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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

PROFESSOR AND FOUNDING DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR JUSTICE REFORM, South Royalton, VT 2016-present

- Created Center for Justice Reform at Vermont Law School
- Designed Master of Arts in Restorative Justice degree
- Secured ABA acquiescence and NECHE approval for new degree
- Designed curriculum and recruited faculty to teach in the RJ program

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW, VERMONT LAW SCHOOL, South Royalton, VT 10/16 to present

- Area of expertise: Criminal Law
- Coordinator of Criminal Law Clinic and Certificate Programs

GOVERNOR'S LIAISON TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS 3/13 to 9/16

- Responsible for identifying and implementing innovative criminal justice practices in Vermont including serving as principal advocate for the creation of statewide pretrial services
- Frequent witness before State House and Senate Judiciary Committees

WINDSOR COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, White River Jct., VT 12/97- 3/13

- Elected official responsible for the prosecution of all state crimes arising in the county
- Extensive litigation and appellate experience including over twenty jury trials and forty appeals
- Coordinator of county-wide law enforcement initiatives
- Hire and supervise staff of four attorneys, two administrative assistants, and two victim advocates
- Past Chair, Executive Committee, Department of State's Attorneys
- Spearheaded creation of state's first DUI Treatment Court
- Recipient, Governor's Highway Safety Council Award

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL, CRIMINAL DIVISION, Montpelier, VT 10/97- 12/97

- Responsible for the prosecution of complex felonies including murder and sexual assault

STAFF ATTORNEY, DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S ATTORNEYS, Montpelier, VT 10/94 - 10/97

- Department's liaison to the General Assembly on all criminal justice legislation
- Testified in excess of fifty times to Vermont House, Senate and Joint Committees
- Statewide coordinator of impaired driving prosecutions and appeals
- Organizer of and presenter at state-wide annual and special conferences for prosecutors

DEPUTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, WINDSOR COUNTY, White River Jct., VT 1/91 - 10/94

- Senior deputy prosecutor focusing primarily on homicide, sexual assault, domestic abuse, burglary, and other felonies

ASSOCIATE, DINSE, ERDMANN & CLAPP, Burlington, VT 10/88 - 12/90

- Member of active litigation group with emphasis on employment and civil rights issues
- Lead counsel and co-counsel in state and federal trials and administrative hearings
- Responsible for recruiting, hiring, and supervising summer law clerks

JUDICIAL CLERK, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, Rutland, VT 8/87 - 8/88

- Law clerk for the Hon. Franklin S. Billings, Jr.

INTERN, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, Montpelier, VT 1/87 - 5/87

SUMMER ASSOCIATE, PAUL FRANK & COLLINS, Burlington, VT 5/86 - 8/86

LAW CLERK, VERMONT DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, Waterbury, VT 6/85 - 8/85

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT; J.D., *Magna Cum Laude*; Class Rank 3 of 135 5/87
Vermont Law Review, Managing Editor
Recipient: Vermont Law School Scholar Award
Hamilton College, Clinton, NY, B.A. English; New York State Regent Scholar 5/80

TEACHING AND PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE

Organizer and keynote speaker at International Restorative Justice Conference (June 2018)
Co-Organizer statewide Juvenile Justice Conference (2019)
Principal Organizer, Annual Treatment Court Conference (2013-present)
Guest Lecturer, Vermont Law School, State Constitutional Developments, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
Faculty, National Center for DWI Courts, 2014, 2015
Presenter, Norwich Unitarian-Universalist Church: Justice; November 2009
Presenter, Vermont General Assembly, Women's Caucus Spring 2007
Invited Participant, National District Attorneys Association, Faculty Development Course, 2006
Presenter, Vermont Bar Association, Summer 2008
Presenter, Vermont Progressive Party Annual Meeting, Summer 2008
Presenter, Vermont Democratic Party Annual Meeting, Spring 2008
Presenter, ACLU Drug Policy Conference, June 2007
Presenter, Windsor County Democrats Drug Policy Forum, 2007
Presenter, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Conference on Sexual Abuse, 2005, 2009
Presenter, Department of State's Attorney's Annual Training, 1997, 1998, 1999
Presenter, Vermont Bar Association, Computer Searches, Montreal, QU
Presenter, Vermont Bar Association, Daubert and the admissibility of DUI Datamaster results
Presenter, Vermont Bar Association, Discovery in Criminal Cases, Montreal, QU
Presenter, Vermont Bar Association, Criminal Law Committee, Introduction to Vermont Criminal Practice
Presenter, Rotary Clubs of Woodstock and Windsor Vermont and Hanover, NH
Instructor, Vermont Police Academy, Vermont DUI Law
Guest, WCAX: You Can Quote Me; WDEV: The Mark Johnson Show; WVPR: Vermont Edition

PUBLICATIONS AND AUTHORSHIP

Blog Post, IRAC for the 21st Century, Vermont Law Review
Commentary, Rutland Herald, The Marijuana Paradox
Commentary, Times Argus, Harm Reduction Key to New Drug Policy
Commentary, Rutland Herald, Time for Peace Talks in the War on Drugs
Commentary, Rutland Herald, Give 16 and 17 Olds the Right to Vote
Commentary, Rutland Herald, Create a Vermont Sentencing Commission
Commentary, Valley News, Myths and Misconceptions about the Criminal Justice System
Opinion Piece, Valley News, Victim Input in Sentencing Decisions
Grant Author and Recipient: Special Investigative Unit for Northern Windsor County, Vermont
Vermont Law Review Note: Home Confinement as a Condition of Probation, A Proposal for Vermont

MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD ACTIVITIES

Fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers (inducted October 2009)
Volunteer, Orange County Restorative Justice Center (ongoing)
Member, Vermont Supreme Court Rules of Evidence Committee (2015 to 2016)
Advisor Board, New England Association of Drug Court Professionals (2013 to present)
Commissioner, Vermont Sentencing Commission (2007 - 2009)
Board of Trustees, Vermont Law School (1997 - 2005)
Member, Vermont General Assembly, Summer Study Committee on Medical Marijuana
Co-chair, Vermont Bar Association Criminal Law Committee (1997-2000)
Vermont Supreme Court Model Rules of Professional Responsibility Review Committee (1996-1997)
Vermont Supreme Court Subcommittee on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Family Court (1999 - 2004)
Past Member, National District Attorneys Association
Past Member, Association of Experiential Educators

EMPLOYMENT BEFORE LAW SCHOOL

Four years working in adapted Outward Bound programs for court referred, emotionally disturbed, and at-risk youth.