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Teaching Experience

UALR Bowen School of Law, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law August 2022 – present

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law teaching research, writing and legal analysis to first-year law students through a typical lecture format combined with a contextual problem-solving methodology consisting of targeted in-class exercises and the assignment of predictive and persuasive writing problems based upon realistic fact scenarios.

Teaching & Research Interests

My research interests include the criminalization of poverty; civil rights deprivations; abuse of power in administrative agencies; and progressive federalism. Those interests and my extensive practical experience enable me to teach Legal Research, Writing & Analysis, Civil Rights, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Legislative Process.

Work in Progress

Indifferent Federalism, Equal Protection & Due Process Violations in Child Support Enforcement - Federal law requires welfare-recipient custodial parents to cooperate in establishing child support orders against the non-custodial parent and to assign their right to receive support to the State. That assignment, in the eyes of agency administrators, renders an otherwise essential witness, the custodial parent, irrelevant to the process of obtaining an order. This legal fiction results in settlement practices which deprive the non-custodial parent of a meaningful opportunity to be heard and to confront an adverse witness in violation of the Fourteenth Amendment. In turn, the disparate treatment of these parents violates the well settled guarantee of the Equal Protection Clause, that similar treatment will be afforded similarly situated persons.

Honors & Awards

Influential Marylander in Law, Daily Record (2014)
Outstanding Public Defender of the Year (1998)
Arkansas Law Review, Candidate
First Year Rank - 9 out of 139, GPA - 3.48/4.0
Dean's List, SBA Faculty Representative

Education

George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC J.D. 1991
University of Arkansas Law School, 1986-1987

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR B.A. 1986
Major - English Literature

Work Experience

Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Assistant Attorney General – January 2015 to January 2021

- Represented the Child Support Administration in all matters pending before the Circuit Court pertaining to the establishment of paternity, the establishment, modification and enforcement of child support orders, and legal challenges to various administrative enforcement actions.
- Advised the director, leadership team and enforcement agents on the legal propriety of actions to ensure compliance with relevant statutes and prevailing law.

Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation, Special Assistant to the Secretary –
November 2011 to January 2015

- Served as senior advisor responsible for designing and executing strategic outreach planning in support of the Secretary's priorities.
- Composed memos, talking points, testimony, and legislation.
- Represented the Secretary before external policy groups.
- Collaborated to create and implement nationally recognized workforce initiative EARN Maryland.

Maryland Citizens Against State Executions, Program Director – September 2007 to September 2010

- Coordinated efforts as statewide leader for anti-death penalty coalition.
- Directed all aspects of legislative strategy before the Maryland General Assembly.
- Oversaw marketing strategy and engaged media to broaden reach.
- Orchestrated and implemented numerous grassroots events and educational groups.
- Lobbied elected officials on mission and objectives.
- Constructed successful strategy to inform the 2008 Maryland Commission on Capital Punishment.

Maryland Office of the Public Defender, Staff Attorney, Legislative Affairs - October 2006 to
August 2007

- Analyzed legislation pending before the Maryland General Assembly.
- Prepared testimony on legislation affecting the Office of the Public Defender and its clients.
- Testified before various legislative committees.
- Promoted and advocated for position of the Office of the Public Defender with individual legislators.

Assistant Public Defender for Montgomery County, Maryland - April 1992 to April 1999

- Represented clients in all aspects of extensive criminal felony docket.
- Negotiated potential resolutions with State's Attorney's Office.
- Advised clients on relevant constitutional and statutory rights.
- Appeared at numerous court hearings on client's behalf, including arguing motions to suppress and conducting both bench and jury trials.

Maryland General Assembly, Bill Analyst House Judiciary Committee - January 1992 to April 1992

- Researched relevant court decisions and law to prepare members for committee consideration.
- Drafted memoranda pertinent to proposed legislation.
- Arranged and organized statements regarding proposed legislation.
- Addressed all legal inquiries of committee members.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Judiciary Committee Staff – August 1988 to December 1991

- Assisted counsel in preparing for committee hearings, judicial nominations and markups.
- Responded to constituent inquiries regarding relevant policy and matters pending before the committee.
- Drafted floor statements and tracked legislation as required.

Professional Associations

- Member of the Maryland Bar
- Maryland State Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of Montgomery County
- Montgomery County Bar Association

References

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