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PROFESSIONAL

University of Colorado School of Law, Boulder, CO *August 2009 - Present*
Adjunct Faculty and Former Schaden Director of Experiential Learning
Since 2009, have taught and directed academic and administrative components at Colorado School of Law. Scholarly focus on forensic science evidence issues.

Forensic Defense Strategies, LLP, Boulder, CO *August 2009 - Present*
Co-Founding Partner and Consulting Expert
Provide independent expert consultation on forensic science evidence; primarily in the areas of DNA, Serology, Pattern Analysis (Friction Ridge, Firearm Toolmark, Handwriting, Footwear) and Arson Investigation for privately retained and court-appointed defense counsel in criminal cases across the United States. Previously qualified as an expert on forensic science evidence regarding the reliability and validity of several forensic science disciplines/evidence, including friction ridge and firearm tool mark patterns, canine scent detection and DNA technology/analysis.

Public Defender Service, Washington, DC *October 2000 - August 2010*
Special Counsel to the Director (Last position held)
Led office efforts focused specifically on forensic science evidence issues; directed Forensic Practice Group made up of fifteen trial division lawyers working to advance forensic challenges; managed staff of forensic fellows and served as sole reviewer of requests for expert services expenditures. Developed and directed use and understanding of forensic evidence, including, but not limited to, DNA, fingerprint, ballistics, pathology, crime scene reconstruction, eyewitness identification, false confession and mental health evidence. Oversaw all aspects of Annual Forensic Science Conferences open to more than 120 attorneys both inside and outside of the agency. Maintained an active caseload of primarily homicide cases. Directly supervised several individual trial attorneys in all aspects of their practice, as well as law student clerks and interns. During tenure with office, served as *Deputy Trial Chief, Trial Division Supervisor* and as a *Staff Attorney* handling numerous felony and misdemeanor cases/trials/appeals.

Office of the Public Defender for DeKalb County, Decatur, GA *May 1997 - February 2000*
Assistant Public Defender, Trial and Appellate Divisions
Served as trial counsel in felony and misdemeanor cases. Defended numerous clients at jury and non-jury trials, hearings and pleas. Responsible for felony capital and non-capital appeals of convictions to the Georgia Supreme Court and Court of Appeals while managing trial caseload.

EDUCATION

Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Law and Religion Joint Degree Graduate
Juris Doctor and Masters of Theological Studies, *May 1997*

University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC
Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude, May 1992*
Studies: History and Religious Studies majors; minor in Political Science

MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Member of the State Bars of Colorado, Georgia (Inactive) and the District of Columbia

Administrative Office of the United States Courts
Faculty Member, Training Division

January 2010 - Present

Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
Faculty Member, Trial Advocacy Workshop

January 2012 - Present

TRAININGS AND PRESENTATIONS

August 2009 - Present

Presented lectures and trainings for the American Bar Association; Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; National Association of Legal Aid and Defender's Association; National Juvenile Defender Center; National Defender Investigator Association; National Forensic Science College; Committee for Public Counsel for Massachusetts; Louisiana Defender Training Institute; Gideon's Promise; Habeas Corpus Resource Center of California; Colorado State Public Defender; State of Colorado Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel; Criminal Defense Bar Associations of Texas, Nebraska, Alabama, Florida and the District of Columbia.