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**EXPERIENCE**

**UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE, SCHOOL OF LAW**

July 2006-Present

Professor of Law (Tenured)

- Courses: Civil Procedure, Election Law Seminar, Appellate Advocacy, Critical Legal Theory, includes Feminist Legal Theory, Critical Race Theory and Jurisprudence;
- Chair, Association of American Law Schools, Civil Rights Section, January 2016 to January 2017; Executive Board Member, Association of American Law Schools (AALS), Civil Rights Section, January 2009-Present; Member, AALS Election Law and Minority Law Professors Section(s);
- Advisor, American Constitution Society; Chair, Student Life Committee; Member, Academic Student Services, Promotion and Tenure, Faculty Appointments Committee, Externship Director Committee; Member, University of Baltimore Academic Policy Committee;
- Research Interests: Election Law, Voting Rights, Race, Critical Race Theory, Law and Democracy, Civil Rights, Human Rights.

**ADVANCEMENT PROJECT**

Director of Litigation

July 2017-Present

Litigation Consultant

June 2016-June 2017

Provide legal and strategic advice and assistance to the Advancement Project's Voter Protection Program (VPP), School to Jail (STJ), Right to Vote (RTV), Opportunity to Learn (OTL) and Justice Project (JP) teams;

- Manage litigation matters, case development, investigations, and research;
- Advise and assist on various matters including strategic and programmatic development;
- Drafted and conducted a Litigation Assessment Survey and used the results to develop training programs and materials;
- Work with administrative staff to develop a case management and organizational systems for filing and litigation.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, VOTING SECTION**

Deputy Chief

July 2000-June 2006

Staff Attorney

January 1995-March 1998

- Supervised litigation attorneys, paralegals, and other support staff in the enforcement of the federal Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act and other federal voting rights laws
- Led groundbreaking litigation under the Voting Rights Act, including Section 2 districting cases, minority language enforcement under Sections 4(e), 203 and 208, and the National Voter Registration Act
- Directed all phases of discovery and conducted settlement negotiations
- Enforced language minority provision enforcement under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act
- Reviewed complex submissions under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act
- Participated in administrative and policy decisions
- Represented the Department of Justice at various national, regional and state conferences

- Developed attorney and paralegal training materials
- Supervised the section's responses to Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests
- Supervised the creation of an interactive database to retrieve briefs and other litigation documents
- Trained federal election observers to monitor Election Day process, including but not limited to, assistance, language requirements, adherence to state and federal voting laws.

## **LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT**

### Staff Attorney

April 1998-June 2000

- Litigated violations of the Voting Rights Act, primarily Section 2 districting cases and National Voter Registration Act, on the federal trial and appellate levels.
- Conducted all phases of discovery and negotiated agreements.
- Monitored and commented on federal enforcement of statutory and regulatory protections of voting rights.
- Participated in public policy advocacy on Capitol Hill, including formulating legislation on felon disenfranchisement and other voting rights issues.

## **EDUCATION**

### **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

#### Juris Doctorate

- Root-Tilden-Snow Scholar
- Earl Warren Legal Training Scholarship
- Vanderbilt Medal for Service and Leadership
- New York State Trial Lawyers Association Thurgood Marshall Scholarship
- National Chairperson, National Black Law Students Association (1989-1990)
- Member, National Bar Association Board of Governors (1989-1990)

**GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY**, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science with honors.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book(s)**

*UNCOUNTED: The Crisis of Voter Suppression in America* (NYU Press, 2020).

### **Law Review Articles**

*Democracy's Destiny*, forthcoming California Law Review (2021)

*Voting Realism*, 104 Ky. L.J. 583 (2016).

*Unfinished Business: The Continuing Need for the Voting Rights Act*, 81 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 6 (2013).

*Senator Edward Kennedy: A Lion for Voting Rights*, 14 N.Y.U. J. Legis. & Pub. Policy 415 (2011).

*Racial Redistricting in a Post-Racial World*, 32 Cardozo L. Rev. 947 (2011).

*Outsourcing Democracy: Redefining the Public Private Partnership in Election Administration*, 88 DENV. U. L. REV. 1 (2010).

*Voter Deception*, 43 Indiana L. Rev. 343 (2010). *A Vote Delayed Is A Vote Denied: A Proactive Approach to Eliminating Election Administration Legislation that Disenfranchises Unwanted Voters*, 47 U. Louisville L. Rev. 57 (2008).

*A Vote Delayed Is A Vote Denied: A Proactive Approach to Eliminating Election Administration Legislation that Disenfranchises Unwanted Voters*, 47 U. Louisville L. Rev. 57 (2008).

### **Other Select Writings**

*We Vote, We Count! The Need for Congressional Action to Secure the Right to Vote for All Citizens* (2019) found at <https://advancementproject.org/resources/wevotewecount/>

*Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute: To Vote, or Not to Vote: That is the Question*. American Constitution Society Supreme Court Review 2017-2018.

Co-Author, *The Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2014: A Constitutional Response to Shelby County*, American Constitution Society, May 8, 2014, found at <https://www.acslaw.org/publications/issue-briefs/the-voting-rights-amendment-act-of-2014-a-constitutional-response-to>.

*Lining Up: Ensuring Equal Access to the Right to Vote*, Joint Report written for Advancement Project and Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, August 24, 2013, found at [http://b.3cdn.net/advancement/666cb8d8d9d4a9a169\\_kxm6yslwk.pdf](http://b.3cdn.net/advancement/666cb8d8d9d4a9a169_kxm6yslwk.pdf).

### **LITIGATION (partial list)**

*Augusta Sandino Christian NAMPHY, Dream Defenders, New Florida Majority, Organize Florida, and Florida Immigrant Coalition, Plaintiffs, v. Ron DESANTIS, in his official capacity as Governor of the State of Florida, and Laurel M. Lee, in her official capacity as Florida Secretary of State, Defendants.*, 2020 WL 5913808 (N.D.Fla.)

*Dream Defenders v. DeSantis*, N.D. Fla., Tallahassee Division (settled July 2020)

Counsel of Record, *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute*, Amicus Curiae for National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Ohio State Conference of the NAACP In Support of Respondents. (2017)

*Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute, Amici in Eric Holder Amicus Brief* (2018)

*Greene County, VA v. Ashcroft*, 03-1877 (D.D.C. 2004) (Bailout, Consent Decree)

*United States v. City of Chelsea, MA School Board*, (2004) (settled before filed)

*United States v. Berks County, PA*, 2:03-CV-01030-MMB (E.D. PA 2003)(Sections 2, 4(e) and 208)

*United States v. State of Tennessee, et al.*, Civ. A. No. 3:02-0038 (M.D. Tenn. 2002) (NVRA Consent Decree)

*Warren County, VA v. Ashcroft*, 1:02CV01736 (D.D.C. 2002) (Bailout, Consent Decree)

*City of Harrisonburg, VA v. Ashcroft*, 02CV00289, (D.D.C. 2002) (Bailout; Consent Decree)  
*United States v. Bessemer, AL*, CV83-C-3050-S (N.D. AL 2000)(Section 2)  
*Keeler v. Morgan City, LA* 00-CV-1588, (WD LA 2000) (Section 2; settled)  
*Sanders v. Dooly County, GA*, 98-0042-CV-2-DF-5 (MD GA 2000) (Section 2; argued)  
*Johnson v. Hamrick*, 196 F.3d 1216 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1999) (Section 2; argued)  
*Condon v. Reno*, 913 F. Supp 946 (SC 1995) (NVRA; tried)  
*Virginia v. Reno* (1995) (NVRA; argued)  
*United States v. New Roads, LA* (Section 2; settled)

**PRESENTATIONS (partial list)**

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| Featured Speaker, LBJ Library, <i>We the People: A Work in Progress</i>  | March 2021     |
| Panelist, Voting Rights Panel, Washington and Lee Law Review Symposium   | March 2021     |
| Panelist, Voting Rights Panel, University of Georgia Law Review Symposium  | March 2021     |
| Featured Speaker, NYU BeTogether Global Scholars & Innovators Series   | October 2020   |
| Featured Speaker, Albany Law School<br>First Mondays Lecture, <i>The Fight to Vote</i>   | October 2020   |
| Panelist, California Law Review Symposium<br><i>Democracy Reform for the Twenty-first Century</i>  | September 2020 |
| Featured Speaker, Nebraska Wesleyan University<br><i>Vote: How and Why We Choose</i>   | September 2020 |
| Panelist, American Bar Association Annual Meeting Showcase CLE,<br><i>The Power of Women in U.S. Elections</i>   | July 2020      |
| Panelist, <i>Democracy in Peril</i> , University of the District of Columbia, Institute of Politics, Policy and History  | June 2019      |
| Testimony, Field Hearing on Voting Rights and Election Administration in Georgia, Subcommittee on Elections of the Committee on House Administration, Atlanta, Georgia | February 2019  |
| Judge, American Constitution Society's Clash of the Titans,<br>University of Baltimore School of Law   | February 2019  |
| Trainer, Advancement Project Investigative Skills Program,<br>National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Washington, D.C.  | January 2019   |
| Presenter, <i>The Supreme Court and American Politics</i><br>An EdX Course with the University of Baltimore School of Law and the University of Maryland               | August 2018    |

Panelist, NAACP National Convention, CLE Trainings  
*Identifying and Combatting Voter Suppression Tactics*  
*Ensuring Compliance with the NVRA's Requirements* July 2018

Panelist, *History Repeats Itself: New Age Voter Suppression*  
Temple University, Voting Rights Panel April 2018

Panelist, Vanderbilt University School of Law  
Practicing Public Interest Law in the South Conference September 2016

Panelist, Congressional Black Caucus, National Black Law Students Association, *Critical Race Theory:  
The Future of the Movement, from Derrick Bell to Black Lives Matter* September 2016

Moderator, AALS Civil Rights Section Panel, New York, NY  
*Civil Rights and Civil Movements in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Building Sustainable  
Movements for Social Change* January 2016

Panelist, Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation  
Braintrust Panel--Voting Rights: Protecting the Right to Vote September 2015

Speaker, TEDx Baltimore  
*From We Shall Overcome to We Are Overcome* January 2015

Moderator, AALS Civil Rights Section Panel, Washington, DC  
*Voter Suppression 2014 and Beyond* January 2015

Election Law Symposium, University of Baltimore September 2010  
Organizer, Moderator, *A Vision for Voting: Celebrating 45 Years, Creating A Vision for the Future*

Voting Rights Panel, American Constitution Society, National Press Club September 2010  
Moderator, *A National Dialogue on the State of Voting Rights in 2010: Voting Rights Act After  
NAMUDNO and Bartlett*

United States Senate Testimony September 2008  
*Protecting the Right to Vote: Oversight of the Department of Justice's Preparations for the 2008 General  
Election*, Judiciary Committee, Washington, DC

### **MEDIA EXPERIENCE**

WYPR, *On the Record with Sheilah Kast*, Defending the Right to Vote  
<https://www.wypr.org/post/defending-right-vote> (aired February 2020; September 2020)

PBS American Experience Digital Short, *The Ongoing Fight* found at  
<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/vote-ongoing-fight/>, July 6, 2020

Guest: "Voter Suppression Is Real and It's Been Happening For More Than A Century," Detroit Today, *WDET* Radio, July 23, 2019.

<https://wdet.org/posts/2019/07/23/88436-voter-suppression-is-real-and-its-been-happening-for-more-than-a-century/>

The Eleventh Hour with Brian Williams, MSNBC, Invited guest discussing the Pence-Kobach Election Integrity Commission (Nationally aired, July 6, 2017)

The Roland Martin Show, NEWS ONE, Invited panelist discussing police misconduct cases and recent Alabama redistricting case in the United States Supreme Court. (Nationally aired March 26, 2015)

The Marc Steiner Show, WEAA 88.9 FM, Invited guest discussing Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy and national holiday. (Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, aired January 2015).

National Public Radio (NPR), *All Things Considered*, (Nationally aired December 6, 2011). Interview with NPR reporter Pam Fessler on voter deception issues surrounding the Maryland robo-call case.

**AWARDS/ HONORS (partial list)**

*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*, Named one of thirty visionary women in higher education, [http://diverseeducation.com/news/30th\\_Anniversary\\_WOMENS\\_HISTORY\\_MONTH\\_2014\\_Press\\_Release.pdf](http://diverseeducation.com/news/30th_Anniversary_WOMENS_HISTORY_MONTH_2014_Press_Release.pdf) and the magazine- <http://mydigimag.rrd.com/publication/?i=202383>.

Hall of Fame, National Black Law Students Association, inducted March 2014.

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

State courts-Georgia, District of Columbia

Federal courts- United States Supreme Court