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Education:

J.D., summa cum laude, Detroit College of Law, n/k/a Michigan State University College of Law
Ph.D. Candidate in Education and Psychology, University of Michigan
M.A., Clinical Psychology, University of Michigan
M.A., with highest distinction in Rehabilitation Administration, Southern Illinois University
B.S., with high distinction and the Honors Program in Psychology, Phi Beta Kappa, Pennsylvania State University

Licenses:

Admitted to practice law by the State Bar of Michigan (P41868); also admitted to practice law in the United States Supreme Court, the federal district courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Michigan and the Northern District of Illinois, the Sixth and Seventh Circuit Courts of Appeals, and the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims
State of Michigan Board of Psychology: Ltd. License to Practice as a Psychologist; I.D. 002741

Significant Employment History:

8/07 - Present: University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
8/13 – Present: Associate Clinical Professor and Director of Veterans Law Clinic
8/09 – 8/13: Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of Veterans Law Clinic
8/07 –7/09: Visiting Clinical Professor
Participated in development and implementation of new Veterans Law Clinic and Project Salute.
Teach courses in Veterans Law, International Dispute Resolution, Torts, and Professional Responsibility. Develop and conduct training programs for pro bono attorneys.
Chair of Law School Strategic Planning Committee; member of Budget Committee, International Programs Committee and Clinical Programs Task Force (2013-14)
Member of Curriculum Committee (2014-15, 2017-18)
Member of Faculty Recruitment Committee (2015-16)
Member of Professional Development Committee (2015-2017, 2018-19 and 2020-present)
Member of Honor Council (2016-present), Chair 2017-2020
Member of Bar Exam Committee (2016-18)
Member of Petitions Committee (2019 – present)
Coach of Veterans Law National Moot Court Team (2013-18 and 2020) (2013, 2014 and 2016 teams won various awards in the competition)

8/07 –12/09: Dykema Gossett PLLC, Of Counsel
2/97 - 7/07: Dykema Gossett PLLC, Member
8/88 - 2/97: Dykema Gossett PLLC, Associate
Chair, Diversity Committee and Pro Bono Committee
Member of Professional Personnel Committee and Recruiting Committee
Litigation Section and International Practice and Insurance Practice Groups; affiliate member of Bankruptcy Group
Practice focused primarily on product liability litigation, commercial litigation, appeals and international litigation and arbitration

8/89 –8/00: Adjunct Professor, Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University
Taught courses in Research Writing and Advocacy, International Law, Discovery and Trial Preparation and Trial Advocacy; advised international moot court teams

9/80 - Present: Consultant psychologist, Michigan Services for the Developmentally Disabled & Cruz Clinic, Livonia, MI

4/85 - 8/88: Director of Psychological Services, Special Tree, Ltd., Romulus, MI
Responsible for overall programming, hiring and supervision of psychology and social work staff, training, budgeting and related administrative duties for agency serving traumatically brain injured or otherwise neurologically impaired individuals

10/16 – Present: Mediator for Wayne County Circuit Court

Significant Professional Achievements and Awards:

Michigan Super Lawyer 2006-09
Martindale-Hubbell Rating: AV Preeminent
DBusiness Top Lawyer (2009)
Michigan State Bar: Member of Board of Commissioners (2005-2014)
Past-President Women Lawyers Association of Michigan
Past-President Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association
Past-President Wayne Center Board of Directors
2014 Catholic Lawyers Society Msgr. Charles J. Malloy Award
2008 Int'l Soc. of Irish-American Lawyers Charles R. Rutherford, Jr. Service Award
2005 Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association President's Award
2002 State Bar of Michigan John W. Cumiskey Award for Pro Bono Service
1998 Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Pro Bono Excellence Award
Dykema Pro Bono Award permanently named Margaret A. Costello Pro Bono Award
Life Fellow of the American Bar Association Foundation
Life Fellow of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association Foundation
Fellow of the Michigan State Bar Foundation

State Bar of Michigan

Member of Bar Journal Committee
Member of Sections on Military & Veterans Law, International Law, and ADR
Chair, Attorney Discipline Board Hearing Panel H

Publications

Claims Procedures, Right to Appeal, and Representation Before the VA, ICLE (11/7/19)

The Evolution of the Detroit Metropolitan Bar Association: Surviving and Adapting for 180 Years, 95(2), Mich. Bar. J. 17 (2016)

Legal Assistance for Veterans---What Can a Lawyer Do?, 94(2) Mich. Bar J. 22 (2015)

Contaminated Water at Camp Lejeune: Is Relief in Sight for Those Affected?, 8 Charleston L.J. 1 (Fall 2014)

Fulfilling the Unfulfilled Promise of Gideon: Litigation as a Viable Strategic Tool, 99(5) Iowa L.J. 1951 (July 2014)

Practical Approaches Toward Globalization of Legal Education (with Cara L. Cunningham & Andrew F. Moore), 92(11) Mich. Bar J. 40 (2013)

Veterans Benefits and the Claims Administration Process, ICLE (available by webinar 8/6/13)

Heroes or Hopeless? Homeless Veterans Caught in a Dysfunctional System, 13(2) J. of Law in Soc. 417 (Winter 2012)

Book Review, *The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan: People, Law & Politics*, by David Gardner Chardavoyne, 91(10) Mich. Bar J. 56 (2012)

Claims Procedures, Right to Appeal, and Representation Before the VA, in “Advising Clients on VA Benefits” (ICLE, 4/22/10)

Methodology is the Key to Exclusion of Expert Testimony: Allgood v. General Motors, W.L.F. Legal Backgrounder Vol. 22 (with Krista L. Lenart) (2007)

Retaining Diversity Through Mentoring: Theory and Practice, Newsletter of Section of Litigation Comm. on Products Liability Litigation, Vol. 18(1) (2007)

Trying Your First Case in Michigan (National Business Institute, 2002)

Basics of Civil Litigation in Michigan for Paralegals and Legal Assistants (Half Moon, L.L.C., 2000)

Use of Engineering Experts in the Automobile Accident Case, in “After the Accident” (ICLE 2/29/2000)

Women in the Legal Profession: You’ve Come a Long Way – Or Have You? 3 Det. C.L. Rev. 909 (1997)

Arguing in the Hague (with Ted T. Amsden), 73 Mich. Bar J. 1094 (1994)