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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

Fordham University Law School, New York, NY

Adjunct Professor of Law, September 2021 – present

Teach a required 3-credit 2-semester (year-long) Legal Writing class to first-year law students. This class is 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 - present

Represent indigent clients in all stages of criminal proceedings, including arraignments, grand jury proceedings, pre-trial hearings, and trials. Responsible for all aspects of case management, including discovery, motion practice, plea negotiations, investigation, and trial preparation. Work closely with social workers and court liaisons regarding various alternatives to incarceration for clients facing potential jail time. Advise clients on the collateral consequences of criminal convictions, including immigration, housing issues, licensing and employment implications. Mentor less experienced 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.

Honorable Louis J. Freeh, U.S. District Court S.D.N.Y., New York, NY

Judicial Intern, June – August 1992

U.S. Attorney's Office, S.D.N.Y., New York, NY

Legal Intern, Criminal Division June – August 1991

VOLUNTEER

- Horace Mann High School Alumni Association, Member.
- Member of Columbia College Alumni Association and Columbia College Women. Conduct interviews for Columbia College applicants, Columbia reunion event planning.
- Member of the New York State Bar Association.
- Essay Writing Consultant assist students preparing college and graduate level application essays, including brainstorming topics, writing mechanics, and editing.