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### **CURRENT POSITION**

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#### **West Virginia University College of Law**

*2014 – present*  
*2008 – 2014*

*Professor of Law*  
*Associate Professor of Law*

- Civil Procedure Rules.
- Civil Procedure Jurisdiction.
- Complex Litigation: Social Change Lawsuits.
- Evidence.
- Animal Law Seminar.
- Empirical Legal Methods.
- Firearms Law and Policy.
- Little Red Schoolhouse: The Scholarly Research and Writing Process.

### **EDUCATION**

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#### **Northwestern University School of Law**

*Juris Doctor, Order of the Coif, 1998*

- John Henry Wigmore Scholar.
- Senior Articles Editor, *Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology*.

#### **Yale College**

*Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with Distinction, 1994*

*Bachelor of Arts in History with Distinction, 1994*

- James Gordon Bennett Prize, Best Senior Departmental Essay in International Relations, Department of Political Science: “Snake-Eaters and Sleepwalkers: A Comparison of the U.S. Army Rangers and Special Forces towards a Bureaucratic Survival Model of Military Elites.”
- Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) Scholarship.
- Cadet Commander of all Connecticut Army ROTC Cadets.
- U.S. Army George C. Marshall Scholar for the State of Connecticut.
- Yale-District of Columbia Public Defender Service Fellowship.

**JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP**

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**United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit**  
**Judge Sam J. Ervin, III**

1998 – 1999

*Law Clerk*

**PUBLICATIONS**

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*Hearing the Haters: Hip-Hop Law as Permanent Outsider in HIP HOP AND THE LAW: THE KEY WRITINGS THAT FORMED THE MOVEMENT* (Donald Tibbs, Pamela Bridgewater, and andré cummings, eds., 2014).

*When Fox and Dog Legislate the Hen House: National Egg-Laying Standards, Interest-Convergence, and the Clucking Theorem*, 65 MAINE L. REV. 277 (2013) (with Lucinda Valero).

*Evidence-Based Federal Civil Rulemaking: A New Contemporaneous Coding Rule*, 33 PACE L. REV. 60 (2012).

*Law and Practice*, 9 LEGAL COMM. & RHETORIC: JALWD 273 (2012) (peer-reviewed).

*The Micro-Macro Legal Continuum and the Levels of Law*, 8 SOCIO-LEGAL REV. 1 (2012) (peer-reviewed), selected for inclusion in 9 LEGAL EDUC. EJOURNAL No. 45 (September 5, 2012).

*Entitled to Be Heard: Improving Evidence-Based Policy Making through Audience and Public Reason*, 85 IND. L.J. 1315 (2010).

*Civil Procedure Law*, in AMERICAN JURISPRUDENCE ch. 8 (Renmin University Press 2010) (chapter about American civil procedure law in a Chinese book).

*Race at the Pivot Point: The Future of Race-Based Policies to Remedy De Jure Segregation After Parents Involved in Community Schools*, 42 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 491 (2008) (with Jonathan Fischbach and Robert Cacace), reprinted in 24 CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION AND ATTORNEY FEES ANNUAL HANDBOOK (Steven Saltzman & Barbara Wolvovitz, eds. West 2008).

*The Higher Price of Fiduciary Status: New Rule 206(4)-7 (Investment Adviser Compliance Programs) and Proposed Rule 204A-1 (Investment Adviser Codes of Ethics) in PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE, THE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE 2004: A SEMINAR FOR '40 ACT LAWYERS, CORPORATE LAW AND PRACTICE COURSE HANDBOOK SERIES, PLI ORDER NUMBER 2759 (April 2004) (with Kenneth J. Berman).*

*Introduction: Turning Words into Action, Juvenile Justice, and Conclusion: Addressing the Legal Needs of Children in AM. BAR ASS'N, SEC. OF LITIG., STEERING COMMITTEE ON THE UNMET LEGAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN, AMERICA'S CHILDREN STILL AT RISK (2001) (co-authored each chapter).*

*Juvenile Defender Delinquency Notebook in* PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE, CHILDREN'S LAW INSTITUTE: LEGAL & SOCIAL WELFARE ISSUES OF GIRLS & ADOLESCENTS 2001: LITIGATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICE COURSE HANDBOOK SERIES: CRIMINAL LAW AND URBAN PROBLEMS, PLI ORDER NUMBER CO-001E (July 2001) (with Barbara Butterworth and Mary Ann Scali).

*Learning from Tragedy: Representing Children in Discretionary Transfer Hearings*, 33 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 595 (1998) (with Thomas F. Geraghty).

*Comparing U.S. Operations Kingpin (1970) and Eagle Claw (1980)*, INT'L J. INTELLIGENCE & COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, Winter 1993.

## AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS

Shortlist Finalist, Fletcher Fellowship (with Atiba Ellis and Jena Martin), administered by Harvard University's W.E.B. DuBois Institute for African and African American Research, 2010.

Recognized as an Emerging Scholar (with Adriane Williams), Chapman University, Sept. 23-24, 2011.

Nominated for the American Law Institute Young Scholars Medal by the West Virginia University College of Law, September 10, 2012.

Selected as one of the *50 Most Influential Minority Law Professors 50 Years of Age or Younger*, LAWYERS OF COLOR, July 2013, at 20.

Nominated for the Neil S. Bucklew Award honoring "outstanding leadership, courage, and support on a continuous basis in the area of social justice" by the West Virginia University College of Law, February 2015.

*West Virginia Law Review* 2014-2015 Outstanding Faculty Award.

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS AND MEDIA CONSULTATIONS

Presenter, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference (MAPOC), Temple University Beasley School of Law, January 23-24, 2009.

Moderator, "When MCs Meet JDs: Hip-Hop's Complex Relationship with Intellectual Property" panel, Entertainment Law Symposium: The Evolution of Street Knowledge: Hip Hop's Influence on Law and Culture, West Virginia University College of Law, February 12, 2009.

Presenter, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF), University of California, Davis King Hall School of Law, March 27-29, 2009.

Chair, "The Identity of Animals and the Politics of Animal Law" panel, Law and Society Association 2009 Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, May 29, 2009.

Presenter, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference, August 2-8, 2009, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Chair, “*Palsgraf* at 81 Years” panel, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL, August 5, 2009.

Presenter, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference (MAPOC), University of Virginia School of Law, January 28-30, 2010.

Presenter, Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop, Capital University School of Law, February 20, 2010.

Quoted in Erika Hobbs, *Orange schools proposal would end federal oversight*, ORLANDO SENTINEL, February 22, 2010, at B1.

Presenter, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF), University of Arizona Rogers College of Law, March 4-6, 2010.

Moderator, Sports and Entertainment Law Society Panel on the Regulation of Mixed Martial Arts, West Virginia University College of Law, March 11, 2010.

Panelist, West Virginia Animal Law, West Virginia Federation of Humane Organizations 2010 Conference, Flatwoods, WV, April 17, 2010.

Presenter, University of Kentucky College of Law Developing Ideas Conference, May 13, 2010.

Panelist, *The Law Works: Animal Rights* (West Virginia Public Television broadcast June 3, 2010).

Presenter, Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop, University of Toledo College of Law, June 25, 2010.

Instructor, Faculty Empirical Legal Studies Workshop, West Virginia University College of Law, August 16-17, 2010.

Presenter, Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, June 23, 2011.

Instructor, Faculty Empirical Legal Studies Workshop, West Virginia University College of Law, August 15-16, 2011.

Presenter (with Adriane Williams), Emerging Scholars Conference: Exploring Difference: Disability and Diversity in Education, Law, and Society, Chapman University, September 23-24, 2011.

West Virginia University, Office of Diversity and Global Initiatives, College of Human Resources and Education, Presentation, “Learning to Examine Life: Why Diversity Writ Large is Essential in K-12 Education” (with Adriane Williams), October 18, 2011.

Presenter, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty (CAPALF) and Northeast People of Color (NEPOC), Hofstra University Law School, November 3-5, 2011.

Conference Posting, "Learning about Doing: The Empirical Study of Lawyering Skills Simulations" (with Eda Gordon), 2012 American Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, Workshop on the Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Education: Changes in Law Practice, January 5, 2012 (also posted on the AALS Conference website for download).

Presenter, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference (MAPOC), Howard University School of Law, January 27-28, 2011.

Presenter (with Atiba Ellis), "Derrick Bell's Scholarly Legacy," West Virginia University College of Law, January 20, 2012.

Presenter, Ohio Legal Scholarship Conference, Capital University School of Law, February 25, 2012.

Presenter (with Atiba Ellis), "Neutral Principles, Neutral People, and Race Neutrality: The Enduring Significance of *Towards Neutral Principles of Constitutional Law*," West Virginia University College of Law, May 2, 2012.

Presenter, Ohio Legal Scholarship Conference, West Virginia University College of Law, June 14, 2012.

Panelist, New Applications of Bell's Critical Thought, Building the Arc of Justice: The Life and Legal Thought of Derrick Bell, Western New England University School of Law, September 28, 2012.

Work-in-Progress Presentation, "Law's Team of Rivals: Toward a Distinctive Legal Empirical Method," University of Dayton School of Law, November 29, 2012.

Panelist, "Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, the Civil War Amendments, and the Contemporary Implications for Full Citizenship," Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference (MAPOC), President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation: On the Doubts, Questions, and Problems of Full Citizenship, University of Pennsylvania Law School, January 26, 2013.

Presenter (with Lucinda Valero), "When Fox and Dog Legislate the Hen House: National Egg-Laying Standards, Interest-Convergence, and the Clucking Theorem," *Maine Law Review* Food Law Symposium, University of Maine School of Law, February 23, 2013.

Moderator, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, New Scholars Colloquia: Civil Procedure and Litigation, Boca Raton, FL, August 1, 2015.

SERVICE.....

Treasurer, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (MAPOC), 2015-present.

Program Chair, 20<sup>th</sup> Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference (MAPOC), "The New Color Lines: What Will It Mean to Be an American?," West Virginia University College of Law, January 29-31, 2015.

Acting Chair, Academic Planning Committee, West Virginia University College of Law, November 2009-February 2010 (Member, 2008-2011).

Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee, West Virginia University College of Law

Member, Enrollment Management Committee, West Virginia University College of Law, 2012-present.

Member, West Virginia Law Institute, 2010-present.

Secretary, West Virginia University Black Faculty Association, 2010-2011.

Faculty Advisor, Marlyn E. Lugar Trial Association and Trial Team, West Virginia University College of Law, 2009-present.

Faculty Advisor, Animal Law Society, West Virginia University College of Law, 2008-present.

Faculty Advisor, Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association, West Virginia University College of Law, 2008-present.

Faculty Advisor, Veterans' Law Caucus, West Virginia University College of Law, 2009-present.

Faculty Advisor, West Virginia University Rugby Team, 2010-2012.

Coordinator, Faculty Empirical Legal Scholarship Study Group, West Virginia University College of Law, 2010-2012.

Coordinator, Monthly Junior Faculty Scholarly Writing Group, West Virginia University College of Law, 2010-2011.

#### ACADEMIC TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT.....

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Empirical Legal Studies Workshop, Palm Beach, FL, August 7, 2009.

Northwestern University College of Law, Conducting Empirical Legal Scholarship Workshop: The Basic Course, Chicago, IL, May 24-26, 2010.

Grant Writers' Seminar: Write Winning Grants, Morgantown, WV, June 8, 2010.

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting, Empirical Legal Studies Course, Palm Beach, FL, August 1-3, 2010.

George Mason University School of Law, Law & Economics Center, Workshop on Empirical and Experimental Methods For Law Professors, May 23-26, 2011.

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity Faculty Success Program, Fall 2011.

George Mason University School of Law, Law & Economics Center, Twenty-Eighth Economics Institute for Law Professors, July 15-27, 2012.

Identify Funding Opportunities with Foundation Center Online, WVU Libraries, West Virginia University, September 19, 2014.

Identify Funding Opportunities with Pivot, Office of Sponsored Programs, West Virginia University, December 9, 2014.

Grant Writing Essentials, West Virginia University, February 10, 2015.

PLSC 550/GRAD 550: Grants and Grantsmanship, 2-credit course (audited), West Virginia University, Summer 2015.

## PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

### **United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division**

*2004 – 2008*

*Trial Attorney*

- Litigate and investigate violations of federal civil rights laws in public schools and universities throughout the United States, including desegregation, racial/national origin discrimination, English language learning, and religious liberty matters.
- Special Achievement Awards “in appreciation and recognition of Sustained Superior Performance of Duty” received in 2005, 2006, and 2007.
- Completed the following U.S. Department of Justice training courses: Civil Trial Advocacy; Basic Civil Pre-Trial Practice: Discovery and Deposition Skills; Pre-Trial Practice: Depositions; Motion Practice and Brief Writing Seminar; Legal Writing Workshop; Civil Rights Seminar; An Introduction to Litigation Support Software; and the Civil Rights Division Attorney Orientation Program.

### **Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, Washington, DC Office**

*2001 – 2004*

*Associate*

- Represented corporate clients in complex litigation-related matters including internal corporate investigations; Securities and Exchange Commission investigations; class action shareholder lawsuits; international arbitration; lawsuits against foreign nations in U.S. courts; and civil rights class action lawsuits.
- Assisted corporate clients in the formation and governance of investment companies.
- Represented pro bono foreign nationals seeking political asylum.

**Company A, 1-115<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Light), Maryland Army National Guard**

*2002 – 2004*

*Company Commander*

- Commanded 100-man infantry company.
- Activated to federal service during Operation Noble Eagle from 2001-2002 to perform homeland security and train in urban warfare.
- Certified in infantry combat, parachuting, and mountain warfare.
- Awards include Expert Infantryman Badge, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the 2004 1-115<sup>th</sup> Infantry Writer's Cup (for the best paper on the future of urban warfare).

**National Juvenile Defender Center, Washington, DC**

*1999 – 2000*

*Staff Attorney*

- Assisted with lobbying and policymaking efforts concerning state and federal laws affecting children.
- Provided training, technical assistance, resources, and coordination for juvenile defenders around the nation.

**BAR ADMISSIONS**  
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*Maryland Bar, 2001.*

*District of Columbia Bar, 2004.*

(Current as of May 8, 2015.)