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PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., Washington, DC

Senior Counsel

May 2017 Present

Assistant Counsel

May 2015 April 2017

Howard University Law School, Washington, DC

Director, Civil and Human Rights Clinic, and Adjunct Professor

August 2017 June 2020

Visiting Assistant Professor

May 2012 January 2013

Supervising Attorney and Adjunct Professor

August 2011 April 2012

Courses Taught: Civil and Human Rights Clinic (Director)

Federal Civil Rights

Torts

American Civil Liberties Union, National Prison Project, Washington, DC

Staff Counsel

January 2013 April 2015

The Honorable Judge Damon J. Keith, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Detroit, MI

Federal Law Clerk

September 2010

Awards:

LEGAL INTERNSHIPS

American Civil Liberties Union, National Legal Department, New York, NY May 2006 April 2007
Law Clerk, Racial Justice, First Amendment and Human Rights Working Groups

Center for Constitutional Rights, New York, NY August 2006
Law Clerk Assisted in composition of appellate briefs; standard of review and evidentiary research

United States Department of Justice, Bloomington, MN November 2005 April 2006
Legal Intern, Executive Office for Immigration Review Composed memoranda for immigration judges

American Civil Liberties Union National Legislative Office, Washington, DC June 2005 August 2005
Law Clerk, Criminal Justice Analyzed constitutionality of legislation altering federal habeas process

Las Américas (Immigration Legal Services), El Paso, TX January 2005
Legal Intern Legal research pertaining to asylum law, country conditions and protected statuses

American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN September 2004 June 2005
Legal Intern Composed amicus briefs on variety of Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment issues

Amnesty International National Offices, Washington, DC June 2004 August 2004
Legal Intern, Domestic Human Rights Legal research on First, Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments

Advancement Project (Civil Rights Law Firm), Washington, DC February 2004 June 2004
Law Clerk Researched and composed advocacy report on constitutional rights of juvenile defendants

District of Columbia Public Defender Service, Washington, DC September 2003 June 2004
Investigator Fellow, Juvenile Division Interviewed witnesses, collected evidence, and testified

SELECTED CASES

of Homeland Security, et al., 924 F.3d 684

the Small Area Fair Market Rule).

Morningside, et al. v. Sabree, et al. (Wayne County Circuit Court, filed July 13, 2016) (class action challenging illegal foreclosures of over-assessed homes on account of the disparate impact on African Americans).

Little, et al. v. Washington Metropolitan Transit Administration, et al. (D.D.C. filed July 30, 2014) (class action

Dockery, et al. v. Epps, et al. (S.D. Ms. filed May 30, 2013) (class action challenge to conditions of confinement and lack of adequate medical and mental health care at the East Mississippi Correctional Facility).

Parsons, et al. v. Ryan, et al. (D. Az. filed Mar. 22, 2012) (statewide class action challenge to conditions of confinement and lack of adequate medical and mental health care in Arizona prisons).

Moore v. District of Columbia, 445 Fed. Appx. 365 (D.C. Cir. 2011) (finding that District Court improperly dismissed employment discrimination claim of former employee of D.C. Metropolitan Police Department).

Langford, et al. v. Bullock, et al. (D. Mont. filed 1994) (monitoring on-going implementation of consent decree requiring improvements for prisoners with disabilities at the Montana State Prison).

Ellison, et al. v. Madison County Board of Education, (N.D. Al. filed December 18, 1963) (monitoring the on-going implementation of a consent decree in Madison County, Alabama including the successful renegotiation of the consent decree requiring continued monitoring of the school system).

Lee, et al. v. Macon County Board of Education (N.D. Al. filed Jan. 28, 1963) (monitoring the on-going implementation of a consent decree in Jackson County, Alabama).

SELECTED LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

The Unconstitutionality of Summer School Fees in Maryland: Hearings Before the House Comm. on Ways and Means,
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House of Delegates (2009).

The Unconstitutionality of Limitations on In-State Tuition Based on Alienage: Hearings Before the House Comm. on Ways and Means, Maryland House of Delegates (2009).

The Immigration Backlog and its Effect on Local Anti-

Aris Folley, *Diversity Order Expected to See Swift Reversal Under Biden*, THE HILL, Nov. 19, 2020, <https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/526319-trumps-controversial-diversity-order-expected-to-see-swift-reversal>.

Jessica Guynn, *Joe Biden Administration Likely to Overturn Controversial Donald Trump Diversity Training Executive Order*, USA TODAY, Nov. 8, 2020, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/11/08/donald-trump-diversity-executive-order-joe-biden/6180668002/>.

Liz Bowie, *School Funding Lawsuit Filed by Civil Rights Groups Can Continue*, BALTIMORE SUN, Jan. 21, 2020, <https://www.baltimoresun.com/education/bs-md-bradford-school-funding-ruling-20200121-xu5rneryyfdppayrztd3rsaie-story.html>

Dominique Maria Bonessi, *Parents Sue to Stop School Fees*, WAMU, June 14, 2019, <https://wamu.org/story/19/06/14/aclu-sues-prince-georges-county-schools-over-summer-school-fees/>.

Susan Svrluga, *Parents Sue to Stop School Fees, Fighting for Free Public Education*, WASH. POST, June 13, 2019.

Laura Meckler and Devlin Barrett, *Trump Administration Considers Rollback of Anti-Discrimination Rules*, WASH. POST, Jan. 3, 2019.

MSNBC Live with Craig Melvin, June 25, 2018, <https://vimeo.com/276938796>.

M.P. McQueen, *50 Years of Fair Housing: A Milestone*, *Milestones*, April 11, 2018, <https://www.law.com/nationallawjournal/2018/04/11/on-the-fair-housing-acts-50th-anniversary-5-major-milestones/?slreturn=20181108183858>.

Low Income Housing Program Brings New Hope to Families (FOX16 Television News, Jan. 3, 2018), <https://www.fox16.com/news/local-news/low-income-housing-program-brings-new-hope-to-families/899738036>.

Rachel Cohen, *Court Forces Ben Carson to be a Civil Rights Champion for a Day*, THE INTERCEPT, Jan. 2, 2018, <https://theintercept.com/2018/01/02/ben-carson-hud-housing-voucher/>.

Amanda Michelle Gomez, *Federal Judge Green-Lights Desegregation Housing Rule After Carson Tries to Block It*, THINK PROGRESS, Dec. 24, 2017, <https://thinkprogress.org/federal-judge-green-lights-desegregation-housing-rule-after-carson-tries-to-block-it-58f03e55f20e/>.

Hugo Martin, *American Airlines Responds to NAACP Travel Advisory with Promises to Make Changes*, L.A. TIMES, Dec. 12, 2017, <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-travel-briefcase-naacp-american-20171201-story.html>.

Mimi Kirk, *When Teachers Punish Black Kids More Severely Than White Kids*, CITY LAB, Dec. 11, 2017, <https://www.citylab.com/solutions/2017/12/when-teachers-punish-black-kids-more-severely-than-white-kids/547982/>.

Kenrya Rankin, *Civil Rights Groups Sue Ben Carson, HUD for Allegedly Aiding Affordable Housing Segregation*, COLOR LINES, Oct. 24, 2017, <https://www.colorlines.com/articles/civil-rights-groups-sue-ben-carson-hud-allegedly-aiding-affordable-housing-segregation>.

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Katherine Shaver, *Federal Officials Close Civil Rights Complaint About Baltimore Light Rail Project*, WASH. POST, July 13, 2017, https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/trafficandcommuting/federal-officials-close-civil-rights-complaint-about-baltimore-light-rail-project/2017/07/13/dda1e216-680e-11e7-8eb5-cbccc2e7bfbf_story.html?utm_term=.07eb20a6318b.

Solomon Jones, Editorial, *African-American Community Needs to Stand Up for Immigrants*, THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, Jan 31, 2017,

Aaron C. Davis, *State ACLU is Probing Anti-Immigrant Policies: Review Seeks Details of Local Initiatives*, WASH. POST, T03, Dec. 18, 2008.

Dave Dishneau, *ACLU Probes Local Immigration Actions*, ASSOCIATED PRESS, Dec. 10, 2008.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Fifth Annual Home Stretch at the Supreme Court: A Review of the Spring 2018 Term, National Press Club, Washington, DC, April 26, 2018.

The Fair Housing Act at 50: How Far Have We Come? Where Are We Going?, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and Poverty and Race Research Action Council, Washington, DC, April 25, 2018.

The Color of Law: A Reading and Discussion with Richard Rothstein, N.Y.C. Bar Association, New York, NY, Mar. 26, 2018.

Fourth Annual Home Stretch at the Supreme Court: A Review of the Spring 2017 Term, National Press Club, Washington, DC, April 27, 2017.

Access to the Courts: A Review and Debate Regarding Recent Supreme Court Decisions, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC, Nov. 3, 2016, <https://www.c-span.org/video/?417920-1/discussion-focuses-access-courts>.

Opportunity Everywhere: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing to Transform Communities, University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, CT, June 19, 2016.

The School to Prison Pipeline, Shriver National Center on Poverty Law Education Equity Convening at the Ford Foundation, New York, NY, Feb. 22, 2016.

The Need for National Reform of Solitary Confinement, Religious Action Center: Consultation on Conscience Conference, Washington, DC, May 19, 2014.

The Effects of Solitary Confinement on Juveniles, Kids are Different: Youth in the Criminal Justice System, St.

