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BAR ADMISSIONS: Ohio, 2010 (0086925) • Arizona, 2013 (030838) • U.S. Supreme Court, 2019

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Cleveland, OH

J.D., cum laude, May, 2010

Honors: Dean's Honor List • Four-Time CALI Award Recipient • 3-year Leadership Scholar Award

Smith College

Northampton, MA

B.A. in Government/Environmental Science and Policy, 2005

EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, ROGERS COLLEGE OF LAW

Tucson, AZ

Part Time Professor of Practice and Criminal Defense Clinic Director

September 2017- present

Direction and administrative management of a hybrid criminal defense clinic. Curriculum development and weekly instruction in the area of criminal defense theory and practice. Oversight and support of individual supervising attorneys and their student practitioners.

PIMA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Tucson, AZ

Chief Assistant Public Defender

May 2022- present

Supervising Attorney, Adult Criminal Defender Unit

July 2021- May 2022

Attorney, Adult Criminal Defender and Capital Units

December 2014-July 2021

Currently: Provision of administrative, strategic, procedural, structural, and educational support for and development of the second largest indigent defense agency in Arizona. Focused on enhancing the delivery of the 6th Amendment's guarantees through outstanding indigent defense and holistic representation of our clients and via creative and comprehensive support for and development of indigent defense attorneys, social workers, and all supporting staff of the agency.

Prior to 2022: Representation of indigent defendants before the Pima County Superior Court at all felony levels, including capital crimes, and Sexually Violent Persons (SVP) cases, and before Arizona appellate courts in criminal appeals. Direct supervision of 8 felony trial attorneys and their staff beginning in July 2021. Management and direction of the internal Police Conduct Review Committee. Extensive in-house and statewide teaching/training on various legal and technical issues. Participation in community education outreach efforts on various legal issues. Member of a BJA Sixth Amendment Training and Technical Assistance Grant planning committee (2017-2020).

THE ARIZONA CAPITAL REPRESENTATION PROJECT

Tucson, AZ

Consultant

November 2014-December 2014

Legal consultant providing training, strategy, and litigation assistance for indigent capital defendants and their counsel.

KUYKENDALL & ASSOCIATES

Tucson, AZ

Associate Attorney

May 2013-November 2014

Primarily served the Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program through the provision of extensive and aggressive trial and appellate litigation support for Mexican nationals charged with or convicted of capital crimes in the U.S.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT COURT OF APPEALS

Warren, Ohio

Judicial Attorney to Judge Mary Jane Trapp

April 2011-February 2013

Research, review, and drafting of appellate court opinions, including original actions; management of motions and issuance of decisions thereon. Collaboration with judge on a variety of projects and issues.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Ohio

Legal Fellow, Education Division

September 2010- April 2011

Research and writing in the areas of education, special education and disability law; participation and client representation in expulsion hearings, IEP meetings, Due Process proceedings, and court proceedings. Community education outreach.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Cleveland, Ohio

Law Clerk, Municipal Division

January 2010- May 2010

Drafted motions and internal memoranda; conducted research and discovery; filed pleadings/motions; assisted attorneys with court/trial preparation and at court proceedings/trial; argued motions and represented clients before the court.

FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Legal Extern/Pro-Bono Practitioner, Capital Habeas Unit

Significant research and writing, including the drafting of motions, responses and habeas traverse claims; case management and evidence review; hearing attendance, including U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments and Ohio Parole Board clemency hearings; visit inmates at state penitentiaries for counseling and investigational purposes. Continued association with the office in a *pro bono* capacity through 2019, pursuing state-court exhaustion on behalf of federal capital habeas clients.

Cleveland, OH

August 2009 – January 2019

UN INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL TRIBUNAL FOR RWANDA

Legal Intern

Clerked in Trial Chambers III of the UNICTR; conducted legal research and writing, drafted decisions, attended trial and undertook a special case management project for the President of the Court.

Arusha, Tanzania

May 2009 – August 2009

SKILLS, AWARDS, INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES

- Pro bono counsel as to state court litigation for Ohio death row inmates Danny Lee Hill and Scott Group
- Recipient of the Arizona Public Defender Association 2016 Rising Star Award
- Volunteer Advocate with the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, September 2007-2013 (individual recipient of the 2010 United Way of Greater Cleveland Spotlight Volunteer Award)
- Smith College Club of Tucson – Alumni Admissions Coordinator
- Proficient in French & Spanish; formal instruction in Czech & Swahili; basic Hebrew & Bosnian/Serbo-Croatian
- Ethnographic and socio-political reading, NPR, international travel/service, running, yoga and horseback riding

List of CLE's taught and presentations made available upon request