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# **EDUCATION**

# Vanderbilt University, Peabody College of Education and Human Development

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) in Leadership and Learning in Organizations, expected 2022 current cumulative 4.0

#### **Tulane Law School**

J.D., 2007 magna cum laude, 3.53

#### Vanderbilt Law School

Visiting student during Hurricane Katrina evacuation, Fall 2005 3.65

# **Middle Tennessee State University**

B.S., Recording Industry, Minor in Mass Communication, 2003 summa cum laude, 1st percentile

#### **EXPERIENCE**

# Shepard Broad College of Law, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Adjunct Professor of Law (2013-present)

- · Courses taught in the Master of Science in Law program include Effective Advocacy Skills and Professional Communication. Topics include the psychology of persuasion, sensemaking, heuristics and biases, storytelling, collaborative power, and conflict resolution.
- · Courses taught in the Paralegal Program include Legal Research and Writing.
- Courses taught in the J.D. program include the Death Penalty Workshop, training students to litigate constitutional issues in the framework of Florida's death penalty regime, and the Sentencing Workshop, training students to litigate under criminal sentencing guidelines.

Assistant Dean of Academic Success and Professionalism (June 2018-August 2019)

- · Designed and implemented curriculum for three-year program focused on analytical reasoning, critical reading, professional identity formation, and bar success
- · Directed bar coaching program, providing whole-person support, data insights, simulated exam opportunities, and other resources to alumni engaged in bar preparation
- · Oversaw department of five professors and two administrators

Interim Director of Academic Success and Professionalism (February 2018-June 2018)

- · Upon departure of prior director, stewarded program through transition to new permanent leadership *Professor of Practice* (November 2017-present)
  - Taught Legal Skills and Professionalism, a mandatory, two-semester, five-section, 1L offering, providing "low stakes, high value" practice and training in logical analysis, critical reading, law school success strategies, and professional identity formation

Instructor (October 2016-November 2017)

· Courses taught: Criminal Law (Fall 2017), Elements of Legal Analysis, Multi-State Bar Exam Lab

(Criminal Law and Real Property)

# Capital Collateral Regional Counsel-South, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Assistant Counsel (2008-2016)

- · Represented death-sentenced defendants in postconviction proceedings in trial and appellate courts in state and federal jurisdictions
- · Presented oral argument in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit
- · Developed constitutional strategies for challenging Florida's death penalty regime in U.S. Supreme Court and Florida Supreme Court
- · Litigated death warrants

# United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, Fort Smith, Arkansas

Law Clerk to Hon. Robert T. Dawson (2007-2008)

- · Advised judge in all aspects of criminal and civil trials
- · Drafted post-*Booker* decisions analyzing sentencing discretion under the newly advisory U.S. Sentencing Guidelines, such as *United States v. Coughlin*, 20 Fed. Sent. R. 215 (W.D. Ark. 2008)
- · Traveled with court to assist Southern District of Texas "border court" in adjudicating immigration matters

## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Authored**

Twas the Devil: Hearing the Constitutional Infirmity of the Modern American Death Penalty in the Bygone Songs of Ozark Folklore, 87 Miss. L.J. 767 (2019)

Death Penalty "Trump Effect", 9 Law J. Soc. Just. 65 (2018)

Sleight of Hand in Florida's New Death Penalty: Requiring, But Not Requiring, Jury Unanimity, JURIST - Academic Commentary (Mar. 21, 2017)

Hurst v. Florida's Ha'p'orth of Tar: The Need To Revisit Caldwell, Clemons, and Proffitt, 70 U. Miami L. Rev. 1118 (2016) (co-authored with Craig Trocino, Director, Miami Law Innocence Clinic) (quoted and cited by Florida Supreme Court in Reynolds v. State, No. SC17-793, 2018 WL 1633075, at \*6 (Fla. Apr. 5, 2018))

The Newly Informed Decency of Death: Hall v. Florida Endorses the Marshall Hypothesis in Eighth Amendment Review of the Death Penalty, 45 Stetson L. Rev. 153 (2016) (cited in Wayne R. LaFave, Criminal Law, 6th Ed., Hornbook Series)

Mitigation Paradigms: What Reduces Criminal Sentences, Explanation or Excuse?, 89-OCT Fla. B.J. 18 (2015) (feature article)

#### **Edited**

Death Penalty, Chapter 22: Sentencing, PAUL BERGMAN AND SARA J. BERMAN, THE CRIMINAL LAW HANDBOOK: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND SURVIVE THE SYSTEM 503-09 (15th ed. 2018)

#### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

*Professionalism Education and the Road to Bar Passage*, co-presenter, AALS Annual Meeting, Fresh Partnerships to Understand Student Learning Through Empirical Studies, Sections on Academic Support & the Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession (January 3, 2019)

Evil or Broken: How to Better Understand Mental Illness in Murder and Sentencing, speaker, Empire State College, New York, NY (April 21, 2016)

How Proceduralism Kills Equity in Federal Habeas, guest speaker, Innocence Clinic of the University of Miami School of Law, Miami, FL (March 3, 2016)

Cruel and Unusual: Abolition by way of the Eighth Amendment, presenter, Death Penalty Abolition Conference, Consortium for Restorative Justice in Florida, Barry University, Miami, FL (April 10, 2015)

The Pitfalls of Legislative Attempts to Streamline Capital Punishment, co-presenter, Death Penalty Symposium, Inter-American Center on Human Rights, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL (October 7, 2014)

Westlaw National Conference, panelist, Miami, FL (2012) (discussing WestlawNext user experience for attorneys engaged in heavy research)

# INTERVIEWS AND COMMENTARY

Death row or not, Mesac Damas will not leave Florida prison alive, quoted, Naples Daily News, Naples, FL (Oct. 26, 2017)

Death Row Inmates Sue To Block Florida Timely Justice Act, interview, WFSU, Florida Public Radio, Tallahassee, FL (June 27, 2013)

Attorneys Challenge Timely Justice Act, quoted, WXTL, ABC News 27, Tallahassee, FL (aired June 28-29, 2013)

#### **SERVICE**

Academic and Bar Success Advisory Board for the AccessLex Center for Legal Education Excellence (2018)

#### **NOTEWORTHY CASES**

# Lambrix v. Jones, Florida Supreme Court Case No. SC16-56

Challenged execution of defendant sentenced under death penalty statute declared unconstitutional in *Hurst v. Florida*, 136 S. Ct. 616 (2016)

# Abdool v. Bondi, 39 Fla. L. Weekly S421 (Fla. June 12, 2014)

Drafted petition to Florida Supreme Court on behalf of 167 death-row inmates and four capital postconviction law firms challenging the constitutionality of Florida's Timely Justice Act

# In re... Capital Postconviction Rules, SC13-2381, 2014 WL 3555967 (Fla. July 3, 2014)

Drafted comments successfully challenging rule committee's proposal to reduce time limitations for capital defendants to bring claims based on newly discovered evidence and new rules of law

#### *Valle v. Florida*, 132 S. Ct. 1 (2011)

Drafted cert petition to U.S Supreme Court challenging the constitutionality of execution following a prolonged period of incarceration, prompting a dissent from Justice Breyer, who would have granted a stay of execution to consider the case

# State v. William Thompson (Case No. 76-3350B), State v. Harry Phillips (Case No. 83-435), State v. Richard Randolph (Case No. 88-1357)

Presented oral arguments in consolidated hearings before Florida circuit court judges on the issue of whether *Porter v. McCollum*, 558 U.S. 30 (2009), represented a retroactive rule of constitutional law permitting capital defendants to receive reconsideration of their claims of ineffective assistance of counsel

## **BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

State of Florida

State of Arkansas (inactive)

U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida

#### HONORS, AWARDS, ACTIVITIES

Extern to Hon. Carl J. Barbier, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (August 2006-May 2007); TLS Moot Court Board; Phi Delta Phi of TLS; American Constitution Society; TLS Academic scholarship; honorable recognition from TLS Community Service Program for 165 service hours; Dean's List of MTSU; Phi Kappa Phi of MTSU; Phi Sigma Pi Honors Society of MTSU