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EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER

Juris Doctor, magna cum laude, Order of the Coif

CALI Award, Appellate Courts Immersion Clinic; Exceptional Pro Bono Pledge Honoree

Washington, DC

May 2017

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and English Literature with Honors

Providence, RI

May 2011

CLERKSHIPS

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

Judicial Clerk, Chambers of the Honorable Jane Stranch

Nashville, TN

2019-2020

U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND

Judicial Clerk, Chambers of the Honorable George J. Hazel

Greenbelt, MD

2018-2019

EXPERIENCE

BOSTON UNIVERSITY CIVIL LITIGATION AND JUSTICE PROGRAM

Clinical Associate Professor

Boston, MA

2023-present

GEORGETOWN LAW APPELLATE COURTS IMMERSION CLINIC

Deputy Director

Washington, DC

2022-2023

- Co-directed student clinic that handles public-interest appeals in federal and state courts
- Supervised litigation involving civil rights, consumer law, education law, employment law, and immigration
- Presented oral argument in federal and state appellate courts
- Drafted briefs to file in federal and state appellate courts and the Supreme Court
- Conducted case rounds and classes on relevant legal doctrines and skills, pending litigation, and potential cases
- Mentored students on public-interest careers and legal training
- Secured new cases through community outreach, co-counsel collaborations, and court appointments

Staff Attorney and Clinical Teaching Fellow

2020-2022

- Served as lead counsel in fourteen public-interest appeals involving a range of issues
- Taught students to litigate complex issues of federal and state law in appellate courts
- Partnered with organizations like the National Women's Law Center on civil-rights impact litigation
- Completed year-long course on clinical pedagogy, taught by Georgetown's clinical faculty

AARP'S LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE ELDERLY

Attorney Fellow, Consumer Unit

Washington, DC

2017-2018

- Represented low-income seniors in foreclosure defense, debt collection, and fraud and financial-abuse cases
- Drafted complaints and dispositive motions
- Conducted discovery, including depositions

Legal Intern, Alternatives to Landlord/Tenant Court Unit

Fall 2015

- Represented low-income seniors being evicted from public and subsidized housing
- Drafted motions, client letters, and correspondence with opposing counsel
- Interviewed clients, assisted with court appearances and mediations, and prepared witnesses for trial

COHEN MILSTEIN SELLERS & TOLL

Law Clerk

Washington, DC
August 2016-January 2017

- Worked twenty hours per week while a full-time student to assist with civil rights and class action litigation
- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda

HARVARD LEGAL AID BUREAU

Student Attorney, Housing Unit

Cambridge, MA
Summer 2016

- Handled eviction-prevention and foreclosure cases involving low-income clients
- Assisted *pro se* tenants with motions, hearings, and mediations at Boston Housing Court
- Provided legal advice to homeowners facing foreclosure at weekly community organizing meetings

PUBLIC JUSTICE

Legal Intern, Litigation Practice

Washington, DC
Spring 2016

- Worked on public interest impact litigation and case development
- Evaluated strength of claims against poultry plants where workers contracted antibiotic resistant bacteria
- Developed database to document the relationship between Native American tribes and payday lenders

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

Law Clerk, Office of Commissioner Ellen Weintraub

Washington, DC
Summer 2015

- Supported Commissioner's two confidential advisors in all aspects of their work
- Researched issues related to the Federal Election Campaign Act, First Amendment, and administrative law
- Edited precedent setting documents related to rulemakings, advisory opinions, and enforcement cases

CENTER FOR AMERICAN PROGRESS / ACTION FUND

Media Coordinator

Washington, DC
2011-2014

- Developed and executed press strategy for CAP's legal progress, poverty, and women's policy teams
- Media-trained over 300 experts and policy experts for TV and radio appearances

SELECTED CASE WORK

Stafford v. George Washington University, 56 F.4th 50 (D.C. Cir. 2022) — Oralist and lead supervisor on opening brief in Title VI race-discrimination appeal involving allegations of egregious hostile environment on college sports team; appeal posed questions about imputation of liability to the university and appropriate statute of limitations

Muldrow v. City of St. Louis, 22-193 (U.S. S. Ct.) (petition granted) — Lead author of petition for certiorari and reply concerning whether Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discriminatory job transfer decisions

Santos v. Yellowfin Loan Servicing Corp., 22-0910 (Tex. S. Ct.) (pending) — Lead supervisor on petition for review concerning whether a claim to collect a deficiency judgment on a second mortgage accrues at the foreclosure or whenever in the future the lender (or its successor in interest) decides to "accelerate" the original mortgage loan

Sonmez v. WP Company (D.C. Court of Appeals) (pending) — Lead supervisor in case concerning whether coverage ban and other employment decisions imposed on a journalist by Washington Post violates the D.C. Human Rights Act

Burrell v. Staff, 60 F.4th 25 (3d Cir. 2023) — Lead supervisor on briefs in appeal challenging an alleged scheme by government and private actors to jail and then profit from the forced labor of child-support debtors

A.P. v. Fayette County Sch. Dist., No. 21-12562, 2023 WL 4174070 (11th Cir. June 26, 2023) (pending) — Lead supervisor of opening brief, lead author of reply brief, and oralist in appeal concerning a school’s response to on-campus sexual assault

Chambers v. District of Columbia, 35 F.4th 870 (D.C. Cir. 2022) (en banc) — Lead author of opening and reply briefs in case concerning whether the en banc D.C. Circuit should overturn circuit precedent misinterpreting Title VII

Hamilton v. Dallas Cnty, 50 F.4th 1216 (5th Cir. 2022) (rehearing en banc decision pending) — Oralist and lead counsel in appeal concerning whether the Fifth Circuit should overturn the adverse-employment-action doctrine, which significantly narrows Congress’s ban on employment discrimination

Garrett v. Murphy, 17 F.4th 419 (3rd Cir. 2021) — Lead supervisor of opening brief and lead author of reply brief in appeal concerning a range of issues under the Prison Litigation Reform Act’s “three strikes” provision

Sartori v. Schrodt, 2021 WL 6060975 (11th Cir. 2021) — Oralist in domestic-violence case concerning when a person is authorized to access online electronic messages under the the Stored Communications Act

Castaneda Medina v. Garland, 849 Fed. App’x 674 (9th Cir. 2021) — Lead supervisor of opening brief in appeal concerning the proper venue for an asylee to challenge a removal order entered in absentia

Thomas v. Baca, et al., 827 F. App’x 777 (9th Cir. 2020) — Oralist in case concerning qualified immunity and access to religious meals under the First Amendment and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Paying for Attendance: Using Incentives to Combat Chronic Absenteeism, 24 GEO. J. ON POVERTY L. & POL’Y (2017)

Research Assistant to Professor Peter Edelman, Georgetown Center on Poverty and Inequality (2016-2017)

- Edited Professor Edelman’s book on the criminalization of poverty in the U.S.
- Researched who experiences “deep poverty” in the U.S.

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Bar Admissions: District of Columbia, Massachusetts (pending)

Court Admissions: United States Supreme Court, First Circuit, Third Circuit, Fourth Circuit, Fifth Circuit, Sixth Circuit, Eighth Circuit, Ninth Circuit, Eleventh Circuit, D.C. Circuit, United States District Court for the District of Maryland

VOLUNTEER AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

WASHINGTON LEGAL CLINIC FOR THE HOMELESS

Washington, DC

Attorney Volunteer

2020-2023

- Conduct intakes and provide legal assistance to clients experiencing homelessness or the threat of homelessness

D.C. POLICE ABUSE LITIGATION CORPS

Washington, DC

Attorney Trainee

Winter 2022

- Participated in thirteen-week-long training, led by national civil rights experts, on the mechanics and politics of abolitionist police abuse litigation