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University of Illinois Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL

Dean and Professor of Law

June 2022 – present

Service & Honors:

President’s Executive Leadership Program Cohort (2022-2023)

Search Committee, University of Illinois System General Counsel

Honors College Faculty Fellow

AALS New Faculty Committee Member

Boston University School of Law

Visiting Professor of Law

August 2021 – May 2022

Courses Taught: Civil Procedure; Ethics & Professionalism; Mindfulness in Life and Law.

Florida A & M University College of Law, Orlando, FL

Full Professor (Tenured)

August 2017 – June 2022

Interim Dean

April 2019 – June 2020

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

January 2018 – April 2019

Associate Professor of Law (Tenured)

August 2013 – August 2017

Associate Professor of Law (Tenure-Track)

August 2011 – August 2013

Assistant Professor of Law (Tenure-Track)

January 2007 – August 2011

Visiting Professor of Law

July 2004 – December 2006

Courses Taught: Torts; Civil Procedure; Professional Responsibility; Ethics & Professionalism; Florida Civil & Criminal Practice and Procedure; Guardian Ad Litem Clinic; Consumer Law; Mindfulness in Life and Law.

Service: Committees: (Law School): Retention, Promotion & Tenure (Chair); Faculty Recruitment (Chair); Student Disciplinary Committee; Strategic Planning; Ad Hoc Assessment; Library; Academic Standards; Clinic; Admissions; Ad Hoc Professionalism; Curriculum; Academic Support & Bar Passage. ***(University):*** University Representative, Board of Governors, Civic Literacy Exam Committee; Special Committee on Retention, Tenure and Promotion; Licensure Pass Rate Task Force; Sabbatical and Professional Development Leave Committee; Efficiency and Effectiveness Task Force; Vice President of Legal Affairs Search Committee.

Activities: Faculty Advisor – Caribbean Law Students’ Association; Juvenile Delinquency Roundtable; Moot Court Team; Moderator, Plenary Session on Professionalism, Orientation Moderator, Women’s Law Caucus Conference; Planning Committee, SESW People of Color Conference (Facilities Committee Chair); Moderator, Plenary Session on Professionalism, Orientation; Moot Court Judge; Moot Court Team Coach; Law School Liaison to the Supreme Court Standing Committee on Professionalism; Moderator – Opportunities in CED Community; Moderator – Women’s Law Caucus Conference; Rapporteur, International Law Center Conference; Bar Exam Mentor.

Barry University School of Law

Adjunct Professor

Summer 2015

Courses Taught: Professional Responsibility

EDUCATION:

Legal: Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida
Juris Doctorate, *Cum Laude*, December 1994
Honors: Graduated Cum Laude; Order of Barristers; Best Oral Advocate, 1994 Florida Bar Robert Orseck Competition; Best Oralist Award for Class of 2015; Scholarship Recipient, Patricia and Wayne Hogan Scholarship

College: University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
Bachelor of Science, Exercise & Sport Science, May 1991
Honors: Presidential Scholarship Recipient; Dean's Honor List

BAR ADMISSION:

Florida Bar
Illinois Bar

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS:

"Black and Bar-Red: The Bar Examination's History Of Exclusivity And The Threat of Further Exclusion Posed By ABA Standard 316." 74 S. Carolina Law Rev. 159 (2022).

"Teaching Cultural Competence In Law School Curricula: An Essential Step To Facilitate Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion In The Legal Profession." 2022 Utah Law Rev. 813 (2022) (coauthored with Professor Phyllis Taite).

"Traffickers' 'F'ing Behavior During A Pandemic: Why Pandemic Online Behavior has heightened the urgency to prevent traffickers from Finding, Friending and Facilitating the Exploitation of Children Via Social Media." 22 Georgetown Journal of Gender and Law 533 (Symposium Issue, 2021).

"The Truth of the Matter: Why The Social Contract Dictates Legal Scholars' Sincerity, Candor & Thoroughness." 101 Marquette L. Rev. 1063 (2018).

"The 'New Normal' for Educating Lawyers." 31 Brigham Young University Journal of Public Law 53 (2016).

“*“Friends” of Justice – Does Social Media Impact the Public Perception of the Justice System?*” 35 Pace L. Rev. 72 (2014).

“The ‘Friend’ly Lawyer: The Implications of Attorney Use of Social Networking During Litigation.” 24 U. Fla. Journal Law & Public Policy 127 (2013).

“No Laughing Matter: The Intersection of Legal Malpractice and Professionalism.” 21 American University Journal of Gender, Social Policy, & the Law 1 (2012).

“Standard Lawyer Behavior: Professionalism As An Essential Standard for ABA Accreditation.” 42 New Mexico Rev. 33 (2012).

“Enforcement of Law Schools Non-Academic Honor Codes: A Necessary Step Towards Professionalism.” 89 Neb. L. Rev. 635 (2011).

“Professionalism’s Triple E Query: Is Legal Academia Evading, Eluding or Enhancing Professionalism?” 56 Loyola L. Rev. 517 (2009).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Courtesy, Cooperation Should be the Norm, Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, Law Day Edition (May 1, 2023) <https://www.chicagolawbulletin.com/law-day-university-illinois-chicago-nicola-nickyboothe-20230501>

Healing Racial Divide in Central Florida Starts Now, Orlando Sentinel (June 9, 2020) <https://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/guest-commentary/os-op-healing-racialdividfamulaw-20200608-gc6jih37re6xm7homukjtkl2i-story.html> Guest Columnist, coauthored with Deidre’ Keller

Black People Have been Struggling to Breathe for Centuries, Florida Courier (June 12 – June 16, 2020) <https://flcourier.com/black-people-have-been-struggling-to-breathe-for-centuries> Editorial, co-authored with Deidre’ Keller

Professionalism and Academia, The Professional, Volume X1, No.1 (Summer 2010).

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Epoch Symposium, *“Insights Going Forward on Race-Consciousness and Diversity”* Seattle University School of Law, September 2023

National Deans Workshop, *“Wellness for Deans”*, August 2023

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference *“The Future of Black Enrollment in Law Schools;”* and *“Diversity in Legal Education in a Post-Grutter World”* - July 2023

UIC Provost's Roundtable, "*The Supreme Court Affirmative Action Decision and its Potential Impact*" Chicago, IL – April 2023

Midwest BLSA Convention, "*First Year After Law School*" Chicago, IL – February 2023

American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, "*The Future of Race in Admissions*" San Diego, CA – January 2023

Chicago Lawyers' Club Luncheon, (Keynote Speaker), "*Lawyers and Society: A 2023 Updated Social Contract*" – January 2023

Just the Beginning (JTB) 12th National Conference, "*Law School Diversity and Inclusion in 2022*" Chicago, IL - October, 2022

American Bar Association Webinar, *The Ethical and Professional Obligations of Trust and Estate Lawyers in Times of Woe*, ABA/RPTE Professor's Corner – December 2021.

Women's Law Association Faculty Meet and Greet, "*Women in the Law*" Boston University School of Law – October 2021.

Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, "*Black Lawyers Matter*" – July 2021.

AALS Balance Section Speed-Idea Sharing: "*Incorporating Well-Being into Any Class – Mindful Minutes*" – July 2021.

Florida Department of Education – Civic Literacy Examination Committee – July 2021.

Accepted Participant – George Mason University Law & Economics Center: Introduction to the Economics of Information, Privacy, and Data Security – May 2021.

Georgetown Journal of Gender and Law Symposium: The Evolution of Technology and Gender-Related Offenses - "*Sex Trafficking in the Age of Social Media*" — April 2021

ACLU at FAMU College of Law, Panelist – "*Raise Your Voice To Stop Human Trafficking*" – January 2021.

AALS Hot Topic Program (Annual Conference) Breakout Session Leader - "*Actions Speak Louder Than Words: Anti-Racism in Law Schools*" – January 2021.

Speaker – Career Spotlight – University of Florida, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. – Nov 2020.

Organizer, “*A Conversation about Policing, Presidential Powers and Peaceful Protests*” – FAMU College of Law – June 2020.

Opening Remarks, “*Human Trafficking in Central Florida*” – FAMU College of Law – March 2020.

AccessLex Conference and Symposium, Panelist, “*The Role of Law School ASP/Bar Success Programs in the New Age of Standard 316*” – Orlando, FL - November 2019.

National Black Pre-Law Conference, Panelist, “*Q & A with The Deans*” – New York, NY – November 2019.

National Bar Association, 30th Annual Wiley A. Branton Symposium, Panelist, “*Implications of ABA Standards on Diversity in the Legal Profession*”- Miami, FL - November 2019.

African American Chamber of Commerce “*State of the Chamber*” Greetings – Orlando, FL - October 2019.

Clark Atlanta University Pre-Law Society Forum, Speaker, – Atlanta, GA – October 2019.

Central Florida Real Estate Forum, Speaker, “*Opportunities for Community Engagement*” – Orlando, FL - October 2019.

Southeast Associate Deans of Color Conference, Panelist, “*Administrator Communications*” – July 2019.

Fourth National People of Color Conference, Panelist, “*Mindfulness in the Law School Environment*” – American University - Washington College of Law – March 2019.

Fourth National People of Color Conference, Co-Facilitator, “*Practical Mindfulness Workshop: Practices and Techniques for Cultivating Mindfulness and Psychological/Emotional Wellness*” – American University Washington College of Law – March 2019.

Caribbean Law Student Association, Panelist, “*Caribbeans In the Law*” – October 2018.

SEALS Conference, Moderator, “*Mind/Body Skills*” – Fort Lauderdale, FL – August 2018.

Lutie Lytle Scholarship Conference, Moderator/Panelist, “*Marketing Your Expertise: Developing Your Brand and a “Side Hustle”*” - Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, TX – July 2018.

Lutie Lytle Scholarship Conference, Presenter/Work-In-Progress, “*Limitations of Human Trafficking Laws*” – Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, TX – July 2018.

Lutie Lytle Scholarship Conference, Commentator, “*Legal Writing As Identity*” - Southern Methodist University School of Law, Dallas, TX – July 2018.

State University System of Florida, Board of Governors – Florida Civil Literacy Examination Committee Member (Alignment & Item Sensitivity/Bias) – University of Central Florida – June 2018.

Course Development and Exam Writing Workshop, Presenter, “*Best Practices for Developing Exams: Starting with the End in Mind*”; and “*Exploring Ways to Enhance Our Exams: One Question at a Time*,” FAMU College of Law – April 2018.

FAMU College of Law Christian Legal Society End-of-Year Event, Guest Panelist, “*Faith, Passing the Bar & Lawyering*” - April 2018.

Guest Speaker, “*Bar Talk*” – FAMU College of Law, SBA Event – March 2018.

Class-Crit Conference, Presenter, “*The Use of Social Media by Human Traffickers*” – Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana – November 2017.

Symposium Panelist, “*The Ethics of Scholarship*” – Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin – September 2017.

Judge – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Psi Theta Omega Chapter, Little Miss Tea Rose Pageant – Orlando, Florida – April 2017.

Judge – Modern Woodsmen Oratorical Contest - Sunridge Elementary School, Winter Garden, FL - March 2017.

Lutie Lytle Scholarship Workshop, Presenter, “*The New Normal Law Professor*” - University of Iowa, Des Moines, Iowa – July 2016.

NEPOC Conference, Presenter, “*Social Media and Human Trafficking*” Touro Law School, Long Island, NY, May 2016.

Moderator, “*Womanhood and Lawyerhood: Can You Have It All?*” Women’s Law Caucus, FAMU College of Law, March 2016.

Planning Committee for SESW POC 2016 (Chair - Subcommittee on Facilities).

Panelist, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, “*Our Children and the Replication of Criminalization*” - February 27th, 2016.

Moderator, SESWPOC Conference, “*How to Navigate the World With Your Law Degree*” SALT Pipeline Workshop - February 27th, 2016.

Judge – Modern Woodsmen Oratorical Contest - Sunridge Elementary School, Winter Garden, FL - February 5, 2016.

Panelist, Civil Rights: The Present and Future of Civil Rights Movements: Race and Reform in 21st Century America Conference, “*Social Media’s Impact on 21st Century America’s Youth*” – Duke University School of Law, Durham, NC – November 21, 2015.

Panelist, Lutie Lytle Black Female Faculty Conference, “*How to Use Research Assistants, Administrative Assistants & Other University Resources Effectively*” - Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN - July, 2015.

Presenter/Work-In-Progress, Lutie Lytle Black Female Faculty Conference, “*Meeting the ‘New Normal’ – The Law Professor’s Role*” – Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN - July 2015.

Commentator, Lutie Lytle Black Female Faculty Conference, “*The Long Arc of Diversity*” – Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN - July 2015.

Guest Speaker, Edgewater High School, Fellowship of Christian Athletes – April 2015.

Panelist, SESW People of Color Conference, “*Ethics, Professionalism & The Generational Divide*” – NCCU College of Law, Durham, NC - March 2015.

Speaker, “*Black Childhood and Social Media.*” – Freedom from Fear Conference, University of Kentucky Law School, Lexington, KY - November 2014.

Invited Book Reviewer – Wolters Kluwer, *Ethics and Professional Responsibility For Paralegals* – Fall 2014.

Town Hall Invited Speaker, “*Social Media and Ferguson, MO*” – University of Florida College of Law, Gainesville, FL - September 2014.

Commentator and Presenter, “*Social Media’s Impact on the Justice System*” - Lutie Lytle Scholarship Workshop, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI - June 2014.

Symposium Panelist, “*Social Media and Social Justice*” – Pace University Law School, White Plains, NY – March 2014

Commentator and Presenter, “*Law Professor’s Role*”, Clinical Law Review Workshop, New York University Law School, NY, September 2013.

CLE Instructor, “*Ethics and Professionalism*”, National Black Prosecutors Association Conference, Orlando, FL - July 2013.

Presenter, “*Roles and Obligations of a Law Professor*” – Lutie Lytle Conference, University of Nevada College of Law, Las Vegas, NV – June 2013.

Symposium Panelist, “*Social Media, Human Rights & The Law*” – St. Thomas University College of Law, Miami, FL – October 2012.

Presenter, “*Attorney Use of Social Networking Sites During Litigation*”, Lutie Lytle Conference, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MS – June 2012.

Presenter, “*Malpractice and Professionalism*”, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, Washington D.C. – January 2012.

Presenter, “*A New Standard of Care*”, CAPALF/NEPOC Conference, Long Island, NY – November 2011.

Commentator, Clinical Legal Writer’s Workshop – New York University College of Law, NY, NY – September 2011.

Speaker, Teach-In, Jones High School. Orlando, Florida – Fall 2011.

Commentator, Lutie Lytle Conference, Houston, TX – June 2011.

Presenter, “*ABA Accreditation Process,*” SE/SW/MW People of Color Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL - March 2011.

Presenter, “*Standard Lawyer Behavior? Professionalism as an Essential Standard for ABA Accreditation.*” Florida Clinicians’ Conference, Cocoa Beach, FL – October 2010.

Moderator, *Diversity in the Profession*, National People of Color Conference, Newark, NJ – September 2010.

Commentator, National People of Color Conference, NJ – September 2010.

Presenter, “*ABA Accreditation for Professionalism*” Lutie Lytle Black Female Faculty Retreat, Seattle, Washington – June 2009.

Keynote Speaker, Koinina Ministries Women’s Retreat, Apopka, Florida – September 2008.

Keynote Speaker, “*Independence*”, University of Central Florida, Black Female Development Annual Retreat – March 2008.

Speaker, “*Basics to Success in Law School*”, Council for Legal Opportunity, Los Angeles, California – July 2008.

Lecturer, “*Legal Writing*”, Council for Legal Opportunity, Los Angeles, California – July 2006.

Speaker, “*Consumer Issues*”, Wealth Coach Advisors Seminar, Orlando, Florida – March 2007.

Speaker, Teach-In, Ivy Lane Elementary School, Orlando, Florida – Fall 2006.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES:

Guest Speaker, WKMG TV “A Historic Inauguration Day” – Orlando, FL – January 2021.

Speaker, Black News Channel National Launch “Greetings” – Orlando FL - February 2020.

Guest Speaker, WESH/WKCF TV – Orlando, FL – November 2019.

Guest Speaker, Star 94.5 Community Connections Radio Show – Orlando, FL - October 2019.

Guest Speaker, Orange TV Legal Connections – Orlando, FL – September 2019.

Co-Host, “The Pastor Riva Live” Radio Program, Orlando, Florida – Summer 2011.

SELECTED AWARDS/HONORS:

University of Illinois System President’s Executive Leadership Program

Fellow – Honors College, University of Illinois Chicago

Law Review Dedication – Florida A&M University Law Review - Winter 2020 Edition.

Selected “Hooder” for Class of 2015 Annual Hooding Ceremony.

Nominee, FAMU Teaching Innovation Award 2015.

Faculty of the Year, FAMU College of Law, 2014 – 2015 Academic Year.

Noted for “Faculty Distinction” in FAMU College of Law 2014 Annual Report.

Florida Supreme Court Recognition for Outstanding Pro Bono Service, 2014.

Fellow, National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism (NIFTEP) – 2013.

Florida Supreme Court, Silver Pro Bono Award, 2006 – 2011.

Florida Supreme Court, Bronze Pro Bono Award, 2005; 2014.

Spirit of Service Award – Favorite New Faculty, FAMU College of Law, 2004- 2005.

MEMBERSHIPS (PROFESSIONAL):

Chicago Bar Association

Florida Law Schools’ Consortium for Racial Justice – Co-Founder 2020

Florida Bar (Continuing Legal Education Committee)

American Bar Association

Orange County Bar Association

National Bar Association (Treasurer – Law Professor’s Division 2019 – 2021)

Mindfulness in Law Society

Florida Department of Insurance – Certified Instructor
Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity

MEMBERSHIPS (COMMUNITY):

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Fall 1997 – present

: Alpha Beta Sigma Omega Charter Member

- Co-chair Technology Committee
- Bylaws Committee

Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce, 2019 – present

Orlando Economic Partnership, Executive Connection Committee, 2019- present

Majestic Life Ministries, Board of Directors, Oct. 2009 – 2017

: Dance Ministry Leader, June 2010 – 2013

: Dance Ministry Co-Leader, 2013 – 2021

Miracle of Life Foundation, Board of Directors March 2008 – 2016

Jones High School Cheerleading Conditioning Coach – Summer 2014

Orange County Public School Mentor & Volunteer – 2009 - present

Central Florida Gator Alumni – September 1991 – present

University of Florida Black Alumni Association – September 1991 – present University

of Florida Lettermen’s Association – September 1991 – present

LAW RELATED EXPERIENCE:

Zimmerman, Kiser & Sutcliffe, P.A., Orlando, Florida

Attorney

Represented insurance and self-insured companies in all areas of defense of workers’ compensation cases. Involved in all aspects of file management, preparation and representation during discovery process and in all court proceedings. Responsible for acquisition and maintenance of client base. January 2000 – July 2004.

Greater Orlando Area Legal Society, Guardian Ad Litem Program, Orlando, Florida

Guardian Ad Litem

Represented the best interest of minor parties in domestic court matters. Built and maintained relationships with minors and caretakers in order to make informed decisions regarding best interest for representations to court. Attended all court hearings and advised court of recommendations regarding placement and care of minors. August 1998 – 2016.

Drage, deBeaubien, LLP, Orlando

Attorney

Provided telephone consultations and opinion letters to beneficiaries of Prepaid Legal Plan. Conducted research. Provided advice in all areas of Florida law, including but not limited to, worker’s compensation, personal injury, corporate law, family law, criminal law, civil litigation,

contracts, landlord tenant law, real estate law, patent/copyright/trademark law. August 1998 - Dec 1999.

Hurley, Rogner, et. al., Orlando

Attorney

Involved in all aspects of worker's compensation insurance defense. Represented insurance companies in final hearings, settlement hearings, motion hearings, pretrials, mediations, depositions and conferences. Conducted legal research and drafted various legal documents including appellate briefs and trial motions. March 1995 - November 1997.

