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### **CURRICULUM VITAE**

#### **EDUCATION**

- Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, Massachusetts, J.D., June 1987  
Notes and Articles Editor, Harvard Women's Law Journal  
Teaching Assistant, Women and the Law (Harvard University)  
Co-Chairperson, Harvard Women's Law Association  
Co-Chair Cultural Committee, Black Law Students Association
- Lehigh University**, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, B.A., Sociology, June 1984  
Dean's List  
University Academic & Achievement Awards  
Teaching Assistant, Sociology & Philosophy Departments
- Vanderbilt University**, Aix-en-Provence, France (December 1983-June 1984)

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2007-present **Professor, Touro Law Center**  
Subjects: Civil Procedure, Family Law, Advanced Family Law, and Family Violence
- 1995-2007 **Associate Professor, University of Tennessee, College of Law**  
Subjects: Civil Procedure, Family Law, Family Violence, Women & the Law, Race & Gender, and Business Torts (trademarks, unfair competition, law & media law). Co-Coordinator, Domestic Violence Clinic. (Tenured 2001)
- 1993-1995 **Honorable Abraham L. Freedman Fellow and Lecturer in Law, Temple University School of Law**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, LL.M., May 1995  
Fellowship specifically designed for practicing attorneys with an interest in and having an aptitude for teaching and producing legal scholarship.  
Taught Business Torts and Legal Writing.

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 1993-1994 **Office of the City Solicitor**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Assistant City Solicitor, Commercial Litigation Unit. Responsibility for motion, discovery and trial work in contract, construction, real estate tax and civil rights litigation matters. Attorney advisor for the Office of Housing and Community Development, City of Philadelphia on commercial litigation matters.
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- 1988-1993 **Pepper, Hamilton & Scheetz**, Los Angeles, California  
Litigation associate in general commercial litigation section. Considerable motion, arbitration and discovery-related experience regarding various issues in the areas of contracts, business torts, antitrust, RICO, bankruptcy, products liability and professional ethics. Significant responsibility for \$60 million business tort matter which resulted in a six-week arbitration and appeal to the Eleventh Circuit. Primary responsibility for drafting appellate briefs in contracts and bankruptcy matters.
- 1987-1988 **Bickel & Brewer**, Dallas, Texas  
Associate in area of general commercial litigation; extensive discovery experience in software trademark litigation.

#### **HONORS, AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS**

**Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center Faculty Scholarship Award 2014**

#### **Angie Warren Perkins Award 2005**

The Angie Warren Perkins Award was named for the first Dean of Women at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and honors a woman faculty member who shows outstanding promise of scholarship, teaching, and/or other contributions to campus intellectual life.

**Extraordinary Service to the University Award 2005**, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

**Law and Society Association Summer Institute 2000 Grant**, *Race and Law: Critical Discourses Exploring Law and Society Methods and Traditions*, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy of the State University of New York at Buffalo, New York

**Interdisciplinary Council for Intellectual and Cultural Expression at the University of Tennessee Faculty Award** for Multidisciplinary/Collaborative Research, Spring 2000

**Hewlett Packard Innovative Technologies in Teaching Fellowship**, Spring 1999

**Summer Research Grants**, Touro College Law Center, 2007 – 2011, University of Tennessee College of Law, 1995-2000, 2002-2006.

#### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES and MEMBERSHIPS**

**Member, Society of American Law Teachers**, 2009 - present

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**Member, American Bar Association, 1987 - present**

**Member, Association of American Law Schools, 1995 - present**

**Member, Law and Society Association, 2000**

**Volunteer Member, Independent Commission on the Los Angeles Police Department, Los Angeles, California, 1991, Volunteer member; conducted research and interviews on community policing and submitted report for inclusion in the Christopher Commission report on the Los Angeles Police Department presented to Mayor Bradley and City Council.**

**Volunteer, Public Counsel, Los Angeles, California, 1988 - 1993, Conducted pro bono litigation in the area of children's rights.**

## **GRADUATE STUDENTS**

1999 - 2001 Kadesha Washington, Ph.D., Department of Communications (law and media)

1999 - 2000 Traci Scudder, M.A., Department of Communications (law and media)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*From Collaboration To Consolidation: Developing a More Expansive Model for Responding to Family Violence*, 20 *CARDOZO JOURNAL OF LAW & GENDER* 1 (2013)

Melissa Breger, Deseriee Kennedy, Jill Zuccardy, Judge Lee Hand Elkins, *NEW YORK LAW OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., (Thomson-Reuters 2013)

*Love Behind Bars: The Darker Side of Incarcerating Mothers*, *INCARCERATED MOTHERS: OPPRESSION AND RESISTANCE* (Gordana Elijdupovic and Rebecca Jaremko Bromwich, co-editors) Demeter Pressis (2013).

*The Good Mother," Mothering, Feminism, and Incarceration*, 18 *WILLIAM & MARY JOURNAL OF GENDER AND THE LAW* 161 (2012).

*Children, Parents, & the State: The Construction of a New Family Ideology*, 26 *BERKELEY JOURNAL OF GENDER, LAW, & JUSTICE* 78 (2011).

Charles Hamilton Houston and Thurgood Marshall entries for the *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RACE & RACISM*, Thomson Gale Publishers (2007)

*Transversal Feminism and Transcendence*, 15 *Southern California Review Law & Women's Studies* 65 (2005).

*The Feminist Pervasion: How Gender-Based Scholarship Informs Law and Law Teaching* (An edited panel discussion with: Ann Bartow, F. Carolyn Graglia, and Joan Heminway), 15 *Southern California Review Law & Women's Studies* 3

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(2005).

*Intertwining of Poverty, Gender, and Race: A Critical Analysis of Welfare News Coverage from 1993-2000* (co-authored with Catherine Luther and Terri Combs-Orme) 12 (No. 2) JOURNAL OF RACE, GENDER, & CLASS 9 (2005).

*Consumer Discrimination*, to be included in OTIS H. STEPHENS, JR. & JOHN M. SCHEB II, ENCYCLOPEDIA OF AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES (2005)

*Processing Civil Rights: Summary Judgment and Consumer Discrimination Claims*, 53 DePaul Law Review 989 (2004)

*Symposium: Marbury v. Madison Judicial Review & Diversity: A Response*, 71 Tennessee Law Review 287 (2004)

*Decolonizing Culture: Black Women, Media & the Law*, chapter in text, STEPPING FORWARD: BLACK WOMEN IN AFRICA AND THE AMERICAS (Catherine Higgs, et. al, ed.) (OHIO UNIVERSITY PRESS 2002)

*Consumer Discrimination and the Limitations of Federal Civil Rights Protection*, 66 Missouri Law Review 275 (2001)

*Marketing Goods, Marketing Images: The Impact of Advertising on Race*, 32 Arizona State Law Journal 615 (2000)

*Witnessing the Process: Reflections on Civil Procedure, Power, Pedagogy, and Praxis*, Symposium: Power, Pedagogy & Praxis: Moving the Classroom to Action, 32 Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review 753 (1999)

*Affirmative Action as Radical Resistance: Lessons from History*, Symposium: Minorities in the Law: The Quest for Equal Justice, 27 Capital Law Review 61 (1998)

*Predisposed with Integrity: The Elusive Quest For Justice In Tripartite Arbitrations*, 7 Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics 749 (1995)

## **PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS**

Co-Panelist/Workshop, Applied Feminism: How Feminist Legal Theory is Changing the Law, University of Baltimore School of Law, March 2013, *Feminist Lawyering and Teaching Uncontested Divorces: A Case Study & Discussion*

Co-Panelist, Society of American Law Teachers Teaching Conference *Teaching Social Justice, Expanding Access to Justice: The Role of Legal Education and the Legal Profession*, University of Maryland School of Law October 2012, *Creating an Effective Marriage of Access to Justice and Social Justice Pedagogy Through Divorce Representation: A Case Study*

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*and Discussion*

Speaker, Suffolk County Women in Courts, Domestic Violence Awareness Month Presentation, October 2012, *Risk Assessments & Cultural Competence*

Presenter, Northeastern People of Color Scholarship Conference, *The Hidden Regulation of the Family*, November 2011

Panelist, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities Conference, April 3-4, 2009, *Mythologizing Families and Parental Terminations, Parental Incarceration*

Panelist, Applied Feminism: How Feminist Legal Theory is Changing the Law, University of Baltimore School of Law, March 2009, *"The Good Mother," Mothering, Feminism, and Incarceration*

Panelist, AALS, January 2006, *Summary Judgment & Race*

Panelist, Law & Society Association, June 2005, *Summary Judgment & Race*

Panelist, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, July 2005, Southern Fried Feminism, *Is Feminism A Revolt Against God? - Feminism, the New Christian Right, and Abstinence Only Education*

Panelist, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, July 2003, *The Feminist Pervasion*

Panelist, *SGA Coffee Talk: Affirmative Action*, University of Tennessee, April 2003

Speaker, *Race as Proxy: Process & Everyday Racism*, DePaul Law Review Symposium, March 2003

Panelist, *Marbury v. Madison, 200 Years Later, Symposium*, University of Tennessee College of Law, February 2003

Speaker, *"A Way Out of No Way," African Women and Lessons for American Feminism*, Africa Semester, University of Tennessee, January 2003

Panelist, *Subversive Feminism: The Challenge of Race to American Feminism, Leave No Woman Behind: Feminism's Failed Subversive Strategies*, Subversive Feminism Conference, University of Texas School of Law, November 2002

Panelist, *Law Preview Day*, University of Tennessee College of Law, Speaker, Admitted Law School Applicants, April 2002

Speaker, *Law 2000, Legal Studies & the Legal Profession*, University of Tennessee College of Arts & Sciences, October 2001

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Speaker, *Getting the Most Out of Class*, University of Tennessee College of Law Success Skills Seminars, September 2001

Speaker, *Law 2000, Legal Studies & the Legal Profession*, University of Tennessee College of Arts & Sciences, November 2000

Presenter, *Plenary: Building an Equal Justice Community: Directions for Law Schools*, Association of American Law Schools Equal Justice Colloquium, University of Tennessee College of Law, October 13, 2000

Moderator, *Equity & Diversity Panel: Policies and Process*, University of Tennessee Black Faculty & Staff Association, 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference. I provided an overview of affirmative action history and legal precedent and facilitated the panel. (Panelists: Robert Levy, Senior Associate Vice President & Theotis Robinson, Administrator of Equity and Diversity), April 28, 2000

Speaker, *"The Glass Slipper: Finding the Shoe That Fits,"* University of Tennessee College of Law. Panel discussion on the various avenues available to women in the legal profession, March 29, 2000.

Speaker, *Law 2000 Legal Studies & the Legal Profession*, University of Tennessee College of Arts & Sciences, March 15, 2000

Panelist, *African American Alumni Gathering*, University of Tennessee College of Law, March 11, 2000

Discussion Leader, *Labor Rights as Human Rights: At Home and Abroad: Movie Discussion of "Salt of the Earth,"* University of Tennessee, February 29, 2000

Guest Speaker, *Her Café: A Discussion on Women & the Law*, presented by the University of Tennessee Women's Coordinating Council, October 5, 1999

Presenter, *Black Women in the Old World & the New*, presented paper, *Decolonizing Culture: Black Women, Media & the Law*; interdisciplinary conference on the comparative experiences of black women in settler societies in Africa and in diaspora communities in the New World, University of Tennessee, September 16 - 18, 1999

Presenter, *Affirmative Action: Keeping the Faith Through Accountability*, Black Faculty & Staff Association, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Conference, *Fully Engaged: Professional Preparedness for the New Millennium*, April 30, 1999

Group Leader, *Power, Pedagogy & Praxis: Moving the Classroom to Action: Civil Procedure*, Society of American Law Teachers Conference, October 1998

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Presenter, *Advertising Regulation & Race*, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Scholarship Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, May 1998

Presenter, *Advertising Regulation & Race*, The Saliency of Race, The 3rd Annual Northeast People of Color Scholarship Conference, Touro University Law School, March 1998

Presenter, *Diversity Colloquium*, American Apartheid and Segregation in Contemporary American Society, University of Tennessee, March 1998

Presenter, *Symposium: Minorities in the Law: the Quest for Equal Justice*, Capital University Law School, March 1998

Guest Speaker, *Minorities in the Law*, University of Tennessee College of Law, February 1998

Presenter, *Black History Month Presentation: African American Professionals*, Blythe Avenue Elementary School, Cleveland, Tennessee, February 1998

Panelist, *Getting the Most Out of Class*, University of Tennessee College of Law Seminars for Success Series, Fall 1997 - 1999.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:** California, 1988; Pennsylvania, 1990

### **TEACHING AREAS**

Civil Procedure, Family Law, Family Violence, Women & the Law, Race & Gender, and Business Torts (trademarks, unfair competition, law & media law)

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Chair, Strategic Planning Committee, Touro College Law Center, 2012 – 2013

Advisor, Journal Race, Gender, & Ethnicity, Touro College Law Center, 2012 - present

Advisor, Women's Law Association, Touro College Law Center, 2012 - present

Advisor, Black Law Students Association, Touro College Law Center, 2012 – present

Chair, Quality of Student Life Committee, Touro College Law Center, 2010-2011

Member, Faculty Executive Committee, Touro College Law Center, 2009 - 2010

Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee, Touro College Law Center, 2008-2009, 2009-2010

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President, University of Tennessee Faculty Senate, 2005-2006

Provost Search Committee, University of Tennessee, 2005-2006

Dean Search Committee, University of Tennessee College of Law, 2005-2006

President-Elect, University of Tennessee Faculty Senate, 2004-2005

Executive Committee, University of Tennessee Faculty Senate, 2003-2006

Faculty Affairs Committee, University of Tennessee Faculty Senate, 2002-2004

Diversity Council, University of Tennessee, 2004-2006

*Geier* Committee (post desegregation case planning committee), University of Tennessee, 2004-2006

CAN-LEARN Project Advisory Committee, 2004-present

Board of Advisors, Women's Studies, University of Tennessee, 2003 - present

Board, Women Faculty Association, 2003-2004

Advisor, Black Law Students Association, Muslim Law Students Association, TAPIL

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Board of Directors, Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court, Nassau County Chapter, 2012 – present

Board of Directors, Nassau Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Bethpage, New York, 2009 - present

President, Board of Directors, Lisa Ross Birth & Women's Center, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2004 - 2006 Lisa Ross Birth & Women's Center is a nonprofit birthing center that works to improve access to care and birth outcomes for the medically under-served.

Board of Directors, YWCA, Knoxville, Tennessee, 2004 - present. The YWCA's missions include empowering women and girls and eliminating racism. The YWCA provides assistance to victim's of domestic violence.

Co-Chair, YWCA *Race Against Racism*, January 2007

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Member, Family Violence Court Planning Project, 2004 - present. FVCPP a committee formed to develop a specialized family violence court for Knox County

**OTHER SERVICE**

Planning Committee, Northeast People of Color Scholarship Conference 2008 - 2013

Planning Committee, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Scholarship Conference, 2007, 2006, 2005

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