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Experience

Professor of Practice and Legal Writing Specialist, University of Mississippi School of Law

Employed by the law school since 2001. Teach two sections of legal writing each semester. Developed and taught: interviewing and counseling; federal criminal sentencing; and capital punishment.

Adjunct Professor, Tougaloo College

Taught Advanced Legal Writing during the spring semesters of 2020 and 2021.

Public Service Lawyering

2001-present

Currently representing a client in satellite post-conviction litigation challenging a conviction used as an aggravating circumstance in the client's capital murder trial.

Ghostwrote a trial brief and an appeals brief for the Office of the Federal Public Defender in the Northern District of Mississippi. The defendant was ultimately denied relief.

Currently representing a client in post-conviction proceedings in Chickasaw County, Mississippi, challenging his sentence to life without parole as a juvenile.

Currently representing a client in federal post-conviction challenges to a conviction for bank robbery. Robert Hauberg, Jr., with Baker Donaldson, is co-counsel.

Appointed special master to assess damages in a series of actions brought under the Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act for damages suffered by individuals because of embassy bombings in North Africa. The district court's opinions incorporating the assessments are reported at *Wamai v. Republic of Sudan*, 60 F. Supp. 3d 84 (D.D.C. 2014) and *Opati v. Republic of Sudan*, 60 F. Supp. 3d 68 (D.D.C. 2014).

For the benefit of the Office of the Federal Public Defender in the Northern District of Mississippi (and together with two law students earning credit for a Selected Legal Topics skills class), represented a client in post-trial proceedings. The matter was ultimately resolved by agreement.

For the benefit of the Hinds County Public Defender's Office, filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court on behalf of a client.

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Represented a capital defendant in all state post-conviction and federal habeas proceedings. The case ended with the federal district court's reversal of the death sentence.

Represented a capital defendant in all state post-conviction and federal habeas proceedings. The case ended with the client's execution.

At the Honorable Glen H. Davidson's request, represented a federal criminal defendant on direct appeal and in post-conviction proceedings.

Director, Mississippi Office of Capital Post-conviction Counsel

1999-2001

Started and directed three-attorney public defender office. Represented death row inmates in state post-conviction proceedings.

Law Firms

1988-1999

- Rutherford Williams, PLLC, partner
- Dunbar Williams, PLLC, partner
- Holcomb Dunbar, PLLC, associate
- Alston, Rutherford, Tardy & Van Slyke, associate
 - Employed by or partner in firms engaged primarily in commercial litigation and complex civil defense. Matters litigated included federal antitrust claims, RICO claims, claims under the Commodities Exchange Act, partnership dissolutions, and federal bank and wire fraud claims.

Memberships

Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Licensure

United States Supreme Court; United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi; United States District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi; all state courts in the State of Mississippi

Education

University of Mississippi School of Law — J.D., 1988; with honors

- Editor-in-chief, MISSISSIPPI LAW JOURNAL, 1987-88

University of Texas — B.B.A. in Accounting, 1983; with honors