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**CURRENT POSITION:**

**University of Miami School of Law**, Coral Gables, Florida

**Professor of Law** (2005- ), lateral appointment with tenure

*voted Outstanding Law Professor* by 2010 BLSA

Visiting Professor of Law (Spring 2004)

**Courses:** Constitutional Law (I & II), Family Law, Race and the Law, Race and Economic Justice, Torts, Products Liability

**Seminars:** Sex, Procreation, & Reproductive Technology; Critical Race Feminism; Women & the Law Stories; The 10<sup>th</sup> Justice

**Guest Course Lectures:**

Professor Frank Valdes, University of Miami School of Law

*Law Practice: Social Impact Advocacy* (March 1, 2017)

Topic: *Bastards! . . . And The Welfare Plantation*

Dr. Elizabeth Harry, School of Education. University of Miami School of Education

*Disability and Diversity: Critical Views.* (October 31, 2016)

Topic: *Disability Does Not Discriminate: Toward a Theory of Multiple Identity Through Coalition*

Aziza Botchway, adjunct, University of Miami School of Law

*Law & Society: Race in America* (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008)

Topic: A Critical Race Feminist Analysis of *Loving v. Virginia*

**EDUCATION:**

**Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, *1993 J.D.*

*Harvard BlackLetter Journal: Editor-In-Chief*, Vol. 10

**Princeton University**, Princeton, New Jersey, *1990 A.B.*, Politics

*Certificate*, Program in East Asian Studies (Japan Section)

**OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:**

**Wayne State University Law School**, Detroit, Michigan

Associate Professor of Law (2001-2005)

**Tenure Earned 2001**

Assistant Professor of Law (1995 - 2001)

Wayne State University Career Development Chair, 2004-05

Wayne State University Humanities Center Resident Scholar 2004-05

**Teaching Award:** Donald H. Gordon Award for Excellence in Teaching, Wayne State Law School (September 2000)

**Toledo University College of Law**, Toledo, Ohio

Visiting Professor of Law (Fall 2022)

Courses: Torts; Race and Economic Justice

**University of Georgia School of Law**, Athens, Georgia

Visiting Professor of Law (Spring 2009)

Course: Family Law

Seminar: Critical Race Feminism

## **PUBLICATIONS:**

### **Works-in-Progress**

Teaching Race in the Law. Elgar Guides to Teaching series (Book) (Elgar Publishing, *forthcoming*)

(Re)Birth of a Nation: Reconstruction's Unfinished Business, 30 Mich. J. Race & L. \_\_\_\_  
(*forthcoming* 2025).

Three-Fifths' Influence: Charting the Race-based origins of "Political" Speech (*in progress*)

### **Book Chapters:**

Escola v. Coca Cola Bottling Co. in Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Torts Opinions (vol. 3 eds. Martha Chamallas and Lucinda Finley), Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (2020).

*On Becoming a Critical Race Scholar*, in Vernon L. Farmer, Critical Race Theory in the Academy. Charlotte, N.C.: Information Age Publishers (2020).

*Being Exceptional*, 75 Studies in Law, Politics, and Society (Special Issue: Law and the Imagining of Difference) (ed. Austin Sarat) 79 (2018).

*Disability Does Not Discriminate: Toward a Theory of Multiple Identity Through Coalition* in DisCrit: Disability Studies and Critical Race Theory in Education (Teachers College Press, eds. David Connor, Beth Ferri & Subini Annamma, 2016).

*Disabling Racial Repetition in Righting Educational Wrongs: Disability Studies in Law and Education* (Syracuse University Press, eds. Arlene S. Kanter and Beth A. Ferri, 2013).

*Town of Castle Rock v. Gonzales: A Tale of State Enabled Violence*, in Women & the Law Stories (Foundation Press, eds. Elizabeth Schneider and Stephanie Wildman, 2011).

**Articles, Symposia and Invited Essays:**

*Disarming State Action; Discharging State Responsibility*, 52 Harv. C.R-C.L. 47 (2017)

*Bastards! . . . . And The Welfare Plantation*, 17 Iowa J. Gender, Race & Just. 9 (2013).

*Disabling Racial Repetition*, 31 J. Law & Inequality 77 (2012).

*An Essay on Slavery's Hidden Legacy: Social Hysteria and Structural Condonation of Incest*, 55 How. L.J. 319 (2012).

*No Witch is a Bad Witch: A Commentary on the Erasure of Matilda Joselyn Gage*, 20 Law & S. Cal. L.J. Interdisciplinary L. 21 (2010).

*Sleight of Hand or the Old Bait & Switch: Article III & The Politics of Self-Policing by the Court in Parents Involved* , 63 Univ. Miami L. Rev. 561 (2009).

*The Paradox of Hierarchy OR Why We Always Choose the Tools of the Master's House*, 31 NYUJ. L. Soc. Change 627 (2007).

*Colorblind Must Not Mean Blind to the Realities Facing Black Children*, 26 BCTWLJ 81 (2006).

*Domestic Violence*, Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties (Routledge, ed. Paul Finkelman 2006).

*To Do is To Be: A Comment on the "To Do Feminist Legal Theory" Student Symposium*, 9 Cardozo Women's L.J. 431(2003).

*Silence Compounded – the Conjunction of Race and Gender Violence*, 11 Am. U. J. Gender, Soc. Pol'y & L. 271 (2002).

*A Comment on Race and the Law*, 48 Wayne L. Rev. 1062 (2002).

*Introduction: Foster Care: The Border of Family Identity -Maintaining, (Re)creating, Destroying* for the Symposium: "Transgressing Borders: Women's Bodies, Identities and Families," In Memory of Mary Joe Frug 36 N.E. L. Rev. 59 (2001).

*Faith in Justice: Fiduciaries, Malpractice & Sexual Abuse By Clergy* 8 Mi. J. of Gender & L. 45 (2001).

*Cited in* S.H.C. v. Lu, 113 Wash.App. 511, 54 P.3d 174, Wash.App. Div. 1 (2002)

*Cited in* McKelvey v. Pierce, 173 N.J. 26, 800 A.2d 840, 166 Ed. Law Rep. 673, N.J. (2002)

*Mirrored Silence: Reflections on Judicial Complicity in Private Violence* 78 Ore. L. Rev. 955 (1999).

*Domestic Violence In Black and White: Racialized Gender Stereotypes In Gender Violence*, 8 Colum. J. Gender & L. 1 (1998);

*reprinted in* Nancy K.D. Lemon, Domestic Violence Law (2000).

*cited in* CATLIN v. I. Huanani, 2003 WL 22345882, \*22345882+ (Appellate Brief) (9th Cir. Apr 21, 2003) Reply Brief of Appellant (NO. 02-17201).

*cited in* Petition Alleging Violations of the Human Rights of Jessica Gonzalez by the United States of America and the State of Colorado, With Request for an Investigation and Hearing on the Merits (Brief: to the Honorable Members of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Organization of American States) (2005)

*In A World Not Their Own: The Adoption of Black Children*, 10 Harv. BlackLetter J. 39 (1993).

*Cited in* U.S. v. Rose, 885 F.Supp. 62, (E.D.N.Y., May 17, 1995).

#### **Book Reviews:**

Rebecca J. Cook and Simone Cusack, *Gender Stereotyping: Transnational Legal Perspectives*, 33 Hum. Rts. Qlty 243 (2011) (book review).

Robert Tsai, *Eloquence & Reason: Creating a First Amendment Culture*, 44 L. & Society Rev. 195 (2010) (book review).

Caroline A. Forrell & Donna M. Matthews, *A Law of Her Own: The Reasonable Woman as a Measure of Man*, 37 Crim. L. Bulletin 119 (2000) (book review).

#### **Review of Book Proposals:**

Melissa Breger, *Avant-Garde Law: New Frontiers at The Crossroads of Global Family Law*, a book proposal for Bloomsbury Publishing (2024).

#### **SELECTED CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS:**

##### **National:**

Law and Society Annual Meeting, Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center (June 6-9, 2024)

*Panel:* Constitutional Dialogues on Racial Repair: Past, Present, and Future

*Paper Presentation:* Speech as Property: Rights-Holding Property and Disenfranchised People

Reconstruction and the Origins of Our Now: An Interdisciplinary Workshop, University of Miami School of Law (March 17, 2024)

*Panelist:* Speaking of Race: Three-Fifth's Reputation

"Birth of A Nation." Work-in-progress to the faculty of University of Miami School of Law, Coral Gables, Florida (January 22, 2024).

"Critical Race Theory: A Mode of Critical Thinking." A presentation to the Toledo College of Law student community (November 16, 2022).

"Birth of A Nation." Work-in-progress to the faculty of Toledo College of Law, Toledo, Ohio (November 7, 2022)

"Unpacking Tort Law," University of Michigan School of Law Chapter of the National Lawyers' Guild (March 9, 2022)

*Featured Speaker* – via: Zoom (discussing opinion in *Escola v. Coca Cola Bottling Co.* written for Feminist Judgments)

"Understanding Critical Race Theory," International Women's Forum, Florida Chapter (December 22, 2021)

*Featured Speaker* – via: Zoom

"Law and the Imagining of Difference," University of Alabama School of Law (April 7, 2017).

*Panelist:* Being Exceptional

Law and Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 28-31, 2015).

*Panelist:* From Bigger Thomas To Urban Thug: The Black Criminal In The White Imagination

*Moderator:* Juvenile Socialization and Justice Under Law.

An Uncomfortable Conversation: The Universal and the Particular Vulnerability and Identities, II University of Miami School of Law (November 14-15, 2014)

*Panelist:* Health, Disability and Universal Embodiment panel.

CONVERGE! Re-Imagining the Movement to End Gender Violence, University of Miami School of Law (February 7-8, 2014)

*Moderator:* Colonization, Culture, & Resistance

International Law Weekend, Fordham University School of Law (October 24-26, 2013)

*Panelist:* Internationalizing Gender and Disability Law: Int'l Accountability for Preventing & Ending Violence Against Women

"No Woman, No Cry" and a Conversation with Filmmaker and Founder of Every Mother Counts: Christy Turlington Burns (November 9, 2012)

*Panelist*

SALT Teaching conference, Baltimore MD (October 5-6, 2012)

*Panelist:* "Doing Disability Justice: Advancing Disability Rights and Student Involvement in the Law School Environment"

Sixth Annual Lutie A. Lytle Black Female Law Faculty Workshop, Suffolk University Law School (June 28-30, 2012)

*Commenter:* two works-in-progress.

Feminist Theory-Feminist Practice-Women's Experience: Challenging Boundaries in Legal Education, Northeastern University School of Law (November 5, 2010)

*Panelist:* Evolution of Domestic Violence Theory and Practice

Michigan State University Law School Faculty Presentation Series, East Lansing, MI (October 18, 2010)

*Presentation:* Rights and State Responsibility: An Examination of Town of Castle Rock v. Gonzales

Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall Law School, Newark, NJ (September 9-12, 2010)

*Panel:* Post-Marxism, Post-Racialism & Other Fables of the Dispossession-I (3 part series)

*Presenter:* "Let's Talk About It!": Legal Rhetoric and the Politics of Subordination

Women and the Law Stories Conference. The Power of Women's Stories II: Examining Women's Role in Law and the Legal System Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, Ca. (April 16, 2010)

*Presenter:* Town of Castle Rock v. Gonzales

Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities 13th Annual Conference, Brown University, Providence, RI (March 19 & 20, 2010)

*Panel:* From victim to Destroyer:

*Presenter:* Beat your Child in to a Better Slave

Taking Oz Seriously, Albany law School (November 13, 2009)

*Presenter:* Of Witches and the Magic of Reality Convergence: The life of Matilda Joslyn Gage.

Disability Studies in Education 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: Righting Educational Wrongs, Syracuse University, May 1-3 2009

*Presenter:* *(Dis)abling Race (and Gender); Accommodating Difference*

University of Georgia Faculty Colloquium Series, Athens, Ga (February 9, 2009)

*Speaker:* A Critical Race Feminist Reading of Town of Castle Rock v. Gonzales

Thurgood Marshall Law Review Spring Symposium, Education and the Bewilderment of Race: A Closer Look at Community School v. Seattle School District #1, Houston, Texas (April 5, 2008)

*Panelist:* Article III & The Politics of Self-Policing by the Court in Parents Involved

AALS Annual Meeting, Reassessing Our Roles as Scholars and Educators in Light of Change, New York, New York (January 2-6, 2008).

*Panelist:* Gender and Class: Voices from the Collective – Criminalization

Iowa University Law School Black Female Law Faculty Writing Workshop (July 12-15, 2007)

*Speaker and Participant*

Caribbean Bar Association Inaugural Gala, Newark, New Jersey (June 15, 2006)

*Keynote Speaker:* Encouraging Activism

Coalition Building Among Communities of Color in a Post "Integration" World, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Santa Fe, New Mexico (April 6-9, 2006)

The Intersection of Gender, Race, Class, Culture, and Law

*Panelist:* Adopting Abortion: Race Politics, Reproduction, & Social Control

Teaching From the Left, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Ma (March 11-12, 2006)

*Panelist:* Constitutional Law

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (June 2-5, 2005)

*Speaker:* "Guerilla Theater: Using the Spectacle of Contemptuous Courts to Reform the Justice System" with Kathryn Lindberg.

Black Children and Their Families in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Surviving the American Nightmare or Living Dream Deferred? (March 11, 2005)

*Symposium Participant and Panelist*

Second National People of Color Conference, George Washington University Law School, Washington, D.C. (October 7-10, 2004)

Authors Meet Readers: A Workshop - *Panel Organizer*

Feminist Theory and Practice in the Classroom - *Panelist*

Subversive Legacies: Learning From History/Constructing the Future, University of Texas Law School (November 22-23, 2002)

Domestic Violence: Race, Gender and Power: *Panelist*

Confronting Domestic Violence and Achieving Gender Equality: Evaluating Battered Women & Feminist Lawmaking, American University, Washington College of Law (September 15, 2001, rescheduled for April 20, 2002)

*Panelist and Symposium Participant*

Crime and Consequence: The Impact of Criminalization

University of North Carolina School of Law (March 3, 2001)

*Panelist:* Alternative Sanctions

*Discussion Leader:* Domestic Violence Session

Transgressing Borders: Women's Bodies, Identities, and Families

New England School of Law, Boston (March 31, 2001)

Foster Care: The Border of Family Identity -Maintaining, (Re)creating, Destroying

*Panel Organizer and Moderator*

Iowa Journal of Gender Race and Justice, Annual Symposium (October 2000)

The New Face of Poverty: Gender, Wealth & the Law

*Panelist:* Domestic Violence: The Nature of Aggression and The Cost of Silence

Law & Society 2000 Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida (May 2000)

*Panelist:* Women in the System: Feminist Insights In the Impact of Process

*Panelist:* Domestic Violence, Democracy, and the State

Law and Literature: The 4th Annual Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, February 12-14, 1998.

*Panelist:* "Strangling the 'Body' Within a Limited Legal Imagination"

*Topic:* The relevance of "silences" in the written law (the figurative body of the law) on the perpetuation of domestic violence (the literal body).

### **International:**

Women and Challenges of Equality," (March 21, 2023), hosted by Associação Paulista do Ministério Público, Sao Paulo, Brazil

*Featured Speaker (via Zoom):* "The Principle of Self-Ownership."



Human Rights, Constitutionalism and Public Policy: Transnational Perspectives (November 23-24, 2022), hosted by Associação Paulista do Ministério Público, Sao Paolo, Brazil

*Featured Speaker (via Zoom):* “Double Standards and the Good Girl Problem.”

"Racialized gender stereotypes in gender violence," The meeting of the First Brazilian Gender Equality Congress, Associação Paulista do Ministério Público (March 08, 2022)

*Featured Speaker (via Zoom)*

Jamaica Bureau of Women’s Affairs in association with The Elimination of Violence Against Women (EVAW) Section of UN Women and sponsored by Sterling Law Firm, The Conference on Ending Violence Against Women & Girls, St. Mary, Jamaica (November 22) and Kingston, Jamaica (November 25, 2013).

*Panelist for Conference and Workshop*

Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Les Territoires du Droit: Placing Law, Montreal, Quebec, Canada (May 29 -June 1, 2008).

*Session Organizer and Chair:* Race & Property/Property & Race

*Paper:* Reconstruction and Rhetoric: A History of Race, Speech, and Democracy

*Session Chair and Discussant:* Race, Housing, and Neighborhood Effects that Matter

*Session Chair and Discussant:* New Approaches to Critical Legal Pedagogy

Feminist Legal Studies – Nordic Scholars meet North American Scholars, Dept. of Law, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden (July 7-9, 2003)

*Speaker*

Critical Legal Studies Conference, Lancaster University, Lancaster England (Sept. 1998)

*Panelist:* “Crossing the Borders: The Evolution of Critical Legal Theory by Race, Class, Gender & Geography.”

**University of Miami School of Law:**

Miami-Dade Florida Association for Women Lawyers and Miami Law Women, Navigating Affirmative Action Post Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard (January 31, 2024)

*panelist*

Child Advocacy and Family Law Society (“CAFLS”) and Entertainment and Sports Law Society (“ESLS”), “Mo’ Money Mo’ Problems: Representing Clients in High Stakes Divorce.” (Monday, March 3rd, 2014)

*Moderator*

UM BLSA Black History Month Feature, “The School to Prison Pipeline: The Children Left Behind.” (Thursday, February 6, 2014)

*Panelist*

Law Students for Reproductive Justice and UM BLSA, “Life Imitating Art: Sex Stereotypes and Gender Roles in Hip-Hop.” (Monday, October 28, 2013)

*Discussant*

International Graduate Law Programs, “Domestic Violence as a Human Rights Violation: A Survivors Journey.” (the story of Jessica Lenahan) (Tuesday, February 1, 2011).

*Discussant*

The University of Miami Law Review 2008 Symposium, The Future of Affirmative Action: Seattle School District, Race, Education and the Constitution (February 2008).

*Moderator*

Audrey R. Finkelstein UM Experience Alumni program (November 2, 2007).

*Speaker:* Humpty Dumpty and the Chicken Salad Sandwich II – selected topics in Constitutional Law.

The University of Miami Law Review Symposium, Article II: The Uses and Abuses of Executive Power (February 24, 2007)

*Moderator:* Torture, Private Contractors & Presidential Signing Statements

Dreaming of Democracy, A Symposium Honoring *Race, Sex and Suspicion: The Myth of the Black Male* by D. Marvin Jones (February 17, 2006).

*Discussant*

### **Video Presentations/Discussions**

- Products Liability – Professor Zanita E. Fenton <https://youtu.be/LPn3VmfZ1KA>
- Deciphering the Economics of Violence Lecture Series by Zanita E. Fenton, J.D., School of Law, University of Miami <https://youtu.be/XDMGB8ytCe4>
- Family Court w/Puncho Villashio, Prof. Zanita Fenton, Dr. Bernard Ashby, and Joe Stone <https://youtu.be/WnU19mnl8L8>

### **MEDIA:**

Quoted in: Robert C. Jones Jr., What does Jackson’s SCOTUS appointment mean for the nation?, University of Miami News@TheU, April 8, 2022, *available at* <https://news.miami.edu/stories/2022/04/what-does-jacksons-scotus-appointment-mean-for-the-nation.html>

Quoted in: Robert C. Jones Jr., Ketanji Brown Jackson hearings ‘more style than substance,’ University of Miami News@TheU, March 23, 2022, *available at* <https://news.miami.edu/stories/2022/03/ketanji-brown-jackson-hearings-more-style-than-substance.html>

Quoted in: Robert C. Jones Jr., Supreme Court nominee has a Hurricane connection, University of Miami News@TheU, February 28, 2022, *available at*

<https://news.miami.edu/stories/2022/02/supreme-court-nominee-has-a-hurricane-connection.html>.

Interviewed: CBS4 News, morning anchor, Rhiannon Ally “silver divorce” 11pm, November 7, 2014, *available at* [www.cbsmiami.com](http://www.cbsmiami.com).

Quoted in John Lantigua, *50 Years Later, Washington March Could Again Influence Fight Over Voting Rights – And More – Civil Rights Advocates Say*, Palm Beach Post, August 22, 2013.

Op Ed.: Donna Coker, Zanita E. Fenton And Merle H. Weiner, “International child abductions: There’s more to the story” Miami Herald, June 9, 2013,

[http://www.miamiherald.com/search\\_results?aff=1100&q=International+Child+Abductions#storylink=cpy](http://www.miamiherald.com/search_results?aff=1100&q=International+Child+Abductions#storylink=cpy)

Quoted in: Rene Stutzman, *Oviedo Woman Uses Rape Defense in Murder Case*, Orlando Sentinel, August 22, 2010.

Quoted in: Isaiah Thompson, *Love is No Contract*, Miami New Times, May 15, 2008.

Profiled in: Meredith Danton, *Fenton Keeps her Cool in the Quest for Equality*, The University of Miami Magazine (Vol. 14., No. 2, Spring 2007) at 48.

Profiled in: Robert C. Jones, Jr., *Taking a Stand*, Veritas (Vol. 49, no. 7, April 2007).

Expert Discussant for: The Santita Jackson Show, WVON 1690 AM Chicago (March 14, 2007)  
topic: differences between divorce and annulment.

Profiled in: 2006 President’s Report, University of Miami at 6

Quoted in: Amy Sherman, *Cleared Caregiver Suing ‘Nanny Cam’ Manufacturer*, The Miami Herald, June 15, 2006.

Quoted in: Denise G. Callahan, *Grandparent Visitation Compromise Still Pending: Clear & Convincing Standard at Issue*, 18 (No. 33) Mich. L.W. 1 (June 28, 2004).

Quoted in: Cathy Lynn Grossman, *Plan Your Living Will Now to Avoid Controversy Later*, Detroit News, October 29, 2003.

Quoted in: Maureen Feighan, *Baby-selling Dad Loses Custody*, Detroit News, March 31, 2000.

Profiled in: Michele Ciavolo, *Detroit’s Next*, Hour Detroit 58, 62 (July 1999).

## **MISCELLANY:**

A Bittersweet Track to Tenure, Harvard Law Bulletin (Fall 2001)

[http://www.law.harvard.edu/alumni/bulletin/2001/fall/classnotes\\_testimony.html](http://www.law.harvard.edu/alumni/bulletin/2001/fall/classnotes_testimony.html)

*Letter Essay in* American Bar Association, Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law, Lawyers Lead on: Lawyers with Disabilities Share Their Insights (Carrie Griffin Basas and Stephanie L. Enyart eds. 2011).

## **POST-GRADUATE ADVISING:**

Dissertation Committee for Susan D. Watson, Ph.D. candidate, Nursing, University of Miami (2009-2010)

American law Thesis Advisor for Sara D’Anzeo, Child Custody: Analysis of American and Italian Legal Practice, University of Macerata, Italy (2007-08).

Outside Dissertation Reader and Advisor for Cynthia Van Sickle, Ph.D. candidate, English, Wayne State University (2003).

**COMMITTEE SERVICE:**

Editorial Board Member, International Journal of Empirical Research-Methods (2024- )

**University of Miami Committees:**

Faculty Senate Budget Review Committee (2023 - )

Provost Research Award Review Committee (2020 - 2021; 2023-24)

Academic Personnel Board (2014 - 2019)

Tenure Review Board (2010 - 14), **Chair** (2012 - 14)

Committee on Professional Conduct (2010 - 2022)

**Miami Law School Committees Chaired:**

Promotion, Review & Tenure Committee (2019- )

Academic Standards, (2015 - 16)

LCOMM Search Committee (2013)

Dean of Students Search Committee (Fall 2006)

**Miami Law School Committee Membership:**

Ad hoc Website Committee (2005-2007)

Admissions (2005-07)

Computing (2005-06)

Dean Search Committee (2007-2008)

Dean of Students Search Committee (2006)

Faculty Appointments Committee (2007-2008; 2009-2010)

Faculty & Student Community & Support Services Committee (2006-07, 2009-2009)

Frederick Douglas Moot Court Competition faculty advisor/coach (2007-2008)

Promotion, Review & Tenure Committee (2013-14; 2018-2019)

UMBLR/UMRLS/UMRSJLR faculty advisor (2009- 2022)

**Other Service:**

Black Awards Selection Committee for the Dade County Bar Association's Black History Month Celebration (December 2016).

Merit Selection Panel on Bankruptcy Judgeships for the Eastern District of Michigan (2002)

Damon J. Keith Law Collection of African-American Legal History (2001-2005)

State Bar of Michigan, Open Justice Commission, Cultural Awareness Project (2001- 2002)

The Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law, *Annual Review of Gender and Sexuality Law*, Board of Advisors (1999-2001).

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:**

### **Professional Associations:**

American Bar Association  
National Association of Counsel for Children  
The Wolverine Bar Association (membership discontinued)  
The Law and Society Association  
Society of American Law Teachers

### **Bar Admissions:**

#### **State of Florida, Authorized Counsel (2020)**

State of Michigan (July 1999)

State of New York, Second Department (May 1994)

United States District Court:

Eastern District of Michigan (August 1995-October 2010)

Southern District of New York (June 1994)

Eastern District of New York (June 1994)

## **OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

The Honorable Edward R. Korman, United States District Court (E.D.N.Y)  
*Law Clerk* (1994-1995)

Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, New York, NY  
*Associate* (1993-1994; 1992 *Summer Associate*)  
Practiced in international securities, regulatory advice, finance and banking.  
Co-established pro-bono practice for victims of domestic abuse.

Jamaica Plain Legal Services Center, Jamaica Plain, MA  
*Student Advocate* (1992-1993)  
Represented victims of domestic violence in family law matters, including divorce, custody and support issues.