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Accomplished law professional, former Senior Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Department of Justice. Twenty years of service at the Department of Justice also includes positions as a senior trial attorney in the Voting Section, Assistant Director of the Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative and as a Special Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Western District of Virginia. Legal career also includes fifteen years as an Assistant District Attorney in the Nassau County, New York District Attorney's office, holding various positions including Bureau Chief, Special Victims Unit, Grand Jury Supervisor and homicide attorney in the Major Offense Bureau.

U.S. Department of Justice - Washington, D.C.

Senior Counsel to the Attorney General for Civil Rights (August 2020-January 2021)

Served as White House Political Appointee

Liaison between Division Section Chiefs and Assistant AG and Deputy AAG.

Responsible for preparing all legal memoranda and Statements of Interest regarding Voting Rights litigation.

Responsible for developing the Attorney General's Guidance to States wishing to return to pre-2020 election procedures post COVID 19 pandemic allowances.

U. S. Department of Justice

Assistant Director, Servicemembers and Veterans Initiative (August 2018-2020)

Provided legal assistance and training in the enforcement of the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, (USERRA), the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) and the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) which protect the employment, voting and financial rights of servicemembers respectively.

U.S. Department of Justice; Office of the United States Attorney Western District of Virginia: Charlottesville, Virginia. (August 2017-August 2018)

Served as a Special Assistant US Attorney, handling criminal matters.

U.S. Department of Justice - Washington, DC Jan. 2017-August 2017 a **Senior Counsel to the Attorney General for Civil Rights**

Liaison to Division Section Chiefs and the Attorney General and Deputy AG

Responsible for the preparation and coordination of legal research on Civil Rights Division litigation

Provided legal support and advice to the Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the supervision of the Voting Section in the Civil Rights Division

Prepared in depth investigations of prospective federal judicial candidates

Senior Trial Attorney, Voting Section, Civil Rights Division

Responsibilities included Section 5 of the VRA enforcement, investigation and litigation for violations of the Voting Rights Act, The Uniformed Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, the National Voter Registration Act, and the Help America Vote Act.

Supervised and trained civil rights analysts in the investigation of allegations of discriminatory voting practices and violations of various civil rights laws.

Developed and executed election monitoring exercises throughout the U.S.

Nassau County District Attorney's Office - Mineola, NY (1985-2000)

Built a progressive career path spanning 15 years throughout several specialized bureaus within the Nassau County District Attorney's Office. Responsibilities included extensive high profile trial work, in-depth investigative duties, supervisory posts, and delivering legal instruction and training to colleagues and county law enforcement personnel. Provided staff oversight, and established productive working relationships with senior management, judges, law enforcement agencies and fellow attorneys.

Chief, Sex Offense; Special Victims Bureau

Oversaw experienced staff within a highly specialized unit, maintained trial caseload and successfully prosecuted several multiple victim prosecutions. Coordinated and implemented county joint response team to include unit attorneys, police personnel, laboratory and medical professionals to streamline interviews and interactions with crime victims.

Trial Attorney: Major Offense Bureau

Member of an elite group of trial attorneys prosecuting career criminals, homicides, and major violent felony offenses.

Trial Attorney, Special Investigation Bureau (1994 – 1997)

Conducted the investigation of alleged corruption by county officials and employees

Grand Jury Supervisor, Indictment Bureau (1997 – 2000)

Accelerated high profile cases through the Grand Jury process. Trained novice Assistant District Attorneys in felony prosecution and grand jury practice. Responsible for handling fugitive and extradition proceedings.

Juris Doctor St. Mary's University School of Law, San Antonio, Texas 1985

BA Criminal Justice, Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey 1982

Admissions: New York

Adjunct Professor Virginia Commonwealth University (2017-present)

Forensic Evidence and Procedures Master's Program in Forensic Sciences

Recipient of the March of Dimes Heroine of DC for Public Service (2016)

Elected Member of the Fauquier County School Board (2007-2015)

Recipient of numerous Meritorious and Special Achievement Awards at DOJ

