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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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### **BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

Boston, MA

*Senior Lecturer and Clinical Instructor; Director, Prosecutor Clinic*

October 2024–present

*Lecturer and Clinical Instructor; Director, Prosecutor Clinic*

January 2015–September 2024

*Interim Director, Criminal Law Clinical Program*

January 2023–December 2023

- As Director of the Prosecutor Clinic, select and supervise the prosecution of felony and misdemeanor District Court cases by third-year students from arraignment through trial pursuant to Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:03. Conduct direct, in-person supervision of student prosecutors in court and in the field during all phases of litigation and case preparation.
- As Interim Director of the Program, managed the operation of the two-semester clinic, which includes both collaborative and distinct prosecution and defense components.
- Lecture second- and third-year students in the Prosecutor and Defender Clinics on all aspects of criminal procedure; evidence; trial advocacy; legal research, writing and motion practice; professional responsibility; and issues relating to systemic racism and other forms of injustice.
- Teach a non-clinical upperclass seminar in prosecutorial ethics.
- Manage relations between the Clinical Program and the Law School, judges and court personnel, the Norfolk District Attorney's Office, state and local police, and the defense bar.
- Serve on various committees and working groups promoting diversity, equity and inclusion; advancements in clinical pedagogy; public service employment; student and attorney mental health and well-being; and support for first-generation undergraduate students.
- Led students on week-long *pro bono* service trips to Detroit in 2016, 2018 and 2019, working with non-profit agencies to protect low-income families from home foreclosure and eviction.
- Recipient of Outstanding Faculty Achievement in *Pro Bono* and Public Service Award in 2019 and Public Interest Project Faculty Award in 2016.

### **NORFOLK DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

Canton, MA

*Special Assistant District Attorney*

January 2015–present

- Appointed to supervise Boston University School of Law student prosecutors pursuant to Supreme Judicial Court Rule 3:03.

*Assistant District Attorney*

May 1997–January 2015

- Conducted every stage of the prosecution of major felony cases in the Norfolk Superior Court from grand jury investigation through trial, including first- and second-degree murder as a member of the Homicide Unit, manslaughter, motor vehicle homicide, sexual assault, armed assault with intent to murder, and drug trafficking.
- As a member of the Appeals Unit, drafted 55 appellate briefs and interlocutory relief petitions, including several in cases of first impression, and argued before the Supreme Judicial Court and Appeals Court of Massachusetts. Drafted filings and argued in opposition to postconviction motions in murder cases. Assisted with preparation of homicide trials.
- Developed training materials for use by prosecutors and state and local police and conducted presentations to police departments on various legal issues.
- Responsible for overseeing grand jury empanelment and instruction as Grand Jury Coordinator.

## **BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**

*Instructor, First-Year Writing Program*

Boston, MA

August 1999–May 2000

- Taught year-long seminar on all aspects of legal research, writing and appellate advocacy. Assisted students with preparation for first-year moot court competition.

## **THE NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF ENGLISH**

*Instructor*

Cambridge, MA

March 1997–May 1997

- Developed and taught course designed to introduce international students to American constitutional law.

## **APPELLATE CASES BRIEFED AND ARGUED**

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### **PUBLISHED DECISIONS**

*Commonwealth v. Bostock*, 880 N.E.2d 759 (Mass. 2008)  
*MacDougall v. Commonwealth*, 852 N.E.2d 1080 (Mass. 2006)  
*Commonwealth v. Youngworth*, 769 N.E.2d 299 (Mass. 2002)  
*Commonwealth v. Beale*, 751 N.E.2d 845 (Mass. 2001)  
*Commonwealth v. Tague*, 751 N.E.2d 388 (Mass. 2001), *cert. denied*, 534 U.S. 1146 (2002)  
*Commonwealth v. McCravy*, 723 N.E.2d 517 (Mass. 2000)  
*Commonwealth v. Noble*, 707 N.E.2d 819 (Mass. 1999)  
*George Prescott Pub. Co. v. Stoughton Div. of Dist. Ct. Dept.*, 701 N.E.2d 307 (Mass. 1998)  
*Commonwealth v. Thompson*, 696 N.E.2d 105 (Mass.), *cert. denied*, 525 U.S. 1008 (1998)  
*Commonwealth v. Howze*, 788 N.E.2d 586 (Mass. App. Ct. 2003)  
*Youngworth v. Commonwealth*, 766 N.E.2d 834 (Mass. App. Ct. 2002) (brief only)  
*Commonwealth v. Fallon*, 759 N.E.2d 1228 (Mass. App. Ct. 2001) (brief only)  
*Commonwealth v. Hunt*, 739 N.E.2d 284 (Mass. App. Ct. 2000)  
*Commonwealth v. Van Melkebeke*, 720 N.E.2d 834 (Mass. App. Ct. 1999)  
*Commonwealth v. Giontzis*, 713 N.E.2d 997 (Mass. App. Ct. 1999)  
*Commonwealth v. Carp*, 712 N.E.2d 62 (Mass. App. Ct. 1999)  
*Commonwealth v. Cove*, 693 N.E.2d 1385 (Mass. App. Ct. 1998)  
*Commonwealth v. Somers*, 691 N.E.2d 225 (Mass. App. Ct. 1998) (argument only)

### **UNPUBLISHED DECISIONS**

*Commonwealth v. Lemay*, 32 N.E.3d 369 (Mass. App. Ct. 2015)  
*Commonwealth v. Williams*, 874 N.E.2d 1144 (Mass. App. Ct. 2007)  
*Commonwealth v. Liu*, 832 N.E.2d 20 (Mass. App. Ct. 2005)  
*Commonwealth v. Howze*, 820 N.E.2d 839 (Mass. App. Ct. 2005)  
*Commonwealth v. Jones*, 786 N.E.2d 438 (Mass. App. Ct. 2003)  
*Commonwealth v. Garriques*, 770 N.E.2d 1002 (Mass. App. Ct. 2003)  
*Commonwealth v. Ferraro*, 754 N.E.2d 1084 (Mass. App. Ct. 2001)  
*Commonwealth v. Norling*, 724 N.E.2d 1142 (Mass. App. Ct. 2000)  
*Commonwealth v. Calhoun*, 720 N.E.2d 848 (Mass. App. Ct. 1999)  
*Commonwealth v. Meadows*, 716 N.E.2d 695 (Mass. App. Ct. 1999)  
*Commonwealth v. Rubbo*, 714 N.E.2d 850 (Mass. App. Ct. 1999)  
*Commonwealth v. Magee*, 714 N.E.2d 850 (Mass. App. Ct. 1999)  
*Commonwealth v. Long*, 709 N.E.2d 449 (Mass. App. Ct. 1999)

*Commonwealth v. Scott*, 708 N.E.2d 152 (Mass. App. Ct. 1999)  
*Commonwealth v. Scott*, 707 N.E.2d 405 (Mass. App. Ct. 1998)  
*Commonwealth v. Dardinski*, 705 N.E.2d 1176 (Mass. App. Ct. 1998)  
*Commonwealth v. Buxton*, 699 N.E.2d 27 (Mass. App. Ct. 1998)  
*Commonwealth v. Savignano*, 694 N.E.2d 55 (Mass. App. Ct. 1998)  
*Commonwealth v. Dooling*, 693 N.E.2d 1067 (Mass. App. Ct. 1998)  
*Commonwealth v. Pilkington*, 691 N.E.2d 249 (Mass. App. Ct. 1998)  
*Commonwealth v. Spillane*, 686 N.E.2d 492 (Mass. App. Ct. 1997)  
*Commonwealth v. Brown*, 685 N.E.2d 490 (Mass. App. Ct. 1997)

## EDUCATION

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### BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Boston, MA

Juris Doctor

Concentration in Litigation and Dispute Resolution, with Honors

May 1996

- Edward F. Hennessey Scholar; Managing Editor, *Boston University Public Interest Law Journal*; Author, *Boston University Commentaries Law Journal*; Teaching Assistant, First-Year Writing Program; Criminal Trial Advocacy Clinic, Prosecutor Program

### EMORY UNIVERSITY

Atlanta, GA

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology; Minor in Political Science

May 1993

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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### SARITA AND CLAIRE WRIGHT LUCAS FOUNDATION

Boston, MA

*Collaborator, More Than 1% and Who Elects Our Prosecutors? Initiatives* February 2020–present

- Working with non-profit foundation to increase diversification of prosecutors' offices nationwide and to encourage women of color to seek prosecutorial careers. Assisting research team with survey development, academic community outreach, data collection, and report drafting as part of its "More Than 1%" Initiative, studying reasons for the underrepresentation of Black women in the prosecutorial field and generating solutions to eliminating employment barriers. Assisting research team as part of its "Who Elects Our Prosecutors?" Initiative, collecting data and studying correlations between community demographics and prosecutorial election results regionally and nationwide.

### SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT COMMITTEE ON LAWYER WELL-BEING

Boston, MA

*Member, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Working Group*

November 2021–March 2024

- Served on subcommittee tasked with making recommendations to the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court regarding diversity, equity and inclusion policies and practices for statewide public agencies and legal services organizations, culminating in submission of "Proposals for Legal Organizations and Law Departments to Improve the Well-Being of Lawyers from Underrepresented and Historically Excluded Populations" report to the Court.

## **MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF BAR EXAMINERS**

Boston, MA

*Member, Bar Admissions Curriculum Committee*

May 2017–August 2021

- Drafted examination questions and study materials for the Massachusetts Law Component examination required for admission to the Massachusetts bar, focusing on key distinctions between state and federal law relating to criminal law and criminal procedure.
- Assisted with development of inaugural examination administered in 2018.
- Conducted periodic updates of study materials and redrafted examination questions as necessitated by legal developments or fluctuations in candidate performance.

## **MASSACHUSETTS CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

Boston, MA

*Publication Author and Program Chair*

May 2017–November 2021

- Authored chapters of 2019 and 2020 editions of the *Massachusetts Superior Court Criminal Practice Manual* on discovery practice, pretrial hearings, and disposition of criminal cases.
- Served as Program Chair of and co-presenter in seminars relating to use of novel technological evidence in criminal and civil trials in July 2018 and July 2019.

## **SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT JUROR VOIR DIRE COMMITTEE**

Boston, MA

*Member, Other Courts Working Group*

March 2015–April 2016

- Served on subcommittee with judges and attorneys to study and make recommendations regarding juror voir dire practices in Massachusetts District Courts, Juvenile Courts, Housing Courts, and the Boston Municipal Court.

## **HARVARD LAW SCHOOL**

Cambridge, MA

*Instructor, Winter Trial Advocacy Workshop*

Winter terms 2004–2009

- Instructed small groups of second- and third-year students in all areas of trial advocacy during week-long workshop sessions and served as advisor to teams during mock trial exercises.
- Coached Harvard Law School mock trial team in 2007 Texas Young Lawyers Association (TYLA) National Trial Competition.

## **SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

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*Overcoming the Peremptory's Greatest Challenges*, 66 BOSTON BAR J. no. 4 (Fall 2022)

*Rethinking Batson-Soares*, 65 BOSTON BAR J. no. 3 (Summer 2021)

*Effective Discovery Practice*, MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL PRACTICE MANUAL (MCLE 2019 & 2021)

*The Pretrial Conference, Pretrial Hearing, Final Pretrial Conference, and Pretrial Disposition*, MASSACHUSETTS SUPERIOR COURT CRIMINAL PRACTICE MANUAL (MCLE 2019 & 2021)

*Terry and Motor Vehicle Stops: Basic Rules, Unique Issues and Recent Developments in the Law*, GOING THROUGH THE (CRIMINAL) MOTIONS (MCLE 2011)

Note, *The War on Drugs: Evening the Odds Through Use of the Airport Drug Courier Profile*, 6 B.U. PUB. INT. L.J. 203 (1996) [cited in *Johnson v. State*, 813 A.2d 161, 165 n.12 (Del. 2001)]

Book Review, *Suing for Medical Malpractice*, B.U. COMMENTARIES L.J. (1994)

## SELECT PRESENTATIONS

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*Navigating Critique Versus Criticism in Court, in a Predicament, and in the Moment*, New England Clinical Conference; Hartford, CT; November 2024 (co-presenter)

*Enhancing Student Clinical Experience Through Court Participation*, New England Clinical Conference; Hartford, CT; November 2024 (co-presenter)

*Professional Responsibility and Ethics: Discovery/Brady*, National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) Conference; Boston, MA; August 2024 (panelist and moderator)

*Innovative Techniques in Trial Advocacy and Trial Motion Practice*, National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) Conference; Boston, MA; August 2024 (co-presenter)

*Ethics in Jury Selection and High-Profile Cases*, National Black Prosecutors Association (NBPA) Practice Skills Training Series; online; June 2024 (panelist)

*Beyond Trauma-Informed Lawyering: Clinics as First Responders and Institutional Reformers in the Law Student Mental Health Crisis*, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education; St. Louis, MO; May 2024 (co-presenter)

*If Not Us, Who? Shaping the Future of Ethical Criminal Prosecution Through Prosecutorial Clinics*, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education; St. Louis, MO; May 2024 (co-presenter)

*Grading & the Curve: Rebuilding Hope and Confidence in Students Fighting to Abolish Systems of Oppression*, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Francisco, CA; April 2023 (co-presenter)

*Use of Emerging Technology in Clinical Teaching and Supervision*, New England Clinical Conference, South Royalton, VT; March 2023 (co-presenter)

*What Are We Doing When We Teach About Lawyer Well-being?*, New England Clinical Conference; South Royalton, VT; March 2023 (co-presenter)

*Empathy: More Than a Feeling*, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education; online; April 2021 (co-presenter)

*Real Change on Equity and Racial Justice Starts with Your Syllabus: How to Create an Inclusive, Engaging Syllabus and First Class That Serve All of Your Students, Your Classroom and Your Learning Objectives*, New England Clinical Conference; online; March 2021 (co-presenter)

*Teaching Empathy in the Prosecutorial Context: Promoting Students' Understanding of Victims, Defendants, and Themselves*, New England Clinical Conference; Newton, MA; November 2019 (presenter)

*When New Technology Becomes Evidence II*, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE); Boston, MA; July 2019 (program chair and co-presenter)

*Prosecution Clinics: Unlocking Their Potential to Unite*, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education; San Francisco, CA; May 2019 (co-presenter)

*Measuring Outcomes of Clinical Teaching: Simulations, Surveys, and Seeing the Value of the Clinical Experience*, New England Clinical Conference; Providence, RI; October 2018 (presenter)

*When New Technology Becomes Evidence*, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE); Boston, MA; July 2018 (program chair and co-presenter)

*Terry and Motor Vehicle Stops: Basic Rules, Unique Issues and Recent Developments in the Law*, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education (MCLE); Boston, MA; March 2011 (presenter)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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- Massachusetts, 1996
- Maryland, 1996
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, 2006