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PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. , Washington, DC	
Senior Counsel	May 2017 – Present
Assistant Counsel	May 2015 – April 2017
Howard University Law School , Washington, DC	
Director, Civil and Human Rights Clinic, and Adjunct Professor	August 2017 – June 2020
Visiting Assistant Professor	May 2012 – January 2013
Supervising Attorney and Adjunct Professor	August 2011 – April 2012
Courses Taught: Civil and Human Rights Clinic (Director)	
Federal Civil Rights	
Torts	
American Civil Liberties Union, National Prison Project , Washington, DC	
Staff Counsel	January 2013 – April 2015
The Honorable Judge Damon J. Keith, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit , Detroit, MI	
Federal Law Clerk	September 2010 – August 2011
American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland/ Skadden, Arps Fellowship Foundation , Baltimore, MD	
Director of Immigrants' Rights Project	October 2008 – September 2010
The Honorable Judge James G. Carr, United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio , Toledo, OH	
Federal Law Clerk	September 2007 – September 2008

AWARDS/HONORS

Boston College, Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy, Senior Fellow (2020-21)
Marquette University National Alumni Award, Outstanding Professional Achievement and Service Before 40 (2020)
Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, Outstanding Achievement Award for Exceptional Commitment To Civil Rights and Justice (2019)
Harvard Law School, Wasserstein Fellow (2016)
Maryland Daily Record, Maryland VIP List: Top 40 Business and Legal Leaders Under 40 (2010)
DC Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association, Excellence in Legislative Advocacy (2009)

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland , Baltimore, MD	October 2011 – Present
Board of Directors	
FAIR Girls , Washington, DC	January 2017 – Present
Board of Directors	

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN
JD, *magna cum laude* May 2007
 Law Journal: Journal of Law and Inequality, Symposium Editor

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI

LEGAL INTERNSHIPS

American Civil Liberties Union, National Legal Department , New York, NY	May 2006 – April 2007
Law Clerk, Racial Justice, First Amendment and Human Rights Working Groups	
Center for Constitutional Rights , New York, NY	August 2006
Law Clerk – Assisted in composition of appellate briefs; standard of review and evidentiary research	
United States Department of Justice , Bloomington, MN	November 2005 – April 2006
Legal Intern, Executive Office for Immigration Review – Composed memoranda for immigration judges	
American Civil Liberties Union National Legislative Office , Washington, DC	June 2005 – August 2005
Law Clerk, Criminal Justice – Analyzed constitutionality of legislation altering federal habeas process	
Las Américas (Immigration Legal Services) , El Paso, TX	January 2005
Legal Intern – Legal research pertaining to asylum law, country conditions and protected statuses	
American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota , Minneapolis, MN	September 2004 – June 2005
Legal Intern – Composed amicus briefs on variety of Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment issues	
Amnesty International National Offices , Washington, DC	June 2004 – August 2004
Legal Intern, Domestic Human Rights – Legal research on First, Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments	
Advancement Project (Civil Rights Law Firm) , Washington, DC	February 2004 – June 2004
Law Clerk – Researched and composed advocacy report on constitutional rights of juvenile defendants	
District of Columbia Public Defender Service , Washington, DC	September 2003 – June 2004
Investigator Fellow, Juvenile Division – Interviewed witnesses, collected evidence, and testified	

SELECTED CASES

CASA de Maryland, et al. v. U.S. Dept't of Homeland Security, et al., 924 F.3d 684 (4th Cir. 2019) (finding that DHS' rescission of the DACA program violated the Administrative Procedure Act).

Bradford, et al., v. Maryland State Board of Education (Cir. Ct. Md. filed Mar. 8, 2019) (challenging the state of Maryland's failure to provide funding for an adequate education in violation of the Maryland constitution).

Rozon v. Prince George's County School Board, (Cir. Ct. Md. filed June 12, 2019) (challenging Prince George's County's policy of charging indigent students tuition for required courses taken during the summer).

Nefedro v. Montgomery County, 414 Md. 585 (Md. 2010) (holding from the Maryland Court of Appeals that speech produced for payment is due full First Amendment protection)

Thompson, et al. v. HUD, et al., (D. Md. filed 1995) (challenging the federal and state government's history of distributing housing vouchers in a racially discriminatory manner in Baltimore).

National Fair Housing Alliance, et al. v. Carson, et al. (D.D.C. filed May 8, 2018) (challenging HUD's suspension of the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Regulation).

NAACP, et al. v. Trump, et al. (D. Md., filed April 18, 2018) (challenging DHS's cancellation of Temporary Protected Status for Haitians).

State v. Kenneth Reams, 2018 Ark. 324 (2018) (successful challenge to the death sentence of a defendant in collateral proceedings before the Arkansas Supreme Court).

Open Communities Alliance, et al. v. Carson, et al., (D.D.C. filed Oct. 23, 2017) (challenging HUD's suspension of

the Small Area Fair Market Rule).

Morningside, et al. v. Sabree, et al. (Wayne County Circuit Court, filed July 13, 2016) (class action challenging illegal foreclosures of over-assessed homes on account of the disparate impact on African Americans).

Little, et al. v. Washington Metropolitan Transit Administration, et al. (D.D.C. filed July 30, 2014) (class action challenging WMATA's background check policy on account of its disparate impact on African Americans).

Dockery, et al. v. Epps, et al. (S.D. Ms. filed May 30, 2013) (class action challenge to conditions of confinement and lack of adequate medical and mental health care at the East Mississippi Correctional Facility).

Parsons, et al. v. Ryan, et al. (D. Az. filed Mar. 22, 2012) (statewide class action challenge to conditions of confinement and lack of adequate medical and mental health care in Arizona prisons).

Moore v. District of Columbia, 445 Fed. Appx. 365 (D.C. Cir. 2011) (finding that District Court improperly dismissed employment discrimination claim of former employee of D.C. Metropolitan Police Department).

Langford, et al. v. Bullock, et al. (D. Mont. filed 1994) (monitoring on-going implementation of consent decree requiring improvements for prisoners with disabilities at the Montana State Prison).

Ellison, et al. v. Madison County Board of Education, (N.D. Al. filed December 18, 1963) (monitoring the on-going implementation of a consent decree in Madison County, Alabama including the successful renegotiation of the consent decree requiring continued monitoring of the school system).

Lee, et al. v. Macon County Board of Education (N.D. Al. filed Jan. 28, 1963) (monitoring the on-going implementation of a consent decree in Jackson County, Alabama).

SELECTED LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

The Unconstitutionality of Summer School Fees in Maryland: Hearings Before the House Comm. on Ways and Means, Maryland House of Delegates (2019).

Racial Disproportionality in Imposition of the Death Penalty: Hearings Before the House Comm. on the Judiciary, Maryland House of Delegates (2018).

The Constitutionality of Voting by Undocumented Immigrants in Municipal Elections: Hearings Before the House Comm. on the Judiciary, Maryland House of Delegates (2012).

The Importance of Prisoner Access to Public Records: Hearings Before the House Comm. on the Judiciary, Maryland House of Delegates (2010).

The Limited Authority of Local Correctional Officials to Determine Immigration Status: Hearings Before the House Comm. on the Judiciary, Maryland House of Delegates (2010).

Federal Criticisms of the 287(g) Program: Hearings Before the House Comm. on the Judiciary, Maryland House of Delegates (2010).

The Unconstitutionality of Discriminatory Repayment Schemes for Court Costs: Hearings Before the House Comm. on the Judiciary, Maryland House of Delegates (2009).

Constitutional Preemption of Anti-Sanctuary Laws: Hearings Before the House Comm. on the Judiciary, Maryland

House of Delegates (2009).

The Unconstitutionality of Limitations on In-State Tuition Based on Alienage: Hearings Before the House Comm. on Ways and Means, Maryland House of Delegates (2009).

The Immigration Backlog and its Effect on Local Anti-Immigrant Initiatives: Hearings Before the Senate Comm. on Appropriations, Maryland Senate (2009).

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

The Forgotten Remedy: A Legal and Theoretical Defense of Intermediate Scrutiny for Gender-Based Affirmative Action Programs, 21 AM. U. J. GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 797 (2013).

The Search for an Environmental Filartiga: Trans-Boundary Harm and the Future of International Environmental Litigation, 56 HOW. L.J. 131 (2012).

287(g) and Women: The Family Values of Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law, 25 WIS. J.L. GENDER & SOC'Y 261 (2010).

Hope for Change in Immigration Policy: Recommendations for the Obama Administration, 16 HUM. RTS. BRIEF 19 (2009).

Are Hopes of a Democratic Iraq Rooted in More Than Faith?: Islam, Democracy, and the Future of the Middle East, 9 J. ISLAMIC L. & CULTURE 57 (2004).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

State Continues to Ignore Court Order to Properly Fund Baltimore Schools, BALTIMORE SUN, Feb. 20, 2020, <https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/op-ed/bs-ed-op-0221-baltimore-school-underfunding-court-20200220-ajza7idpkzfodfudf44icwlw4y-story.html>.

Predatory Lending and the Fair Housing Act Before the Supreme Court, ACSBlog, Nov. 3, 2016, https://www.acslaw.org/?post_type=acsblog&p=11664.

The Track to Ending Two Baltimores, BALTIMORE AFRO, Sep. 1, 2016, www.afro.com/the-track-to-ending-two-baltimores.

Speak Out Against Racist Policies, Too, MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL, May 1, 2014, <http://www.jsonline.com/news/opinion/speak-out-against-racist-policies-too-b99259944z1-257578061.html>.

A Threat to Maryland's Progressive Prisoner Representation Law, BALTIMORE SUN, Dec. 20, 2011, http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-12-20/news/bs-ed-prison-population-20111220_1_prison-system-communities-districts.

Arizona's Immigration Law Matters to Maryland, BALTIMORE SUN, June 3, 2010, <http://cdm.nonprofitsoapbox.com/news-archive/1287-arizonas-immigration-law-matters-to-maryland>.

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Aris Folley, *Trump's Controversial Diversity Order Expected to See Swift Reversal Under Biden*, THE HILL, Nov. 19, 2020, <https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/526319-trumps-controversial-diversity-order-expected-to-see-swift-reversal>.

Jessica Guynn, *Joe Biden Administration Likely to Overturn Controversial Donald Trump Diversity Training Executive Order*, USA TODAY, Nov. 8, 2020, <https://www.usatoday.com/story/money/2020/11/08/donald-trump-diversity-executive-order-joe-biden/6180668002/>.

Liz Bowie, *School Funding Lawsuit Filed by Civil Rights Groups Can Continue*, BALTIMORE SUN, Jan. 21, 2020, <https://www.baltimoresun.com/education/bs-md-bradford-school-funding-ruling-20200121-xu5rneryyfdppayrztld3rsaie-story.html>

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Susan Svrluga, *Prince George's County Students Challenge Summer-School Fees, Fighting for Free Public Education*, WASH. POST, June 13, 2019.

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Rachel Cohen, *Court Forces Ben Carson to be a Civil Rights Champion for a Day*, THE INTERCEPT, Jan. 2, 2018, <https://theintercept.com/2018/01/02/ben-carson-hud-housing-voucher/>.

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Hugo Martin, *American Airlines Responds to NAACP Travel Advisory with Promises to Make Changes*, L.A. TIMES, Dec. 12, 2017, <http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-travel-briefcase-naacp-american-20171201-story.html>.

Mimi Kirk, *When Teachers Punish Black Kids More Severely Than White Kids*, CITY LAB, Dec. 11, 2017, <https://www.citylab.com/solutions/2017/12/when-teachers-punish-black-kids-more-severely-than-white-kids/547982/>.

Kenrya Rankin, *Civil Rights Groups Sue Ben Carson, HUD for Allegedly Aiding Affordable Housing Segregation*, COLOR LINES, Oct. 24, 2017, <https://www.colorlines.com/articles/civil-rights-groups-sue-ben-carson-hud-allegedly-aiding-affordable-housing-segregation>.

Daniel Staples, *Feds Sued for Delaying Housing Rule Meant to Help Poor Families*, COURTHOUSE NEWS SERVICE, Oct. 24, 2017, <https://www.courthousenews.com/feds-sued-delaying-housing-rule-meant-help-poor-families/>.

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Solomon Jones, Editorial, *African-American Community Needs to Stand Up for Immigrants*, THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, Jan 31, 2017, http://www.philly.com/philly/opinion/20170201_Jones__African_American_community_needs_to_stand_up_for_immigrants.html.

Elizabeth Hagedorn, *Terrible Public Transit Could be the Reason So Many People Can't Climb Out of Poverty*, CIRCA, Dec. 19, 2016, <http://origin.circa.com/politics/public-transit>.

Baynard Woods, *Maryland Accused of Race Discrimination over Scrapping of Baltimore Rail Project*, THE GUARDIAN, Dec. 23, 2015, <http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/dec/23/maryland-lawsuit-baltimore-rail-project-racism-larry-hogan>.

Emily Badger, *The Next Civil Rights Issue of Our Time*, WASH. POST, Dec. 22, 2015, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2015/12/22/the-next-civil-rights-issue-of-our-time/>.

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Michael Dresser, *NAACP, ACLU Challenge Hogan Administration over Scrapping Red Line*, BALTIMORE SUN, Dec. 21, 2015, <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/editorial/bs-md-red-line-complaint-20151221-story.html>.

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Jenna Johnson and Michael Bimbaum, *Pledge of Allegiance Apology Will Come from Maryland Teacher*, WASH. POST, Feb. 25, 2010.

Jenna Johnson, *Pledge of Allegiance Dispute Results in Md. Teacher Having to Apologize*, WASH. POST, Feb. 24, 2010.

Diana Nguyen, *Congressmen Voice Opposition to Amnesty for Illegal Immigrants*, FOX NEWS, Jan. 21, 2010, <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/01/21/congressmen-voice-opposition-amnesty-illegal-immigrants/>.

Julie Bykowicz, *No Proof, No License: New Law Fuels Application Frenzy*, BALTIMORE SUN, May 30, 2009.

Julie Bykowicz, *Maryland Compromise on Driver's Licenses Closely Watched*, BALTIMORE SUN, May 29, 2009.

Aaron C. Davis, *State ACLU is Probing Anti-Immigrant Policies: Review Seeks Details of Local Initiatives*, WASH. POST, T03, Dec. 18, 2008.

Dave Dishneau, *ACLU Probes Local Immigration Actions*, ASSOCIATED PRESS, Dec. 10, 2008.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Fifth Annual Home Stretch at the Supreme Court: A Review of the Spring 2018 Term, National Press Club, Washington, DC, April 26, 2018.

The Fair Housing Act at 50: How Far Have We Come? Where Are We Going?, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and Poverty and Race Research Action Council, Washington, DC, April 25, 2018.

The Color of Law: A Reading and Discussion with Richard Rothstein, N.Y.C. Bar Association, New York, NY, Mar. 26, 2018.

Fourth Annual Home Stretch at the Supreme Court: A Review of the Spring 2017 Term, National Press Club, Washington, DC, April 27, 2017.

Access to the Courts: A Review and Debate Regarding Recent Supreme Court Decisions, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC, Nov. 3, 2016, <https://www.c-span.org/video/?417920-1/discussion-focuses-access-courts>.

Opportunity Everywhere: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing to Transform Communities, University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, CT, June 19, 2016.

The School to Prison Pipeline, Shriver National Center on Poverty Law Education Equity Convening at the Ford Foundation, New York, NY, Feb. 22, 2016.

The Need for National Reform of Solitary Confinement, Religious Action Center: Consultation on Conscience Conference, Washington, DC, May 19, 2014.

The Effects of Solitary Confinement on Juveniles, Kids are Different: Youth in the Criminal Justice System, St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, FL, Mar. 27, 2013.

Gender Matters: Women, Social Policy, and the 2012 Election, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, April 2, 2013.

The Search for an Environmental Filartiga: Trans-Boundary Harm and the Future of International Environmental Litigation, Colloquium on Environmental Scholarship, Vermont Law School, Burlington, VT, Sept. 23, 2011.

287(g) and Women: The Family Values of Local Enforcement of Federal Immigration Law, Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender and Society Symposium, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI, Mar. 5, 2010.

The Impact of Local Anti-Immigrant Initiatives on the Muslim Community, Presented at the 46th Annual Islamic Society of North American Conference, Washington, DC, July 3, 2009.

Local Anti-Immigrant Initiatives in Maryland, University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 12, 2008.

ADMISSIONS

New York (2008); Maryland (2008); District of Columbia (2013); United States Supreme Court (2016); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2011); U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (2011); U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (2018); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2018); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2018); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2018); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (2018); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit (2018); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (2018); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2018); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2018); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2018); U.S. District Court, District of Maryland (2009); U.S. District Court, District of Columbia (2017).