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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

2017-2025

District of the Virgin Islands; St. Croix

Assistant Federal Public Defender - Maintain a challenging criminal caseload in an aggressive adversarial environment with minimal supervision in both St. Croix and St. Thomas divisions. Caseload typically includes all aspects of revocations, pretrial cases, trials, and post-trial relief. Identify legal issues, develop and execute trial strategies, conduct research, and write motions, legal memoranda, and sentencing memoranda for all phases of criminal cases. Perform computer assisted research, manage and analyze electronic discovery, evaluate complex legal and factual issues, interview witnesses and clients, hire and consult with experts, and conduct sentencing mitigation. Direct and supervise investigators and paralegals. Trained in use of Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point, Trial Director, and Case Map. Liaison to Federal Sentencing Resource Counsel - National Sentencing Advocacy Committee. Assist as liaison to local Criminal Justice Act panel. Certified Mediator by American Institute of Mediation. Conduct training on Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Attended numerous seminars and workshops to include nationally recognized National Criminal Defense College, annual National Legal Aid and Defender Association Equal Justice Conference, Defender Services Office Training Division trainings, including extended death penalty (capital habeas) training, and VI Bar Association midyear and annual conferences.

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2009-2017

District of the Virgin Islands; St. Croix

Research & Writing Attorney - Conduct research for all phases of criminal cases. Write motions, legal memoranda, sentencing memoranda, appeal briefs and petitions for certiorari. Perform computer assisted research, manage and analyze electronic discovery, evaluate complex legal and factual issues, interview witnesses and clients and prepare sentencing mitigation. Trained in use of Microsoft Word, WordPerfect, Power Point, Trial Director and Case Map. Assist with all aspects of case preparation, examine, research and analyze records and legal issues. Assisted and trained paralegal on St. Thomas with legal research and drafting of motions. Assist as liaison to CJA panel. Administrative responsibilities include Case Management System (CMS) operation and reports, library inventory and reports and limited procurement authority. Supervised and coordinated office move in 2017. Attended Appellate Writing Workshop, Persuasive Writing Workshop, Law and Technology Workshop: Electronic Courtroom Presentation and Trial Skills Academy.

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1996-2009

District of the Virgin Islands; St. Croix

Paralegal - Conduct research for all phases of criminal case and all aspects of case preparation and file management; gather, organize, summarize and index electronic and paper documents and discovery; assist with client interaction; assist attorneys at hearings and trials; provide litigation support; maintain calendars for attorneys. Assist investigators with all aspects of criminal investigation to include testifying in criminal cases. Update and advise attorneys and paralegals on recent developments in case law, rule changes and procedure. Liaison to Metropolitan Detention Center in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico for inmate issues. Responsible for Timekeeper system and library inventory, reports and overall maintenance of library material. Assist Computer Systems Analyst with computer network maintenance. Attend National Defender Investigator Association yearly conference from 1996-2011. Attended Paralegal & Investigator Skills Workshop, San Francisco, CA. Annual training in Westlaw and Lexis.

TURNER, BROWN, MCINTOSH & UMEUGO, PC
New Haven, CT

1991-1995

Partner - Counsel and represent individuals, corporations and financial institutions in various business and litigation matters, including, debt collection matters, residential and commercial real estate closings, bankruptcy matters, offensive and defensive foreclosures, landlord/tenant matters, corporate transactions, estate planning and personal injury cases. Function as Office Manager and Human Resources Director.

COOPER, LIEBOWITZ, ROYSTER & WRIGHT
New Haven, CT and Elmsford, NY

1990-1991

Associate - Counsel and represent individuals, corporations and insurance companies in various corporate and business transactions and litigation matters. Counsel and represent Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation and state agencies in residential and multifamily foreclosure proceedings.

PULLMAN, COMLEY, BRADLEY & REEVES
Bridgeport, CT

Summer 1986
1987-1990

Associate, Corporate Law Department - Counsel and represent corporations and financial institutions in commercial loan originations, restructure of defaulted loans, collection and foreclosure and other aspects of debtor/creditor relations. Counsel and represent corporations, municipalities and financial institutions in matters involving environmental protection, pollution control hazardous waste and other environmental issues in connection with lending, business acquisitions and real estate transactions. Act as general counsel to local municipalities in various areas of municipal law. Member of Recruiting Committee.

BINGHAM, DANA & GOULD

1985-1986

Boston, MA

Legal Intern - Responsible for comprehensive legal research and drafting memoranda on a variety of issues including commercial disputes, labor law and product liability.

LAW OFFICES OF PETER L. BROWN

Summer 1985

Boston, MA

Legal Intern - Research and draft legal memoranda, pleadings and interrogatories on a variety of issues, including criminal law, personal injury, domestic relations, defamation and discrimination. Investigate fact patterns, conduct client interviews and attend depositions. Assist in real estate closings and all aspects of trial preparation.

GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES

Summer 1983

Boston, MA

Legal Intern - Handle disability cases from initial client interview through final disposition. Assist in research and trial preparation.

EDUCATION

BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Boston, MA
Honors: Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship

Juris Doctor 1987

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

B.A. 1984

Wellesley, MA

Major: Political Science

Minor: Mathematics

Honors: Student Recognition Award 1983

KENT SCHOOL

Diploma 1980

Kent, CT

Honors: National Merit Scholarship for Outstanding Negro Students

BAR ADMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Virgin Islands Bar Admission (2014)

Virgin Islands Bar Association (2014)

Federal Bar of the United States District Court, District of Connecticut (1988)

Connecticut Bar Admission (1988)

American Bar Association (1988-1995)

National Bar Association (1988-1996)

Connecticut Bar Association (1988-1995)

New Haven County Bar Association, Executive Committee (1988-1995)

George Crawford Law Association (1988-1995)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Boys & Girls Club of Bridgeport, Director (former)

Youth At Risk/ Bridgeport, Member(former)

Amistad Committee of New Haven (former)

YWCA of Greater New Haven, Director (former)

NAACP of Greater New Haven (former)

Boston University School of Law Minority Alumni

Bay Garden Condominium Association, President and Treasurer (former)

St. Croix Animal Welfare Center, Director (former)

Central High School Moot Court Judge (former)

Educational Complex Moot Court Judge (former)

Community Foundation of Virgin Islands, Laws of Life Essay Judge

Student Advisor for Seventh Day Adventist School for Associate Justice Ketanji Jackson Brown visit

Legal Services of the Virgin Islands (current Vice President and former President)