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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Educational Legislative Expert with 20+ years of professional, teaching and advocacy contributions. Passion for guiding and collaborating with professionals about how to manage the landscape of human demographic differences to ensure cultural diversity of thought and leadership.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oklahoma City University School of Law	Oklahoma City, OK
<i>The Constance Baker Motley Professor of Law</i>	2014 – Present
<i>Professor of Law (Tenured)</i>	2003 – Present

Courses:

Civil Practice & Procedure I and II, Implicit Bias and the Law, Corporations, Non Profit Organizations, Administrative Law, Caribbean Countries and Global Financial Regulation (Cayman Islands), Securities Regulation, Introduction to International Securities Laws (Tianjin China), Securities Litigation and Enforcement (US and London), Seminar on Securities Litigation and Enforcement, American Legal History (approached from a race perspective), Introduction to Legal Analysis, and Professional Responsibility

Our Work	Oklahoma City, OK
<i>Co-Founder</i>	2020 – Present

- Assess, develop and facilitate individual and group trainings on the topics of race, racial trauma, employee engagement, diversity, inclusion, and belonging (approx. 20-200 attendees with 2-25 Executives)
- Develop coaching strategies to encourage targeted growth and development (private and confidential sessions)

Oklahoma Center for Non-profits	Oklahoma City, OK
<i>Trainer</i>	2007 – Present

- Facilitate training for non-profit leaders in accordance with the National Standards for Excellence in the areas of Financial & Legal Standards and Human Resources Standards (approx. 40-50 attendees with 20-30 Executives)
- Conduct training on non-profit advocacy, in order to provide insight into the legislative process and funding risks

Oklahoma Department of Securities	Oklahoma City, OK
<i>Hearing Officer</i>	2006 – Present

- Adjudicated disputes, advised counsel and litigants, as well as applied state laws and department rules
- Determined the sufficiency of allegations made by the Oklahoma Department of Securities. Ruled on admissibility of evidence and settled discovery disputes between parties

Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Dispute Resolution (FINRA)	New York, NY
<i>Arbitrator</i>	2002 – 2007

- Served FINRA, formerly the NASD, as third party neutral on 3 person arbitration panels. Topics included Employment and Business Disputes within the industry, as well as a wide variety of investment disputes involving stocks, bonds, options, mutual funds and other types of securities

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company	New York, NY
Law Department, Individual Business Section	2001 - 2003

Counsel

- Advised business clients in the process of developing new variable annuity products. Ensured that variable annuity products were registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and were in compliance with the Investment Company Act of 1940. Assisted with creating a structure to roll out new private investment products

- Advised institutional and individual business clients on legal matters. Negotiated sales, service and participation agreements with outside funds for broker dealers and mutual funds

Law Department, Mutual Fund Unit
Counsel

New York, NY
 2000 - 2001

- Served as Secretary to the Metropolitan Series Fund, Inc., drafted legal opinions, Rule 12b-1 and Rule 18f-3 Plans, Articles Supplementary, and Meeting Minutes
- Ensured the mutual funds underlying MetLife's variable life and annuity products were registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and were in compliance with the Investment Company Act of 1940

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
 Division of Enforcement
Branch Chief

New York, NY
 1998 - 2000

- Supervised staff attorneys who investigated and prosecuted violations of the Federal securities laws. Managed the progress of active enforcement cases
- Trained attorneys in the following areas: the Federal securities laws, Commission policy and procedure, writing, investigations, litigation and ethics
- Cases centered on violations of the Federal securities laws, including insider trading, fraudulent offerings, market manipulation, suitability, failure to register, disclosure, private placements, Rule 144, and various topics related to the NYSE and MRSB Rules
- Planned and conducted civil discovery. Participated in all phases of pre-trial litigation and conducted settlement negotiations. Drafted pleadings, discovery motions, pre-trial briefs and settlement documents

Senior Counsel

1997 - 1998

Staff Attorney

1994 - 1997

EDUCATION

George Washington University, *Juris Doctor*

Washington, DC

- Clinical Experience: Small Business, Consumer Mediation, and Bankruptcy
- Activities: Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity International, Black Law Students' Association

Tulane University, *First Year Law Student*

New Orleans, LA

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Bachelor of Arts, African American Studies

- Studied Abroad at the University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria
- Member, University Nominations and Elections Committee

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

- Semester at Sea Study Abroad Program, visited and studied in: Bahamas, Morocco, Turkey, the former Yugoslavia, the former U.S.S.R., Egypt, India, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Japan

CERTIFICATIONS AND BAR ADMISSIONS

- Intercultural Development Inventory Qualified Administrator, IDI, Inc., 2020
- Diversity and Inclusion Certificate, Cornell University, ILR School, 2020
- Certified Diversity Professional, Diversity Training University International (DTUI), 2016
- State of New York, and Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, 1995

Ithaca, New York