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EDUCATION

LL.M., Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY, 1991

Juris Doctor, University of Mississippi School of Law, 1982; Mississippi Law Journal; Phi Delta Phi Award (faculty award to outstanding graduate); class rank: 5th.

Bachelor of Science, Political Science, Mississippi College, 1979; Graduated with High Honors; “Outstanding Pre-Law Graduate” award; Vice-President, Student Government Association; Harry S. Truman Scholar, 1977-81 (Mississippi’s first Truman Scholar).

WORK EXPERIENCE

President and University Professor, Texas Wesleyan University; January 2011 to present. Chief Executive Officer of comprehensive national university with traditional pre-professional liberal arts undergraduate programs and graduate degrees. Responsible for supervision of academic, financial, and administrative functions as well as all relationships with the 40-member Board of Trustees and external constituencies. Doubled endowment; reduced long term debt by 20%; tripled applications and increased overall enrollment by 11%; increased U.S. Department of Education “Financial Responsibility Composite Score” from 0.6 to 3.0 (the highest score possible); improved U.S. News Ranking from 71st to 49th among Regional Universities in the West (2011-19); U.S. News Ranking as National University (2019-present).

Chief Executive Officer and Executive Secretary, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation; June 2006 – December 2010. Chief Executive Officer of national federal government foundation to select and support exceptional college students committed to careers in public service. Responsible for selection process and all programming of national scholarship and financial management of \$55m trust fund. Also responsible for relationships with Board of Trustees (appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate), the U.S. Congress, and the Office of Management and Budget.

Dean and Professor of Law, Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas, June 2003 – June 2006; Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law, June 2006 – 2013. Chief executive and academic officer of 660-student law school with full-time and part-time programs. Led successful \$3m capital campaign to renovate and expand law school facility. Reduced student / faculty ratio from 24.5:1 to 17:1. Increased applicant pool 55% (at a time LSAT national test takers declined by 8%) and LSAT median of entering class from the 50th percentile of national test takers to the 66th percentile.

Vice Dean and Professor of Law, Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, Florida, July 2002 – June 2003; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, July 2001 – June 2002. Responsible for coordinating academic program and compliance with ABA accreditations standards for 600-student law school with full-time and part-time programs. Overall administrative supervision and budget preparation for faculty academic support and offices of Registrar, Financial Aid, Admissions, and Career Services. Led successful strategic planning and implementation effort to achieve full ABA approval.

Interim Dean and Associate Professor of Law, Whittier Law School, Costa Mesa, California, June 2000 – June 2001; Associate Dean, 1995 – 2000; Assistant Professor of Law, 1998-2000; Associate Professor 2000-2001. Interim Chief Executive Officer of 650-student law school with full-time and part-time programs. Overall administrative supervision and budget preparation for faculty academic support and the offices of Business and Human Resources; Facilities Management; Registrar; Financial Aid; Admissions; and Career Services.

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Congressional Relations and Counsel to Mike Espy, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1993-95. Presidential appointment with U.S. Senate confirmation. Primary responsibility for all legislative activity related to issues under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Also responsible for relationships between the White House and the Department and the management of Presidential initiatives under the jurisdiction of the Department. As Counsel to Secretary Mike Espy, served in the role of chief of staff of 90,000-employee organization.

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Mississippi College School of Law, Jackson, Mississippi, June 1991 – October 1993; Assistant Professor of Law, 1992 – 1993. Responsible for coordinating academic program and compliance with ABA accreditation standards for 350-student law school. Coordinated first ABA sabbatical inspection and co-authored ABA self-study. Also responsible for student issues relating to academic standards. Supervised Assistant Dean for Student Services including admissions, career services, financial aid, facilities management and registration process.

Deputy Director / General Counsel, John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development, Starkville, Mississippi, 1989 – 90. Drafted

legislation creating the Center and all regulations for the initial phase of operations. Responsible for financial management of \$7.5 million trust fund and for creation and supervision of training programs for public employees at the federal, state and local level.

Legislative Counsel, United States Senator John C. Stennis, Washington, D.C., 1987-89. Legislative assistant and legal counsel to the President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate.

Administrative Assistant, Governor William A. Allain, 1986-87. Primary responsibility for issues including the reform of the state constitution, civil rights, and minority business development.

Executive Director, Mississippi Democratic Party, Jackson, Mississippi, 1985-86. Primary administrative and strategic supervision of staff, financial, state and federal campaign finance reporting and organizational activities during election cycle that resulted in the election of Mike Espy as the first African-American to Congress from Mississippi since Reconstruction.

Associate Attorney, Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, Attorneys at Law, Washington, D.C., 1983-85. General business policy and regulatory practice with emphasis in the areas of public utility regulation, immigration, and federal campaign finance.

Law Clerk, Chief Judge William C. Keady, United States District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, Greenville, Mississippi, 1982-83.

PUBLICATIONS

THE CONSTITUTION AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM, AN ANTHOLOGY, (Frederick G. Slabach, ed., second edition 2006)(Carolina Academic Press).

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND REPRESENTATION: SHAW V. RENO AND THE FUTURE OF VOTING RIGHTS (Anthony A. Peacock, ed., 1997)(Carolina Academic Press)(Contributing Author).

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AFRICAN AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS (Lowery & Marszalek, eds., 1991)(Greenwood Press)(Contributing Author).

Race, Retrogression and Redistricting in Mississippi after the 2000 Census, 68 MISS. L. J. 81 (1998).

Equal Justice: Applying the Voting Rights Act to Judicial Elections, 62 CINN. L. REV. 823 (1994).

Note, Civil Rights—Section 1983—Municipal Corporation is Not Entitled To Qualified Immunity for Good Faith Violations by Its Officials, 51 Miss. L.J. 139 (1980).

The Mississippi Republican Party, Critical Election Years, 1967-1978, Honors Thesis, Mississippi College Leland Speed Library Collection (1979).

COURSES TAUGHT

LAW SCHOOL—Constitutional Law, Legal Process, Professional Responsibility, Constitutional Law Seminar (Campaign Finance Reform), Professional Responsibility Seminar.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOOL—Mass Media Law, Business Law, American Government, History of Democracy.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Board of Directors, National Association of American Schools, Colleges and Universities (2015 – present; Chair 2021-22, Immediate Past Chair 2022-23)

Executive Committee/Treasurer, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation (2011 – present).

Board of Directors, Texas United Methodist College Association (2011-present; Chair 2014-15; 2022-23)

Board of Directors, Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas (2014 – present)(Chair 2020-22, Immediate Past Chair, 2022-24)

Board of Directors, Southeast Fort Worth, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas, economic development non-profit (2015-present).

Board of Directors Renaissance Heights United, Fort Worth, Texas, economic development non-profit (2014-present; Chair 2018-19; Vice Chair 2017-18).

Board of Directors, Development Corporation of Tarrant County, Fort Worth, Texas, economic development non-profit (2003-2006; 2011-present, Chairman: 2015-19).

Master of the Bench, Eldon B. Mahon Inn of Court, Fort Worth, Texas (2003-06; 2011-13; Emeritus 2013-present).

Government Relations Committee, ABA Section on Legal Education, Chicago, Illinois, (2003 – 2009).

Lovettsville Elementary School Improvement Team, Fall, 2008.

Accreditation Sabbatical Inspection Teams, American Bar Association Section on Legal Education (1995-2006).

Board of Directors, Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth, Fort Worth, Texas (2004-06).

Board of Directors, Casa Manana Musicals, Inc., Fort Worth, Texas (2003-06; 2011-13).

Advisory Board, Our Mother of Mercy School, Fort Worth, Texas (2003-06).

Master of the Bench, Hunt / Ball Inn of Court, Long Beach, CA (1998-2000).

Board of Directors, Central Mississippi Legal Services Corporation (1992-93).

Board of Directors, Young Lawyers Division, Mississippi Bar Association (1992-93).

Chair, Minority Involvement Committee, Young Lawyers Division, Mississippi Bar Association (1992-93).

Chair, Conference on the Future of the Profession, Mississippi Bar Association (1992-93).

AWARDS

2019 Chief Executive Leadership Award, CASE (Council for Advancement and Support of Education) District IV (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas)

2006 Inducted into the National Black Law Students Association Hall of Fame.

2003 Stevens Award, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, Washington, D.C.

1995 Elmer B. Staats Public Service Award, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, Washington, D.C.