L. 1 (1997).

The Anticipatory Nuisance Doctrine: One Common Law Theory for Use in Environmental Justice Cases, 19 Wm. & Mary Envtl. L. and Pol'y Rev. 223 (1995).

The Need for Affordable Housing: The Constitutional Viability of Inclusionary Zoning, 26 J. Marshall L. Rev. 75 (1992).

Other Articles:

Exploring the Complexities of Environmental Justice, Widener U. Sch. L. Mag., Fall 2005, at 8.

Managing Growth With Fairness: The Regulatory Takings Test of Smart Growth Policies, Practice Guide #2, EPA Region 4, Southeastern Regional Environmental Finance Center, http://cepm.louisville.edu/PDFdocs/takings.pdf (2003)(with Sarah Coffin, Ph.D. and Paul Muething).

CAFOs as Neighbors: An Analysis of Kentucky Nuisance Law and Agricultural Operations, 5 Sustain: A Journal of Environmental and Sustainability Issues 14 (2001).

The Fight for Environmental Justice: Is the Courthouse the Appropriate Battleground?, 1 Loy. U. Chi. Pub. Int. L. Rep. 17 (1996).

Inclusionary Housing Programs in Practice, 42 Urban Land 14 (1983)(with Gus Bauman and Ann Reines Kahn).

PRESENTATIONS

Presenter (with Carol Brown) – "The Houses that Eminent Domain and Housing Tax Credits Built: Imagining a Better New Orleans." Third Annual Property, Citizenship, and Social Entrepreneurism Meeting sponsored by the Syracuse University College of Law. Washington, D.C. November 10, 2006.

Panelist - "Evaluating Teaching." Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference 2006 Annual Meeting. Washington College of Law at the American University. January 27, 2006.

Presenter - "The Concept of 'Home' in Property Law." Faculty Development Event. Widener University School of Law (Delaware Campus). February 8, 2005.

Panelist - "Class and Land Use." The 2004 SALT Teaching Conference on Class in the Classroom. William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. October 15, 2004.

Presenter - Work in Progress. "Housing Issues for Victims of Domestic Violence." Mid-Atlantic People of Color Scholarship Conference 2004 Annual Meeting. University of Baltimore School of Law. January 30, 2004.

Panelist - "Tenure Strategies." Fourteenth Annual Meeting of the Mid-Western People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference. Cleveland State University School of Law. October 11, 2003.

Panelist - Nature and Culture. A Discussion of Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West by William Cronon sponsored by The Center for Spirituality and Values in Practice. DePaul University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. April 28, 2003.

Presenter - "Two Nikki Giovanni Tree Poems: Preserving Urban Green Space." Panel on Environmental Law. Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference 2003 Annual Meeting on Law, Cultures, and the Philosophy of Science. Washington and Lee University School of Law. January 30, 2003.

Speaker - "Take Back the Law: Housing Issues for Victims of Domestic Violence." Women's Health and the Law Seminar sponsored by the DePaul Women's Law Caucus. November 19, 2002.

Moderator/Interviewer - Post-play Discussion of "Wright from America," a play on the life of the writer Richard Wright. Presented at the Juneteenth Festival of New Works sponsored by the Department of Theatre Arts African American Theatre Program at the University of Louisville. June 14, 2002.

Presenter - "Women, Housing, and Domestic Violence." Panel on Legal, Ethical and Social Challenges in Urban Health: A Global Dialogue. Urban Health and Race Law Conference sponsored by the DePaul Health Law Institute. April 5, 2002.

Panelist - "Smart Growth Draft Report on Land Use Planning." KET's Kentucky Tonight Show. Broadcast on November 12, 2001.

Moderator - “Global Corporatization: Myths and Realities.” Panel sponsored by the Greater Louisville Sierra Club and the Kentucky Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development. August 28, 2001.

Writing Teacher - Law and Government Academy for High School Students. Sponsored by the Louisville Bar Association and the Brandeis School of Law. June 2001 and July 1999.

Guest Lecturer - Environmental Law. The Role of Government in Health Care course taught by John H. Morse, Senior Fellow In Health Policy, Clinical Research, Epidemiology and Statistics Training Program of the Department of General Internal Medicine, University of Louisville School of Medicine. April 2, 2001.

Guest Lecturer in Property and Environmental Law - University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. May 2000.

Speaker on Environmental Law - Law in the Middle Schools Program sponsored by the Louisville Bar Association. October 16, 2001 and October 4, 2000.

Lecturer - “Regulating and Remediating Environmental Harm: A Statutory Matrix.” Interdisciplinary Frameworks in Environmental Education, Policy and Management Seminar sponsored by the Kentucky Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development. September 2000, September 1999, and September 1998.

Workshop Presenter - “The Environmental Justice Movement: Race, Poverty, and the Environment.” Environmental Research Conference for High School Students sponsored by the Kentucky Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development. March 30, 1999, March 4, 1998, and May 21, 1997.

Presenter - “Ethical Issues in the Practice of Environmental Law.” Seminar sponsored by the Louisville Bar Association Environmental Law Section. May 20, 1997.

Panelist - “Representing Women: Law, Literature and Feminism.” Women’s Difficult Discussion Series sponsored by the Multicultural Center of the University of Louisville. January 23, 1997.

Lecturer - "Preventing Harm: An Analysis of the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Anticipatory Nuisance Doctrine." Interdisciplinary Frameworks in Environmental Education, Policy and Management Seminar sponsored by the Kentucky Institute for the Environment and Sustainable Development. October 9, 1996.

Presenter - "Environmental Justice and the Law." Environmental Law Seminar sponsored by the Louisville Bar Association. June 26, 1996.

Panelist - "Environmental Justice and Fair Housing." Fair Housing Month Conference sponsored by the Human Relations Commission of Louisville and Jefferson County. April 25, 1996.

Speaker - "Fighting Environmental Justice in the Courtroom." Sponsored by the Journal of Natural Resources and Environmental Law. University of Kentucky School of Law. April 4, 1996.

Presenter - "Ethical Issues for Attorneys Practicing Environmental Law." Back to Law School Ethics & Technology Seminar. University of Louisville School of Law. October 27, 1995.

Presenter - "Environmental Justice." Environmental Law Seminar sponsored by the Louisville Bar Association. June 28, 1995.

Panelist - "Judicial Responses to Environmental Inequity." Environmental Justice - Participatory Solutions to Problems of Inequity. Regional Forum on Partnerships for Sustainable Development sponsored by the Kentucky Institute for the Environment & Sustainable Development and the Global Tomorrow Coalition. May 10, 1995.

Guest Lecturer - "Environmental Justice." Introduction to Environmental Education Seminar taught by Professor Wicks. University of Louisville School of Education. January 30, 1995.

Guest Lecturer - "Environmental Racism." Racism and Sexism Seminar taught by Professors C. Cummings and S. Wright. University of Louisville College of Arts and Science. October 6, 1994.
Speaker - "What is Environmental Law." Southern Middle School Science With a Twist National Science Foundation Summer Camp. June 22, 1994. Louisville, KY.

Presenter - Panel on How to Succeed in Law School. Sponsored by the Law and Government Cluster of the Black Achievers Program. University of Louisville School of Law. March 26, 1994.

Presenter - "Environmental Equity." Environmental Education Seminar taught by Professors Wicks and Dittmer. University of Louisville School of Education. February 28, 1994.

Presenter - Panel on the Legal Profession. Sponsored by the Central High School Law Magnet Program. University of Louisville School of Law. February 7, 1994.

Lecturer - "The First Amendment Rights of High School Students." Close-Up Program. April 13, 1993, and April 21, 1992. Washington, D.C.

Speaker - "Black Women as Social Engineers: Using the Law to Effect Social Change." Albion College Symposium on Women, Law, and Public Policy. February 13, 1992. Albion, Michigan.

Commentator - Session on "Black Women in the Legal Profession." Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History Annual Meeting. October 31, 1991. Washington, D.C.

Presenter - Legal Analysis and Writing Seminar for the 1990 Conference of Equal Employment Opportunity Managers of the General Services Administration. September 20 -21, 1990. Washington, D.C.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

District of Columbia Bar - Admitted 1989
Maryland State Bar - Admitted 1985

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

Director, Board of Directors, ACLU of Delaware, June 2005 - present.

Delegation Advisor, YMCA of Delaware Youth in Government Mock Legislative Program, 2003 - present

Director, Planned Parenthood of Delaware Board of Directors, January 2006 - present

Commissioner, Kentucky Environmental Quality Commission, June 1999 - January 2003.

Director, Board of Directors, ACLU of Kentucky, March 2001 - July 2003.

Member, Advisory Committee of the Reproductive Freedom Project of the ACLU of Kentucky, 2000 - July 2003

Alumnae Association of Smith College

Member, Common Ground Alumnae Committee, 2004 - 2006
Board of Counselors' Diversity Committee, 2002 - 2004
Nominating Committee for the Board of Directors, May 1997 - April 2000
(vice-chair, 1999 - 2000)
National Alumnae Admissions Committee, May 1992 - 1993
Chair for District of Columbia Schools, Alumnae Admissions Committee for the Smith College Club of Washington, 1988 - 1991
Board of Directors, Smith College Club of Washington, 1988 - 1991
Reader, Ketcham Read-A-Loud Program, Washington, D.C., 1989 - 1991

First Gethsemane Center for Family Development, Inc. Louisville, KY

Board of Directors, 1995 - 2001
Coordinator, First Chance Program for Pregnancy Prevention, 1998 - 1999

Planned Parenthood of Louisville Board of Directors, 1997 - 1999

Tutor, New York Avenue Presbyterian Church Thursday Tutoring Program, Washington, D.C., 1985 - 1993