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EXPERIENCE

Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

Associate Professor of Law & Director of Experiential Programs 2012–present

Assistant Professor of Law & Director of External Clinical Programs 2011-2012

Adjunct Professor 2005–2011

Teaching Responsibilities: First year, upper level and LL.M. courses including Introduction to Trial Advocacy, Integrated Trial Advocacy, LL.M. Trial Advocacy – Experts, China LL.M. – Trial Advocacy, National Trial Team, Ethics in Practice, Introduction to Transactional Skills, and Litigation Basics.

Administrative Responsibilities: Oversight of external experiential programs and curriculum development with community partners.

Law School Committees: Chair of the Federal Judicial Clerkship Committee and member of the Clinical Committee, the Ad Hoc Advocacy Director Search Committee and the Disciplinary Committee.

Service: Student Advisor in undergraduate Student Discipline Hearings and volunteer for the Wills for Heroes Program.

Pro Bono Representation: Lead counsel in cases from the Court of Common Pleas in Philadelphia in the Homicide Program and Post Conviction Relief Act Program (Commonwealth v. Lavolia Stinson, Commonwealth v. Shawn Bender, Commonwealth v. Anton Jones, and Commonwealth v. Desmond Keels).

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, Philadelphia PA

Homicide Unit 2009-2011

Family Violence and Sexual Assault Unit 2002-2009

Felony Waivers 2002

Juvenile Court Unit 2001-2002

Municipal Court Unit 2000-2001

Appeals Unit 1999-2000

Trial Responsibilities: Maintained a caseload of 30-40 cases including homicides, sexual assaults, domestic violence cases, narcotics cases and gun cases. Responsibilities included follow-up investigation, witness preparation, expert witness retention and preparation, motion practice, jury selection, jury and non-jury trials and sentencing hearings.

Appellate Responsibilities: Primary responsibility for preparation of appellate briefs in the Superior Court of Pennsylvania as well as oral argument before the Superior Court of Pennsylvania.

Committee and Training Responsibilities: Administration of the Protection From Abuse Program; participation in the Women's Death Review Committee; creation of and participation in trainings at the Department of Human Resources, Women Organized Against Rape, the Philadelphia Bar Association, Drexel University, Arcadia University and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office CLE program; participation in the Elder Justice Program; and participation on the Hiring Committee.

JAMES J. BINNS, P.C., Philadelphia, PA

Associate Attorney 1998-1999

Associate Attorney Responsibilities: Research and preparation of briefs, interrogatories, preliminary objections, complaints, motions and discovery requests in civil transactional cases; contract drafting and review, and client interviews and meetings.

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Pittsburgh, PA

Juris Doctor, May, 1998

Order of the Barristers

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

B.A. Communication Rhetoric, December, 1994

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Temple Law Review, CLE, Panel Moderator, "Sentencing In The Modern Age" October, 2016

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, CLE, "Evidence Update" July, 2015

United States Attorney's National Conference, "Reentry Legal Aid Panel" April, 2015

Temple University Hospital, "Child Abuse and Advocacy" March, 2015

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office CLE, "Trial Advocacy: Exhibits" July, 2013

Philadelphia Bar Association, "Contempt of PFA Orders" December, 2008

Arcadia University, "Introduction to Criminal Law" February, 2008

Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, "PFA and Contempt Proceedings" April, 2007

SAMPLE JURY TRIALS & APPELLATE CASES

Commonwealth v. Robert Scott (CP 010894-2007) Guilty First Degree

Commonwealth v. Ridley Shields (CP 011770-2007) Guilty First Degree

Commonwealth v. Lamar Reid (CP 011710-2008) Guilty First Degree

Commonwealth v. Darrell Johnson (CP 010412-2008) Guilty First Degree

Commonwealth v. Gregory Mott (CP 014603-2009) Guilty First Degree

Commonwealth v. William Villenes (CP 15464-2009) Guilty First Degree

Commonwealth v. Jermaine Villenes (CP 005660-2010) Guilty Third Degree

Commonwealth v. Braheim Parker (CP 008056-2009) Guilty First Degree

Commonwealth v. Stanley Green (CP 009234-2008) Guilty Third Degree

Commonwealth v. Zebue Turner (2147 EDA 1999) En Banc Argument & Brief