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Experience

Professor of Law, South Texas College of Law Houston, Houston, TX 2010 - present
Taught: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Capital Punishment, Evidence, International Human Rights, International Criminal Law.

Fulbright Specialist, Federal University of Bahia, Bahia, Brazil Summer 2013
Taught a course on the American Legal System.

Professor of Law, Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA 2004 - 2010
Teaching assignments: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Capital Punishment, Evidence.
Taught International Criminal Law in summer program in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Associate Professor, Gonzaga University, School of Law, Spokane, WA 2002 - 2004
Taught: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Death Penalty Seminar, International Organizations, Immigration Law, International Human Rights Law Clinic.

Law Faculty Representative to University Faculty Senate, Admissions Committee, Delegate to AALS meeting, Teaching Excellence Committee, Promotion, Retention & Tenure Committee.

Ass't /Assoc Professor, Texas Southern Univ., Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX 1989 - 2002
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 1996-98. Authored grant to U.S. Department of Education, which resulted in \$300,000 start up grant to establish a Homeless Advocacy Law Clinic.
Committees: Faculty Appointments, Rank & Tenure, Budget, Admissions, Academic Standards & Curriculum.
Taught Criminal Law, Capital Punishment Seminar, Civil Procedure, International Law, International Human Rights, Evidence, Immigration Law, Constitutional Law, Legal Clinic.

Visiting Professor, University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, FL 2006 - 2007

Administrative Experience

ABA Site Evaluator: 2008 (Appalachian Law School); 2007 (U of Toledo), Spring (Albany Law School)

Assoc. Dean for Academic Affairs, Texas Southern Univ., Thurgood Marshall School of Law, 1996 - 1998.

Education

University Of Virginia School Of Law, J.D.

University Of San Francisco, B.A. (Government)

Publications

Books

Most Deserving of Death? An Analysis of the Supreme Court's Death Penalty Jurisprudence (Ashgate Publishing Company 2012).

Book Chapters

An Examination of the District Attorney's Alleged Unethical Conduct, in RACE TO INJUSTICE; LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE DUKE LACROSSE RAPE CASE (Carolina Academic Press 2009)

Mandatory Death Sentences Unconstitutional; Proportionality Reviews; Lockett v. Ohio; Profitt v. Florida; Pulley v. Harris in ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES (Routledge 2006)

Articles, Book Reviews, Op Eds (Selected)

Why and How the Supreme Court Should End the Death Penalty, accepted for publication in the University of San Francisco Law Review

Why the Death Penalty is Slowly Dying, to be published in the death penalty symposium issue of the Southwestern Law Review

Justice or Peace? A Proposal for Resolving the Dilemma, 26 Pace Int'l L. Rev. 132 (2014)

Does Strickland Prejudice Defendants on Death Row? 43 U. Rich. L. Rev. 1459 (2009)

Why It Is So Difficult To Prove Innocence In Capital Cases, 42 Tulsa L. Rev. 241 (2006) (symposium)

Does the ICJ's Decision In Avena Mean Anything To Mexicans On Death Row, 55 Cath. U.L. Rev. 351 (2006), reprinted in 27 Immigration and Nationality Review 19 (2006)

Texas: Tough On Murderers or Fairness?, 53 Drake L. Rev. 631 (2005) (symposium)

Ensuring the Capital Defendant's Right to Competent Counsel: It's Time For Some Standards!, 51 Wayne L. Rev. 129 (2005) (cited in Congressional Testimony, available at <http://judiciary.house.gov/hearings/pdf/Bright090922.pdf> at 5 n. 9 (Sept. 22, 2009).

Should Judges Who Oppose Capital Punishment Resign? A Reply To Justice Scalia, 10 Va. J. Soc. Pol'y & L. 317 (2003)

The Death Penalty: Can It Be Fixed? 51 Cath. U. L. Rev. 1177 (2002)

The Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act: What's Wrong With It and How To Fix It, 33 Conn. L. Rev. 919 (2001)

The Deregulation of the Death Penalty, 40 Santa Clara L. Rev. 677 (2000)

Do We Really Need the Federal Rules of Evidence?, 74 N. Dak. L. Rev. 1 (1998)

The Last Lawyer: The Fight To Save Death Row Inmates, in 59 J. Legal Educ. 668 (2010). (Book Review)

Trials are important in truth-seeking process, Houston Chronicle, November 28, 2014 (with Geoffrey Corn) (op ed)

Case Evidence offered cause for a conviction, Houston Chronicle, July 20, 2013 (op ed)

Death Penalty Litigation

Served as Habeas Counsel for 8 Texas death row inmates:

1. Howard Guidry: represented Mr. Guidry in his state and federal habeas proceedings. A writ of habeas corpus granted by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas and affirmed by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, see *Guidry v. Dretke*, 397 F.3d 306 (5th Cir. 2005).
2. Johnny Ray Conner: represented Mr. Conner in his federal habeas proceedings. A writ of habeas corpus granted by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas but reversed by U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, see *Conner v. Quarterman*, 477 F.3d 287 (5th Cir. 2007) .
3. James Lewis Jackson: represented Mr. Jackson in his state and federal habeas proceedings.
4. Robert Will II: Appointed by U.S. District Judge Keith Ellison in April, 2006 to represent Mr. Will in his federal habeas proceedings.
5. Frances Newton: represented Mrs. Newton in her federal habeas proceedings.
6. Larry Wayne White: represented Mr. White in his state and federal habeas proceedings (see 519 U.S. 911 (1996), 79 F.3d 432 (1996)).

7. Perry Williams, Jr.: appointed to represent Mr. Williams in his federal habeas proceedings.
8. Damon Roshun Matthews: appointed to represent Mr. Matthews in his federal habeas proceedings
9. Raymond Deleon Martinez: appointed to represent Mr. Martinez in his federal habeas proceedings.

Media Appearances & Presentations

Numerous media appearances discussing criminal law and death penalty issues, including the NY Times, Houston Chronicle, Charlotte Observer, Beaumont Times, Texas Tribune, National Public Radio.

Presenter at numerous Continuing Legal Education seminars and faculty workshops:

National Bar Association, International Affiliates Meeting, Panel on US and Cuba Criminal Justice Systems, May 2016

Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Death Penalty Practicum, October 2015

Honors College, University of Houston, "Most Deserving of Death?," April 2014

Bar Memberships

Texas, Southern District of Texas, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit
