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EXPERIENCE:

UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF LAW, Oxford, MS, 2007-present

Director, Mississippi Innocence Project & Associate Professor

The Mississippi Innocence Project identifies, investigates and litigates viable claims of innocence for Mississippi state prisoners serving significant periods of incarceration. The Project also engages in criminal justice reform, primarily in the areas of DNA legislation, exoneree compensation and training for law enforcement and attorneys who prosecute and defend indigent clients charged with violent crimes. The Project also houses a legal clinic, which offers to second and third-year law students the opportunity to engage in substantive study of the issues surrounding the causes of and solutions to wrongful convictions, and the experience of representing clients whose cases the Project has identified as meritorious.

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C., 2005 – 2007

Visiting Professor of Law, Criminal Justice Clinic and E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship Program, 2005-07

The Clinic provides third-year students actual experience representing misdemeanants in D.C. Superior Court and, additionally, provides eight post-graduate fellowships to new attorneys who seek close training and supervision in becoming public defenders. As visiting professor assumed responsibility for all aspects of teaching and administrating the Criminal Justice Clinic. Duties included: weekly lectures on criminal law, criminal procedure, trial skills training, ethics, interviewing and counseling, and other aspects of client representation; supervising students and fellows in day to day case management, court appearances, and bench and jury trials; hiring; and clinic administration.

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1999 – 2005

Staff and Supervising Attorney, Trial Division

As trial attorney tried and/or supervised more than sixty trials in D.C. Superior Court, including armed robbery, narcotics distribution, sex offense, attempted murder, homicide and homicide conspiracy cases. Supervised junior attorneys and aided in training, and developing of training curricula for defenders and local practitioners.

E. BARRETT PRETTYMAN FELLOW, Georgetown University Law Center, 1997 – 1999

Staff and Supervising Attorney

Represented indigent clients in criminal cases in D.C. Superior Court during first year of fellowship, and thereafter assumed responsibility for the supervision of third-year law students in the Law Center's Criminal Justice Clinic as they represented defendants in misdemeanor proceedings.

EDUCATION:

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, D.C., 1997 – 1999

E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow, Staff and Supervising Attorney
Two-year post-graduate fellowship in Criminal Defense Advocacy

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF LAW, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1994 – 97

J.D., *summa cum laude*.

Honors: Order of the Coif; Dean's Citation for Superior Service; 1997 Tennessee Law Student Volunteer of Year;
Don T. Edwards 1996 Alliance for Justice Constitutional Liberty Award, American University Law School, Washington, D.C.

HOLLINS COLLEGE, Roanoke, Virginia, 1990
M.A., English/Creative Writing.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1989
B.A., English.

PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER PROJECTS:

BOOKS & MANUALS: *State of Mississippi, 2008 DNA Task Force Report*
<http://archive.clarionledger.com/assets/pdf/D0124061129.PDF>

Manual on Recurring Problems in Criminal Trials, Sixth Edition. A resource manual for federal criminal trial judges published by the Federal Judicial Center, Washington, D.C. (available November 2010 as a print edition and as an e-book from Federal Judicial Center)

Innocence Network: Ethics and Best Practices Guide for Innocence Project Practitioners

“How Can You Defend Those People?” chapter in *How CAN YOU REPRESENT THOSE PEOPLE?* (Abbe Smith & Monroe H. Freedman eds., New York: Palgrave Macmillan 2013)

The Cadaver King and the Country Dentist: A True Story of Injustice in the American South, with Radley Balko, forthcoming, Public Affairs/Hachette, Spring 2018.

FILMS: *Mississippi Innocence*, feature-length documentary co-produced with Joe York, University of Mississippi Center for Media and Documentary Studies:
<http://mississippiinnocencefilm.com/>

ARTICLES: ‘A House Divided’: A Response to Professor Abbe Smith’s *In Praise of the Guilty Project: A Criminal Defense Lawyer’s Growing Anxiety about Innocence Projects*, 15 U. Penn. J. L. Soc. Change 1 (2012)

Counseling Conscience, 10 Ohio St. J. Crim. L. 191 (2012)

CSI Mississippi: The Cautionary Take of Mississippi’s Medico-Legal History, 82 Miss. L.J. 1271 (2013)

Mississippi Innocence: The Convictions and Exonerations of Levon Brooks and Kennedy Brewer and the Failure of the American Promise, 28 Geo. J. Legal Ethics 123 (2014)

The Shifted Paradigm: Forensic Science’s Evolution from Magic to Law, co-authored with Chris Fabricant of the Innocence Project, 4 Virginia Journal of Criminal Law 1 (2015).

OP-ED: “Ensure Fair ‘Justice’” Jackson Clarion Ledger, October, 2009.

“DNA Testing System,” Jackson Clarion Ledger, January, 2008

LEGISLATION & PUBLIC POLICY:

Mississippi DNA Task Force, 2008.
Legislation at <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2008/pdf/SB/2600-2699/SB2619SG.pdf>

Post-conviction DNA Testing, 2009.

Legislation at <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2009/pdf/SB/2700-2799/SB2709SG.pdf>

Wrongful Conviction Compensation, 2009.

Legislation at <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2009/pdf/SB/3000-3099/SB3024SG.pdf>

State Medical Examiner Reorganization, 2011.

Legislation at <http://billstatus.ls.state.ms.us/documents/2011/html/SB/2400-2499/SB2435SG.htm>

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Book Tour Readings/Events: Square Books, Oxford, MS; Lemuria Books, Jackson, MS; Parnassus Books, Nashville, TN; CATO Institute, Washington, DC; McNally Jackson Books, New York, NY; Politics & Prose, Washington, DC; Overby Center for Southern Journalism & Politics, Spring 2018.

The Hardest Questions Today: A Conversation in Honor of Monroe Freedman, American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference, New York City, 2016

Panelist, ABA Judicial Section, The Role of the Courts in Improving Forensic Science, Northwestern School of Law, Chicago, IL, April 2015

Panelist, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia in the Academy, Georgetown Law Center, November 7-8, 2014

Panelist, The Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics Symposium, Race and Access to the Justice System, March, 2014

Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze, Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics, Fordham University Law School, 2015

Criminal Justice Ethics Schmooze, Cardozo Law School, 2016

“How Can You Represent Those People?” Roundtable Discussion, Hofstra Law School, October, 2013

“How Can You Represent Those People?” Symposium/Panel, Northwestern Law School, Chicago, IL, November, 2013

"The Echo Chamber": The Disparate Treatment of Expert Testimony in Mississippi Criminal and Civil Cases, Mississippi Association for Justice Annual Meeting, Crystal Springs, MS, March 2013

Pre-Trial and Post-Conviction Bite Mark Litigation, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Conference, Evolving Science and Faulty Forensics, Charlotte, N.C., April, 2012

'Vessels of Wrath Fit for Destruction: A Multi-Media Narrative Approach to Teaching About the Convictions and Exonerations of Levon Brooks and Kennedy Brewer, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Denver, Colorado, July, 2011

The E. Barrett Prettyman Program: A Reminiscence, 50th Anniversary Celebration, E. Barrett Prettyman Fellowship Program, Washington, D.C., June, 2011

Power Dynamics in the Mississippi Delta: Using "Mississippi Innocence" as a Teaching Tool, Teach for America Delta Teacher Corps Training, Cleveland, MS, June, 2011

Ethics and Best Practices of Innocence Work, National Innocence Project Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, April, 2011

Defender's Initiative Defenders' Conference, Seattle University School of Law, videoconference, February 23, 2011, organizer and panelist for “The Shaky Implementation of the Right to Counsel in Misdemeanor Courts and How Diversion Can Help”

Changes to Mississippi's Post-Conviction Statute: DNA and Innocence, Mississippi Supreme Court CLE, September, 2010

Commonwealth v. Roy Smith Circa 2009: How Do We Reconcile Race-Based Defense Theory with Ethical Jury Selection? Mississippi Bar Litigation Section CLE, January 2009, April, 2010

Ethics and Best Practices of Innocence Work, National Innocence Project Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, March, 2010

Legislative Committee Testimony, Mississippi Senate Judiciary Committee A, February, 2010

Mississippi Innocence Project, Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus, January, 2010

A Day of DNA, Mississippi Public Defender Fall Training Conference, Biloxi, MS, 2009

How Innocent People Get Convicted, Mississippi Public Defender Spring Training Conference, Tunica, MS, April, 2008

Legislative Committee Testimony, Mississippi Senate Judiciary Committee B, January, 2008

Unreliable Evidence: Lessons Learned from the Innocence Project, Mississippi Capital Defense Conference, Oxford, MS, January 2008

Colloquium, *Sweet Home Alabama: The Possibility for a Responsible Dialogue on Prisoners' Rights in the Land of Chain Gangs*, Suffolk University School of Law, Boston, MA. Winter, 1996.

BAR ADMISSIONS:

District of Columbia (inactive); Mississippi State and federal Courts; United States Supreme Court

MEMBERSHIPS:

Board Member, Innocence Network, 2009-present

Chairman, Innocence Network Committee on Best Practices and Ethics, 2010-present

Faculty Member, Gideon's Promise (formerly Southern Public Defender Training Center) 2008, 2009, 2010

American Law Institute, Advisor Model Penal Code: Sexual Assault and Related Offenses

American Law Institute Member