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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1998-present **UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER**
Professor of Law (2019-present)
Alumnae College Professorship in Law (2021-present)
Assistant Dean, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Metropolitan Programs (2019–present)
George Butler Research Professor of Law (2005–2021)
Director, Metropolitan Programs (2016–2019)
Associate Professor of Law (2004–2019)
Assistant Professor of Law (1998–2004)
Subjects: Professional Responsibility, Legal Ethics, Torts, Criminal Law, Sexual Assault Law, Equal Justice and the Law
- Fall 2007 **PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**
Straus Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law
- 1993-1994, **FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS**
1996-1998 *Law Clerk to the Honorable Edith H. Jones*
- 1994-1996 **VINSON & ELKINS, L.L.P.**
Associate
- Summer **TEXAS RESOURCE CENTER**
1991 *Summer Intern*
- 1989-1990 **BAKER & BOTTS, L.L.P.**
Legal Assistant

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER, Houston, Texas

Juris Doctorate, *Magna Cum Laude*, 1993

- Order of the Coif
- Houston Law Review, Articles Editor
- Black Law Students Association, member
- Order of the Barons, member
- Recipient of 1992 Looper, Reed, Mark & McGraw Award for outstanding paper in business or family law
- Recipient of Legal Research and Writing Award

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Evanston, Illinois
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1988

PUBLICATIONS

Books

ADVANCED TORTS: A LAWYER'S PERSPECTIVE, A CONTEXT AND PRACTICE CASEBOOK (2d edition 2020) (invited as co-author with Alex Long as part of Carolina Academic Press's Context and Practices Series) (including teachers' manual).

TORT LAW: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (3d ed. 2018) (co-authored with Ron Turner and Rory Bahadur as part of West Academic Publishing's Interactive Casebook Series) (including teacher's manual, PowerPoint slides, and other teaching materials).

ADVANCED TORTS: A LAWYER'S PERSPECTIVE, A CONTEXT AND PRACTICE CASEBOOK (2013) (invited as co-author with Alex Long as part of Carolina Academic Press's Context and Practices Series) (including teachers' manual).

TORT LAW: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (2d ed. 2012) (co-authored with Ronald Turner as part of West's Interactive Casebook Series) (including teachers' manual, PowerPoint slides, and other teaching materials).

TORT LAW: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH (2010) (with Ronald Turner as part of Thomas-West's Interactive Casebook Series) (including teacher's manual and other teaching materials).

Articles

"Lucky" Adnan Syed: Comprehensive Changes to Improve Criminal Defense Lawyering and Better Protect Criminal Defendants' Sixth Amendment Rights, 82 BROOK. L. REV. 1651 (2017).

Sex Crimes and Sexual Miscues: The Need for a Clearer Line Between Forcible Rape and Nonconsensual Sex, 42 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 1087 (2007).

Criminal Malpractice: A Lawyer's Holiday, 37 GA. L. REV. 1251 (2003).

The (So-Called) Liability of Criminal Defense Attorneys: A System in Need of Reform, 2002 BYU L. REV. 1 (2002).

Legal Malpractice By Any Other Name: Why a Breach of Fiduciary Duty Claim Does Not Smell as Sweet, 34 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 1137 (1999).

Battered Women Who Kill Their Abusers and a New Texas Law, 29 HOUS. L. REV. 963 (1992).

Shorter Works

Teaching Deliberately – From Course Design to the Classroom and Beyond, THE LAW TEACHER 20 (Spring 2014).

Lafler and Frye: Strickland Revitalized?, 25 FED. SENT’G REP. 144 (Dec 2012) (solicited).

Personal Tort Law, 63 SMU L. REV. 717 (2010) (solicited).

Appendix: Ethics Opinion for Autobiography of an Execution, DAVID R. DOW, AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF AN EXECUTION (2010) (invited).

Op-Ed, *Race Still Has Role to Play in a Post-Racial America*, HOUS. CHRON. (2010).

Personal Torts, 63 SMU L. REV. 1365 (2009) (solicited).

“*Bates v. State Bar of Arizona*,” ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES (2008) (solicited).

In-House Counsel’s Ethical Obligations When Supervising Non-Lawyer Assistants, 87 CORPORATE PRACTICE SERIES 99 (2007) (solicited).

Works-in-Progress

Digital Ecosystem of Accountability and Digitized Open-File Criminal Discovery (forthcoming 59 AM. CRIM. L. REV. Fall 2021).

HONORS

- University of Houston (“UH”) Distinguished Leadership in Teaching Excellence (2018), awarded to previous UH Teaching Excellence Award recipient who has made sustained and significant contributions to education for more than 10 years
- University of Houston Law Center (“UHLC”) Ethel Baker Award recipient (2018), awarded to faculty member who has promoted the Law Center’s involvement with the community
- UHLC Commencement “Hooder” selected by graduating classes of 2017, 2016, 2014, 2013, and 2003
- Outstanding Professor of the Year Award Recipient, UHLC Student Bar Association (2021-2022; 2019-2020; 2014-2015; 2001-2002)
- One of 26 subjects featured in MICHAEL HUNTER SCHWARTZ, GERALD H. HESS, AND SOPHIE M. SPARROW, WHAT THE BEST LAW TEACHERS DO, Harvard University Press (2013)
- Professor of the Year, UHLC’s Order of the Barons, the student-run scholastic honor society (2007-2008)

- UH Teaching Excellence Award Recipient (2004-2005)
- UH New Faculty Research Grant Recipient (2000)
- Faculty of the Year Award Recipient, UHLC's Black Law Students Association (2000)

LAW AND LEGAL ETHICS-RELATED PRESENTATIONS

Alley in Context for *Crimes of the Heart* (Alley Theatre), Houston, TX (April 20, 2019).

Women in Leadership, panel member, Gallagher Women in Leadership Brunch, Houston, TX (March 2019).

Attorney-Client Privilege: Lessons Learned from President Trump and Michael Cohen, State Bar of Texas, Texas Minority Counsel Program, Houston, TX (October 2018).

Mastering the Craft of Teaching, University of Houston Office of Faculty Engagement and Development, Houston, TX (October 2018) (podcast located at <https://soundcloud.com/user-520266191-607573172/master-craft-of-teaching-october>).

Teaching Deliberately to Millennials, AALS Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA (January 2018).

What Will Your Legacy Be?, Keynote Speech, UHLC's Black Law Students Association Scholarship Banquet (October 2016).

Developing a Robust Discipline of Qualified Diverse Candidates, Haynes & Boone LLP Fifth Biennial Diversity Retreat, Houston, TX (June 2016).

Taking the Leap to an Alternative Legal Career, panel member, ABA Environmental, Mass Torts, and Products Liability Litigation Committees' Joint CLE Seminar, Park City, UT (January 2016).

Mastering Law School Exams, panelist, Rocky Mountain Black Law Students' Association Academic and Career Development Retreat, Houston, TX (October 2015).

Teaching Deliberately, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning Conference, Spokane, WA (June 2015).

The Magna Carta, a production by the American Inns of Court, performer, national award-winning presentation (2015).

In-House Counsel, Multijurisdictional Practice, and Related Topics in Legal Ethics, King & Spaulding Women's Affinity Group CLE, Houston, TX (November 2014).

Ethics in Advocacy: Where Rules Meet Reality (Lessons from An Interview, a Play), CLE, Houston, TX (November 2014).

BA to JD Pipeline Program: Making Connections – A Changing World, A Changing Legal Profession, Society of American Law Teachers, Houston, TX (October 2014).

Teaching Deliberately: From Course Design to the Classroom and Beyond, Best Law Teachers Conference, Chicago, IL (June 2014).

Preventing Injustice? The Michael Morton Act's Aggressive Criminal Discovery Requirements, Fordham Law School's Ethics Schmooze, New York City (June 2014).

Designing IL Courses and Classes to Maximize Student Engagement and Learning, AALS Workshop for New Teachers, Washington, DC (June 2014).

Letters of Recommendation, Christian Legal Association, Houston Chapter (March 2014).

Ethical Issues Faced by Environmental Law Practitioners, Houston Bar Association Environmental Law Section, Houston, TX (March 2014).

Overview of Roles: The Structure of the Legal Academy, Responsibilities and Skills, panelist, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Conference, Houston, TX (February 2014).

Using Pecha Kucha Effectively in the Classroom, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools Conference, West Palm Beach, FL (August 2013).

Teaching Professional Responsibility to Tech-Distracted Students, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools Conference, Amelia Island, FL (July 2012).

Teaching Innovations Used in Second/Third Year Courses, panel moderator, Southeastern Association of American Law Schools Conference, West Palm Beach, FL (August 2010).

Gray Rape and Mediation, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Charlottesville, VA (January 2010).

Labor and Employment Law Ethics, ABA Labor and Employment Law Section, Houston, TX (August 2008).

Responsibility of Supervisory Lawyers and Internal Law Firm Ethics: Current Events in Big Law Firm Ethics, Baker Botts LLP Partners' Retreat, Austin, TX (April 2008).

The Need for Clearer Lines Between Forcible Rape and Nonconsensual Sex, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Richmond, VA (January 2007).

Law and Ethics in the Classroom, University of Houston New Faculty Orientation, Houston, TX (August 2004).

Current Events in Legal Ethics: 2003-04 in Review, Baker Botts LLP Partners' Retreat, Austin, TX (April 2004).

Ethical Responsibilities of Lawyers in Exercising Jurisdiction Over Privately Conducted Investigations, The Learning Center for Private Investigation, Civil and Criminal Investigation Course, Houston, TX (April 2002).

The Ethical Implications of the New Sarbanes-Oxley Legislation, Big Law Firm Conflicts of Interest, Baker Botts LLP Partners' Retreat, Austin, TX (April 2003).

Non-Medical Applications of Genomics in the Criminal Law, National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD (July 2002).

An Ethical Analysis of Incompetent Criminal Defense Counsel and the Unjust Impact on Clients, NAACP National Convention, Eighteenth Annual Lawyers CLE Seminar, Houston, TX (July 2002).

The Non-Liability of Criminal Defense Attorneys: A Three Level Analysis, Southeastern Conference of the American Association of Law Schools, Hilton Head Island, SC (July 2001).

The Federal Sentencing Guidelines and Relevant Conduct: Sentencing Criminal Defendants for Criminal Conduct Not Proven Beyond a Reasonable Doubt, Young Scholars' Workshop, Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA (October 1999).

Presentations for Law and Pre-Law Students

- *Tort Law*, Barbri Law Preview, Houston, TX, and Washington DC (July and August 2019)
- *Etiquette in the Law Classroom and Within the Legal Profession*, UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (May 2019)
- *Tort Law*, Barbri Law Preview, Austin, TX, Houston, TX, and Miami, FL (July and August 2018)
- *Etiquette in the Law Classroom and Within the Legal Profession*, UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (May 2018)
- *Brief and Outlining Basics*, Black Law Students Association (September 2017)
- *Classroom Etiquette*, UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (May 2017)
- *Outlining Workshop*, Black Law Students Association (September 2016)
- *The Benefits of Outlining*, UHLC Mentee Students (September 2016)
- *The Pipeline to Law School Orientation*, UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (May 2016)
- *Pipeline to Law School*, UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program (June 2015)
- *Why Outline?*, Christian Law Students Association (October 2012)
- *Outlining 101*, Black Law Students Association (October 2010)
- *Law School 101*, Council on Legal Education Opportunity ("CLEO") Student Orientation (May 2009)
- *Succeeding in Law School*, New Student Orientation (August 2008)
- *Top 10 Tips for Foreign L.L.M. Student Success*, Foreign L.L.M. Program (August 2006)
- *Creating an Outline*, Phi Alpha Delta (October 2005)
- *Exam Writing Workshop*, Black Law Students Association (November 2009)
- *Top 10 Tips for Success in Law School*, UHLC Orientation (August 2004)

- *Study Skills for 1Ls*, UHLC Orientation (August 2003)
- *Skills for New Law Students*, UHLC New Student Orientation (August 2002)
- *How to Succeed in Law School 101*, UHLC New Student Orientation (August 2002)
- *Exam Writing Seminar*, Black Law Students Association (November 2001)
- *Top 10 Tips for Success in Law School*, UHLC Student Orientation (August 2001)
- *Orientation for Incoming Part-Time Law Students*, Orientation (August 2000)
- *Torts Mock Class for 1Ls*, New Student Orientation (August 1999)
- *Welcome to Law School*, New Law Student Orientation (August 1998)

LAW-RELATED PROJECTS

- Guest Interviewee on *Briefcase: Attorney-Client Privilege* (Houston Public Media, June 5, 2019),
<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/shows/briefcase/2019/06/05/335845/briefcase-attorney-client-privilege/>.
- Guest Interviewee on *Briefcase: Digitizing Discovery in Criminal Matters* (Houston Public Media, April 12, 2018),
<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/shows/briefcase/2018/04/12/278809/briefcase-digitizing-discovery-in-criminal-matters/>.
- Authored content for and appeared in web-based video series *1L OF A RIDE*, Video Modules, West Publications (2016)
- Created Torts Multiple-Choice Question Bank for West Academics' Casebook Plus Platform (2016)
- Created Online Formative Assessment Supplement for West Academic Publishing and Foundation Press Torts Casebooks (2016)
- Academic Contributor to *BLACK'S LAW DICTIONARY* (10th edition) (2013)
- Conceived and organized *What's Race Got to Do With It? How Personal Identity Impacts an Attorney's Role*, CLE Program (1999)

SERVICE

Law Center

- UHLC Curriculum Committee, Chair (2020-present)
- Houston Law Review, faculty advisor (2021-present; 2003-2007)
- UHLC Pre-Law Pipeline Program Committee, Chair and Faculty Advisor (2014-2019)
- Order of the Coif, University of Houston Chapter, Secretary (2015-present)
- UHLC Diversity, Inclusion, and Equality Committee, co-chair (2018-present)
- UHLC Judicial Clerkship Committee, co-chair (2014-2019)
- UHLC Mediation Hiring Committee (2013)
- BLSA Deanna Mack Scholarship Committee (2012-present)
- UHLC Black Law Students Association, faculty advisor (1999 to present)
- UHLC Christian Law Students' Association, faculty advisor (2001 to present)
- UHLC First Generation Low-Income Professionals student organization (2019 to present)

- UHLC Faculty Mentor for incoming law students (1999 to present)
- UHLC Executive Committee (2010-2012)
- UHLC Law Student Assistance program, founding faculty member and advisor (2010-2012)
- UHLC Faculty Appointments Committee (2009-2014)
- UHLC Honor Court, faculty member, elected by students (2008-2021)
- UHLC Legal Research and Writing Faculty Recruitment Committee (2007-2009)
- UHLC Faculty Appointments Committee (2005-2007)
- UHLC Student Affairs Committee Chair (2004-2005)
- Criminal Justice Institute, University of Houston Law Center (2004-present)
- Houston Law Review, Secretary-Treasurer (2004-2007)
- UHLC Executive Committee (2002-2004)
- UHLC Legal Research and Writing Committee (2002-2003)
- UHLC Committee on Teaching (2001-2003)
- UHLC Committee on Faculty Development (2001-2003)
- UHLC Student Affairs Committee Chair (2001-2003)
- UHLC Disaster Recovery Team (2001)
- UHLC Executive Committee (2000-2001)
- UHLC Public Interest Fellowship Selection Committee (2000)
- UHLC Faculty Appointments Committee (1999-2001)
- UHLC Fifth Circuit Host Committee (1999-2000)
- UHLC Student Awards Committee (1999-2000)

University Service

- University of Houston (“UH”) Strategic Planning Management Committee (2019-present)
- UH Racial Equity & Social Justice Committee (2020-present)
- UH National Center for Research in Educator Diversity (NCRED), advisory board (2020-present)
- UH ADVANCE Task Force (2019-present)
- UH Faculty Mentoring Panels (2019-present)
- UH Women of Color Coalition, member (2018-present)
- UH Cougar Chair Leadership Academy (2016-2017)
- UH Grievance Committee (2012-2014)
- UH Title IX Grievance Committee and Sexual Harassment Board (2009-2011)
- UH Faculty Senator (2004-2009)

Other Service

- AALS Section on Teaching Methods (Chair-Elect, 2021-present; Secretary, 2019-2020; Treasurer, 2018-2019; member, 2011-present)
- Law Preview, Torts Lecturer (2018-2019)
- AALS Section on Balance in Legal Education, Executive Committee (2012-2019)
- AALS Section on Professional Responsibility, Executive Committee (2012-2019)
- AALS Section on Criminal Justice, Executive Committee (2009)
- Texas State Bar, Grievance Committee Member, District 5 (2011-2017)
- Phi Delta Alpha (international organization encouraging student leadership and success), faculty member (2002-present)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Texas State Bar, since 1993
- American Bar Association, since 1993
- Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism, since 1997
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, since 1998
- American Law Institute, since 2010
- American Bar Foundation, Fellow, since 2011
- Garland R. Walker American Inns of Court (an organization fostering excellence in legal professionalism, ethics, civility, and legal skills), since 2012