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EDUCATION

PACE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, White Plains, NY

Juris Doctor, May 1999

Honors: Ranking Scholar, Spring 1999

AMHERST COLLEGE, Amherst, MA

Bachelor of Arts, May 1995

Majors: Black Studies and Psychology

ADMISSIONS

State Bar Admissions: Florida, Connecticut & New York (retired from Connecticut 2014)
United States District Courts: Southern District of New York, Eastern District of New York
and the Southern District of Florida.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL

Shepard Broad College of Law

Professor of Practice

January 2020 - present

Teach 3L and 4L students the Florida Bar Exam Lab, a mandatory upper level skills course in the Academic Success and Professionalism Program (ASP). Also coach and mentor law school graduates preparing to take the Florida Bar Exam.

Ghenete “G” Wright Muir, Esq., Fort Lauderdale, FL

Solo Practitioner & Consultant

January 2016 - January 2020

Represented clients before the Florida Board of Bar Examiners. Worked with law students, law graduates and lawyers with character and fitness issues to assist with their admission to The Florida Bar. Also worked as a public speaker and trainer focusing on diversity and inclusion, ethics and professionalism, professional development and LGBTQ issues.

The Florida Bar, Sunrise, FL

Senior Attorney

October 2011 - January 2016

Performed Bar Counsel duties regarding grievances against attorneys. Investigated complaints against attorneys, negotiated with opposing counsel and respondents, presented cases to grievance committees. Handled all phases of litigation: prepared pleadings and appellate briefs, conducted discovery, hearings and trials. Taught newly admitted lawyers during the mandatory “Practicing with Professionalism” Continuing Legal Education course.

Law Office of the Public Defender, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Assistant Public Defender

June 2009 - August 2011

Represented individuals charged with crimes. Defended felony and misdemeanor cases in juvenile court. Counseled clients throughout the case: determined and explained potential defenses and options as well as guided clients in deciding whether to take the case to trial or accept a plea.

Wright Muir, P.A., Sunrise, FL

Managing Attorney

April 2005 - May 2009

Established and managed general practice law firm. Represented diverse clientele primarily in family law and immigration cases. Advised clients of their rights and options; aided in decision-making process and negotiated on behalf of clients.

Legal Aid Service of Broward County, Inc., Plantation, FL

Staff Attorney

August 2002 - April 2005

Represented low-income clients in housing matters, predominantly landlord tenant litigation. Interviewed clients, negotiated with opposing counsel on behalf of counsel, drafted pleadings, and represented clients in mediations and hearings.

Fitzgerald & Fitzgerald, P.C., Yonkers, NY

Associate

June 2000 - March 2002

Handled litigation matters for employment law cases in a plaintiff's law firm. Drafted all legal documents necessary to file employment discrimination lawsuits. Made court appearances in both state and federal courts.

WRITING

South Florida 100-Sun Sentinel, 2017 - present

Member of panel of writers sharing issues and opinions on a weekly basis for the Sun Sentinel newspaper.

Island Origins Magazine, 2017 - present

Write articles for Caribbean American lifestyle magazine exploring perspectives on art, culture, mental health, gender and sexuality and more.

American Bar Association (ABA), 2015 - 2019

Contributed articles to *The Equalizer*, a publication of the ABA's Commission on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity. Also contributed and edited articles for the Section of Litigation Diversity and Inclusion Newsletter.

National Weekly Newspaper, 2007 - 2011

Established and contributed a weekly column, "Legally Speaking," for newspaper primarily circulated in the South Florida Caribbean Community.

LEADERSHIP

Member of the Board of Directors, Our Fund Foundation, 2019 - present

Member of the Board of Directors, The Old Dillard Foundation, 2019 - present

Co-Founder and Producer of Thou Art Woman, 2014 - present

Appointed to the ABA Commission on Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity, 2016 - 2019

Appointed to the ABA Section of Litigation Diversity & Inclusion Committee, 2016

Co-Editor of the ABA Section of Litigation Diversity & Inclusion Newsletter, 2015

Appointed as Member of the ABA Diverse Leaders Academy, 2013-2015

Elected Board Member of the T.J. Reddick Bar Association, 2007-2013

Appointed Member of Florida Bar Young Lawyers Division Board of Governors, 2011-2012

President of T.J. Reddick Bar Association, 2010-2011

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AWARDS

South Florida Gay News OUT50 List, 2019

Florida Magazine Association Charlie Award, 2019

Florida Diversity Council LGBT Leader Award, 2016

Legacy Magazine 40 Under 40 Leaders of Today and Tomorrow Award, 2011

Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. Women of Distinction Award, 2010

Urban League of Broward County GenNext Momentum Award, 2009

T.J. Reddick Bar Association Achievement Award, 2007

PRESENTATIONS

Moderator: ABA 2019 LGBT+ Forum, May 2019

Topic: "Come Out, Come Out, Wherever You Are! Or...Don't?"

Panelist: Greater Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, April 2018

Topic: "A Seat at the Table: Why Diversity Makes Good Business Sense."

Speaker: Women's March Miami, January 2018

Topic: "Power to the Polls"

Panelist: National LGBT Bar Association Annual Conference, August 2017

Topic: "Advocating for Non-Binary Transgender People."

Moderator: ABA LGBT Forum, May 2017

Topic: "In Transition: The Fast-Evolving Law on Transgender Rights in Governmental Spaces."

Speaker: 2016 Florida LGBT-Allies Diversity Summit, June 2016

Topic: "The ABCs of LGBT"

Panelist: ABA Section of Litigation Annual Conference, April 2016

Topic: "Getting Clients, Keeping Clients ---and Keeping Your Good Name, Too? Hot Topics in Practical Ethics."

Speaker: Practicing with Professionalism CLE, 2013, 2014 and 2015

Conducted an interactive Ethics & Professionalism presentation, moderated Young Lawyers Professionalism Panel and taught an overview of The Florida Bar Disciplinary System on behalf of The Florida Bar.

Previous participation in the Practicing with Professionalism CLE:

Panelist for The Florida Bar, Practicing with Professionalism CLE, April 2012

Moderator for The Florida Bar, Practicing with Professionalism CLE, March 2009

Moderator for The Florida Bar, Practicing with Professionalism CLE, March 2008

Panelist: ABA Section of Litigation Annual Conference, April 2014

Topic: "What Diversity Means for Clients: Benchmarks to Track Diversity Initiatives & Successful Workplace Practices."

Moderator: ABA Section of Litigation Ethics & Professionalism Roundtable, July 2014

Topic: "Ethics of Legal Marketing." Programmed & Co-Moderated the telephonic roundtable.

Speaker: Perspectives on Professional Development

- St. Thomas University School of Law, February 2012
- Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University, October 2011
- Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University, October 2010
- Florida International University College of Law, October 2008
- Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University, October 2008
- Thomas University School of Law, October 2007
- Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University, September 2007
- University of Miami School of Law, April 2007