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EDUCATION

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL
J.D. *cum laude*, 2005
Special Sections Editor, *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
B.A. *cum laude*, 2001

CLERKSHIP

2005 – 2006 Hon. Nancy G. Edmunds
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024 – Present Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, MI
Interim Director of the Public Defender Clinic

Establishing and running a new clinic focused on closely supervised law student representation of indigent individuals in criminal matters, primarily including preconviction felony appeals in the Michigan Court of Appeals and Michigan Supreme Court. Building partnerships with local public defender offices to help ensure a holistic experience and systemic exposure for students, including opportunities for briefing and oral argument on appeal, interaction with incarcerated clients, strategizing with trial counsel, and appearing in local trial courts on complex motions and other ancillary matters.

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 – 2024 Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System, Lansing, MI
Administrator
- Oversaw the appointment of counsel in over 3,000 felony appeals per year to the State Appellate Defender Office and private assigned counsel. Managed training, support, and oversight for a roster of 170 private attorneys. Handled a caseload of indigent criminal appeals and institutional interests. Implemented new grant-funded projects for delinquency appeals, investigation, mitigation, and re-entry. Secured over \$4.5 million annually in new funding to increase and standardize attorney fees and reform assignment and voucher processes. Drafted several new court rules to ensure access to appellate counsel and the courts.
- 2021 – 2024 Michigan Dept. of Technology, Mgmt., and Budget, Lansing, MI
Legal Services Contract Administrator (part time)
- Oversaw budgets and attorney fee payments for criminal defense legal representation of former state officials and employees.
- 2006 – 2015 Federal Community Defender Office, Detroit, MI
Staff Attorney
- Represented indigent clients in federal courts, specializing in appellate and postconviction litigation.
- 2003 – 2005 Northwestern Law Center on Wrongful Convictions, Chicago, IL
Clinic Student
- 2004 – 2005 Cabrini Green Legal Aid Clinic, Chicago, IL
Clemency Project Volunteer
- 2004 Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, GA
Summer Law Clerk
- 2004 Cook County Public Defender, Homicide Unit, Chicago, IL
Legal Extern

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2001 – 2002 Starr Commonwealth Residential Youth Center, Albion, MI
Youth Treatment Specialist

Provided supervision and treatment of a diverse group of youth adjudicated of delinquency and sex offenses.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Mandatory Sentencing Guidelines By Any Other Name: When “Indeterminate Structured Sentencing” Violates Blakely v. Washington, 57 DRAKE L. REV. 643 (2009) (discussed in *People v. Lockridge*, 870 N.W.2d 502 (Mich. 2015), declaring the Michigan Sentencing Guidelines unconstitutional).

Bringing Reliability Back In: False Confessions and Legal Safeguards in the Twenty-First Century, 2006 WIS. L. REV. 479 (2006) (with Richard A. Leo, Steven A. Drizin, Peter J. Neufeld, and Amy Vatner).

From William Henry Furman to Anthony Porter: The Changing Face of the Death Penalty Debate, 95 J. CRIM. L. & CRIMINOLOGY 371 (2005).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

MAACS and SADO Achieve Significant Amendments to the Michigan Court Rules, CRIMINAL DEFENSE NEWSLETTER, Vol. 44-1 (Oct. 2020).

Looks Matter, MICHIGAN APPELLATE PRACTICE JOURNAL, Vol. 24-1 (Spring 2020).

Big Things and Lemonade Everywhere MICHIGAN APPELLATE PRACTICE JOURNAL, Vol. 24-2 (Summer 2020).

Thinking Outside the Four Corners: How Michigan’s Unique Criminal Appellate Process Promotes Justice Through Factual Development on Direct Appeal, MICHIGAN BAR JOURNAL, Vol. 98 (Sept. 2019).

Ensuring Independence and Quality in a Managed Assigned Counsel System: Lessons Learned in Four Decades of the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System, MICHIGAN BAR JOURNAL, Vol. 98 (Jan. 2019) (with Kathryn R. Swedlow).

Indigent Appellate Defense Reform: MAACS Pilot Project to Standardize Fees and Improve Efficiency, MICHIGAN APPELLATE PRACTICE JOURNAL, Vol. 21 (Fall 2017).

Upgrades in Store for Michigan's Indigent Appellate Defense System, CRIMINAL DEFENSE NEWSLETTER, Vol. 39 (Oct. 2015).

DEFENDER HABEAS BOOK, State Appellate Defender Office (2012-2014 eds.).

A Defendant's Right: Effective Assistance of Counsel During Plea Negotiations, CRIMINAL DEFENSE NEWSLETTER, Vol. 35 (Apr. 2012).

AMICUS BRIEFS

In re USA, 32 F.4th 584 (6th Cir. 2022). Amicus brief in the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan and Federal Community Defender Office for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Robinson v. Horton, 950 F.3d 337 (6th Cir. 2020); 141 S.Ct. 658 (2020). Amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, and Sandra Girard.

In re Ross, 951 N.W.2d 330 (Mich. 2020). Amicus brief in the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of the State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section.

People v. Betts, 968 N.W.2d 497 (Mich. 2021). Amicus brief in the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

People v. Ames, 929 N.W.2d 283 (Mich. 2019). Amicus brief in the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

In re Attorney Fees of Mitch Foster, 941 N.W.2d 711 (Mich. App. 2019). Amicus brief in the Michigan Court of Appeals on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

People v. Steanhouse, 902 N.W.2d 327 (Mich. 2017). Amicus brief in the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

Weaver v. Massachusetts, 528 U.S. 286 (2017). Amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan and four other criminal defense organizations.

Johnson v. United States, 583 Fed. Appx. 503 (6th Cir. 2014); 576 U.S. 1035 (2015). Amicus brief in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan and 20 other criminal defense organizations.

People v. Dunbar, 879 N.W.2d 229 (Mich. 2016). Amicus brief in the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

People v. Lockridge, 870 N.W.2d 502 (Mich. 2015). Amicus brief in the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

People v. White, 828 N.W.2d 329 (Mich. 2013). Amicus brief in the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan and Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth.

People v. Bynum, 852 N.W.2d 570 (Mich. 2014). Amicus brief in the Michigan Supreme Court on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan.

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Joint hearing of the Michigan House Criminal Justice Committee and Senate Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety Committee: Testimony in support of House Bill 4631 to provide representation to youth in delinquency appeals and state funding to support reasonable attorney fees for private appellate assigned counsel (Sept. 2023).

Michigan Senate Judiciary and Public Safety Committee: Testimony on behalf of State Bar of Michigan regarding Senate Bill 895 to revise standards for seeking relief from civil judgments (Sept. 2020).

Michigan Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections and Judiciary: Regular Budget Presentations (2015 – 2023).

Michigan House Appropriations Subcommittee on Judiciary: Regular Budget Presentations (2015 – 2023).

TRAINING AND PRESENTATIONS

Writing for Trial Lawyers, Oakland County Bar Association (Feb. 2024).

Storytelling in Appellate Advocacy, Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (Nov. 2023).

Persuasive Legal Writing, Kent County Bar Association (Nov. 2023).

Leveraging MCR 6.428 to Restore Appellate Rights, State Appellate Defender Office (Oct. 2023).

Using Story to Write a Compelling Statement of Facts, State Appellate Defender Office (Sept. 2023).

State and County Partnerships for Better Appointed Appellate Representation, Michigan Association of Counties (Sept. 2023).

Writing for Trial Defenders, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Aug. 2023).

Transcript Issues for Appellate Counsel, Michigan Electronic Court Reporters Association (Sept. 2023).

Ensuring Independence and Quality for Appellate Assigned Counsel, Michigan Supreme Court Child Protective Legal Representation Task Force (June 2023).

Criminal Justice Issues Affecting Michigan's Latinx Community, Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development (Oct. 2022).

Lessons Learned from the Pandemic, Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference (May 2022).

Court Rule Changes Important for Criminal Appellate Practice, Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference (May 2022).

Unique Challenges of Decentralized Funding, American Bar Association Public Defense Summit (Apr. 2022).

Persuading through Motion, Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (Aug. 2021).

Storytelling in Appellate Advocacy, Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (Apr. 2021)

Persuading through Motion, Colorado Office of Respondent Parents' Counsel (Oct. 2020).

Storytelling for Appellate Lawyers, State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section (Oct. 2019).

Uniform Funding for Private Appellate Assigned Counsel Representation, Michigan State Court Administrative Office (Sept. 2019).

Writing for Trial Lawyers, Washtenaw County Public Defender (June 2019).

Stating the Facts in the Statement of Facts, Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference (Mar. 2019).

The Michigan Appellate Defender Act and MIDC Standard 5 Independence, Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (Feb. 2019).

Improving Quality and Efficiency by Regionalizing the Appellate Assigned Counsel Process, Michigan Association of Counties (Sept. 2018).

Introduction to MAACS and Appointed Appellate Representation, Michigan Upper Peninsula Defender Summit (July 2018).

Writing a Compelling Statement of Facts, National Association for Public Defense (June 2018).

Avoiding Anders and Abandonment, State Appellate Defender Office (Oct. 2017).

High Five Tips for Appellate Practice, State Appellate Defender Office (Oct. 2017)

Introduction to MAACS and Appointed Appellate Representation, Michigan State Court Administrative Office (Sept. 2017).

Appellate Procedure for Incarcerated People, National Lifers of America (July 2017).

The Economics of Court-Appointed Appeals, State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section (Nov. 2016).

Improving Quality and Efficiency by Regionalizing the Appellate Assigned Counsel Process, Michigan State Court Administrative Office (July 2016).

Storytelling in Appellate Advocacy, State Appellate Defender Office (Oct. 2016).

Improving Quality and Efficiency by Regionalizing the Appellate Assigned Counsel Process, Michigan Association of Circuit Court Administrators (May 2015).

Minimum Standards and Common Problems, State Appellate Defender Office (Annual, 2015 – 2023).

Appellate Defense Update, State Appellate Defender Office (Annual, 2015 – 2023).

Appellate Writing Workshop, State Appellate Defender Office (Annual, 2015 – 2023).

Federal Habeas Corpus for Incarcerated People, National Lifers of America (June 2014).

Entrapment, Jurisdictional Entrapment and Sentencing Entrapment, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Mar. 2014).

Federal Habeas Corpus for State Appellate Judges, Michigan Court of Appeals (Sept. 2013).

Federal Habeas Corpus and Implications for State Court Litigation, Michigan Appellate Bench Bar Conference (Apr. 2013).

Defending a Federal Firearms Case, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Mar. 2013).

Reconsidering Mandatory Minimums, Statutory Maximums, and Restitution, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Nov. 2012).

Preserving Appellate Issues: What a Criminal Practitioner Needs to Know about Habeas Corpus, Wayne County Criminal Advocacy Program (Sept. 2012).

Substantive Reasonableness in Sentencing, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Mar. 2012).

Preserving the Record for Federal Habeas, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Nov. 2011).

Sixth Circuit Review, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Mar. 2011).

Supreme Court Review, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Nov. 2010).

Preserving the Record for Appeal, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Mar. 2010).

Avoiding AEDPA, Eastern District of Michigan CJA Panel Training (Nov. 2009).

OPINION AND MEDIA

MSU College of Law opens Public Defender Clinic, DETROIT LEGAL NEWS (Sep. 5, 2024).

Crumbles' sentencing opens door to appeal, MICHIGAN PUBLIC RADIO NETWORK (Apr. 11, 2024).

Hall, Sacks: Ensure kids in justice system have fair representation, DETROIT NEWS (Jan. 24, 2024).

Man who killed pregnant Kent County woman in 1993 gains possibility of parole, MLIVE (June 22, 2023).

Introducing Latino Leaders for the Enhancement of Advocacy and Development, EL CENTRAL HISPANIC NEWS (Mar. 23, 2023).

MAACS and SADO Receive Federal Grant to Launch Juvenile Defense Project, LEGAL NEWS (Dec. 14, 2021).

'04 murder conviction tossed over withheld evidence, DETROIT NEWS (May 15, 2018).

Attorneys get better pay, more oversight in state program, LANSING STATE JOURNAL, (Dec. 5, 2016).

Judge denies murderer's plea attempt, pending U.S. Supreme Court decision, MLIVE (Feb. 26, 2016).

Defense Mechanism: Attorney helps patch up Assigned Counsel System, LEGAL NEWS (May 11, 2015).

Brad Hall on Outrageous Government Conduct, LEGAL NEWS (June 16, 2014).

Computer glitch leads to challenge before Michigan Supreme Court, MICHIGAN RADIO (Dec. 5, 2011).

SERVICE AND INVOLVEMENT

Michigan Supreme Court Child Protective Legal Representation Task Force: Developing a plan to establish a statewide system for the appointment of counsel for children and parents in abuse and neglect proceedings (2023 – Present).

Michigan Legislative Jury Selection Task Force: Co-authored legislation to ensure fairer jury selection processes and new standards to govern the exclusion and removal of jurors based on protected factors (2020 – Present).

Michigan Court Reporting and Recording Board of Review: Resolve complaints and disputes regarding court transcripts and oversee certification and training standards (2018 – Present).

Wayne County Jail COVID-19 Task Force: Worked with Chief Judge and Sheriff to identify appropriate candidates for emergency early release and ensure the appointment of defense counsel in contested cases (2020 – 2021).

State Bar of Michigan Custodial Interrogation Recording Task Force: Co-authored legislation to require the recording of custodial interrogations and implemented pilot programs (2006 – 2012).

State Bar of Michigan Appellate Practice Section (Council Member, 2015 – 2023; Chair, 2019 – 2020).

State Bar of Michigan Criminal Law Section.

Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan (Amicus Curiae Committee Co-Chair and Member).

Hispanic Bar Association of Michigan (Secretary, 2023 – 2024; Vice President, 2024 – 2025).

D. Augustus Straker Minority Bar Association.

Michigan Association for Justice.

Latino Leaders for Enhancement of Advocacy and Development (Metro Detroit Chapter Founder and Co-Chair).

HONORS AND AWARDS

Thomas M. Cooley Law Review: Distinguished Brief Award for Amicus brief on behalf of Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan and Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth in *People v. White*, 828 N.W.2d 329 (2013). Brief published at 30 T.M. COOLEY L. REV. 369 (2013).

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law: Young Alumni Public Service Award (2013).

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law: Charles Cheney Hyde Prize for an Outstanding International Law Essay for *The Complex Realities of the Cuban Criminal Process* (2004).

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law: Len Rubinowitz Public Interest Fellowship (2003).

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law: Arlyn Miner Book Award for Legal Research and Writing (2003).

LICENSURE

State Bar of Michigan (2005).

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2005).

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2006).

U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan (2013).