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WORK EXPERIENCE

CITY OF CHICAGO, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Senior Counsel, Municipal Prosecutions Division, Branch Court Unit, January 2009 - present.

Responsible for overseeing special projects for the Division including assisting the City of Chicago Health Department in containing Swine Influenza A and training attorneys and police officers on how to enforce LIDAR speeding tickets in Circuit Court.

Senior Counsel, Building and License Enforcement Division (formerly Municipal Prosecutions Division), License Enforcement Unit, June 2003 to present.

Responsible for day-to-day supervision of attorneys, law clerks and paralegal handling administrative cases before the Mayor's License Commission, Local Liquor Control Commissioner, License Appeal Commission and Chancery Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County. Responsibilities include editing legal briefs, memoranda and motions; consulting with and advising attorneys on trial strategies and discovery issues; assisting attorneys on trial; meeting with client departments to identify problems and resolve issues; and training new attorneys.

Senior Counsel, Municipal Prosecutions Division, Branch Court Unit, July 1998 to June 2003.

Responsible for day-to-day supervision of branch court attorneys. Responsibilities included informing attorneys of new, amended or repealed ordinances; editing briefs and memoranda; discussing trial strategies, witness preparation, discovery issues, evidentiary issues, and ethical considerations; attending trials and hearings to offer guidance and feedback; scheduling and providing back up coverage. Additional responsibilities also included fielding telephone calls from various client departments, government agencies, citizens, attorneys, and aldermen regarding city ordinances and other legal issues; working closely with client departments to resolve legal and procedural issues; attending demonstrations and city sponsored events in an advisory capacity to the police department.

Major Accomplishments

Gang Loitering: Participated extensively in training members of the police and law departments on how to implement and enforce the Gang and Narcotics Loitering Ordinances. Monitored arrest reports to determine where additional training was necessary and provided additional training. Helped draft and edit City's pleadings in cases challenging constitutionality of ordinances. Developed and maintained database to track statistical information on Gang and Narcotics Loitering cases.

Tuberculosis: Successfully tried several cases to isolate noncompliant multi-drug resistant tuberculosis patients. Documented and worked to correct weaknesses in the legal and procedural methods used in isolation cases. Orchestrated multi-disciplinary roundtable to discuss procedural shortcomings. This resulted in tuberculosis cases being moved from the Traffic Division to the County Division and tried in specially ventilated rooms at the Center for Disease Control. Changes resulted in the public being better protected from a highly contagious disease as well as a higher quality of representation for tuberculosis patients and confidentiality in the proceedings.

HIV Testing: Identified drawbacks in system used to recognize and protect police officers exposed to the HIV virus. Assisted in developing a comprehensive plan on how to remedy weaknesses. Helped draft and edit legal motions and memoranda to aid officers in obtaining blood samples in potential HIV transmission cases while protecting defendant=s privacy rights.

Animal Abuse: Drafted comprehensive reference guide for use by Departments of Animal Care and Control and Police pertaining to city and state laws on animal care and cruelty. Attended numerous roundtable discussions to develop strategies on enforcing state statutes and city ordinances relating to animal fighting.

Assistant Corporation Counsel, Torts Division, July 1997- July 1998.

Responsible for over 100 personal injury suits in all phases of litigation. Tried five jury cases, four to verdict. Defended the City and its employees in over fifty arbitration hearings. Conducted depositions, drafted and argued procedural and dispositive motions, and negotiated settlement agreements.

Assistant Corporation Counsel, Municipal Prosecutions Division, January 1994 - July 1997.

Represented the local liquor control commissioner and the Mayor=s License Commission in administrative hearings and reviews and administrative appeals to the circuit court. Prosecuted criminal, quasi-criminal and civil ordinance violations in the First Municipal District. Litigated criminal and civil bench and jury trials. Argued motions and negotiated pre-trial settlements. Drafted pleadings, briefs, motions and discovery materials.

SACHNOFF & WEAVER, LTD., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Associate, November 1991 - January 1994.

Summer Associate, June 1990 - August 1990.

Commercial litigation practice. Emphasis on employment discrimination, securities, Fourth Amendment strip search defense, death penalty post-conviction appeal, and contract litigation.

CHICAGO LAWYER=S COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS UNDER LAW, INC., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Volunteer Teacher, July 1992 - August 1992.

Instructed pre-law school students in Introduction to Legal Learning Program. Introduced students to Socratic teaching method. Assisted students with appellate briefs and judged moot court competition.

IIT CHICAGO-KENT LAW OFFICES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Legal Intern, May 1989 - July 1989.

Worked in Civil Division of law offices with concentration in employment discrimination suits. Assisted supervising attorney on hearing before the Illinois Human Rights Commission.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN, NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

Field Manager, January 1988 - April 1988.

Supervised and trained employees for fundraising efforts to pass New York legislation on domestic violence. Extensive grassroots canvassing throughout the State of New York.

EDUCATION

IIT CHICAGO-KENT COLLEGE OF LAW, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Juris Doctor, May 1991.

Academic Honors and Activities: Member, Order of Coif, 1991; Staff Member, Law Review, August 1989 - March 1990; Graduated with High Honors, 3/266; Merit Scholar Recipient; Dean=s Advisory Council; Dean=s List, every semester; Black American Law Students Association, Vice President, 1990.

CORNELL COLLEGE, MT. VERNON, IOWA.

Bachelor of Arts, May 1987.

Academic Honors and Activities: Graduated cum laude; Recipient William Fletcher King Scholarship; Dean=s List, four years. Studied in Asia and Mexico.

VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Member, **Judicial Selection Committee for Justice Anne M. Burke**, August 2008 - present.

Board Member, **Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International**, May 2009 - present.

Advisor, **De Paul University School of New Learning**, Masters Program, 2007-2008.

Mentor, **Black Women Lawyers Association**, Lawyer to Lawyer Mentoring Program, 2008.

Volunteer, **Working in the Schools** ("WITS"), 2000 - present.

Volunteer "Buddy" Runner, **Girls on the Run**, 2009.

Clean-up Volunteer, **Forest Preserve of Cook County**, 2005 – 2009.

Member, **City of Chicago Department of Law Hiring Committee**, January 2007 - present.

Chairperson, **Summer Law Clerk Hiring Committee**, January 1996 - August 2000.

Founder, **LGBT Outreach Committee**, City of Chicago Law Department, 2008.

Bar Associations

- Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago
- Black Women Lawyers' Association of Greater Chicago
- Chicago Bar Association
- Lesbian and Gay Bar Association
- Women's Bar Association of Illinois

Equality Illinois

- Board Member, September 2007 - February 2009.
- Chair, Outreach Committee, September 2008 - February 2009.
- Member, Catalyst Committee, May 2008 - February 2009.
- Member, Personnel Committee, September 2008 - February 2009.

Triathlon Competitor

- 1st Place in Age Group - South Shore Tri, August 2008.
- 1st Place in Age Group - Great Illinois Full Iron Distance Triathlon, September 2007.
- 1st Place in Age Group - Fleet Feet Super Sprint Triathlon, August 2006.

Chicago Women's Rugby Football Club

- Player, 1988 – 1999
- Selected to Midwest All Star Team, 1995