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EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

J.D., June 2001

Award: 2000 Massachusetts Black Judges Conference Book Award

Activities: Co-Director, In Common Peer Counseling Program
Executive Board, Black Law Students Association

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

B.A. in Psychology, May 1998

Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

Activities: Student Counselor, Wake Forest Judicial System
President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF LAW

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

FALL 2010 - PRESENT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

FALL 2007 – SPRING 2010

Award: 2010 Best Classroom Teacher Award

Courses Taught: Contracts I, II Consumer Law
Sales

Law School Service: Faculty Advisory Committee (2010–present)
Faculty Selection Committee (2007-2008, 2011-
present)
Adjunct Faculty Committee (2009–2010)
Faculty Advisor (2008-2009)

University Service: Diversity Committee (2009-present)
Focus Carolina Quality of Life in the University
Community Committee (2009–2010)
Faculty Senate (2008–2011)

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

FALL 2003 - SPRING 2007

Courses Taught: Commercial Law, including Sales, Negotiable
Instruments and Secured Transactions
Consumer Rights

Law School Service: Student Bar Association Faculty Advisor (2006-
2007)
Academic Standards Committee (2006-2007)
Honor Code Committee (2005-2007)
Rank and Tenure Committee (2003-2006)

Faculty Appointments Committee (2003-2005)
Technology Committee (2003-2004)
Student Faculty Mentor (2003-2004)
Faculty Marshall (2004)

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER

VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

FALL 2004

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

SPRING 2003

Courses Taught: Contracts
Texas Consumer Law
Taxation of Compensation and Employee Benefits

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

TUTORIAL PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR

2000-2001

ELIZABETH WARREN – HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

CONTRACTS TEACHING ASSISTANT

FALL 1999

**TEACHING &
RESEARCH
INTERESTS**

Commercial Law Affirmative Action
Contracts Race, Class, and Education
Consumer Rights

PUBLICATIONS

Young Consumer Protection in the “Millennial” Age, 2011 UTAH LAW REVIEW 369 (2011).

From the Schoolhouse to the Poorhouse: The Credit CARD Act’s Failure to Adequately Protect Young Consumers, 56 VILLANOVA LAW REVIEW 1 (2011).

Examining the Costs of Diversity, 63 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW 577 (2009) (invited).

Recipient: The John Templeton Foundation Academic Scholarship Award, Pacific Legal Foundation

Parents Involved & Meredith: A Prediction Regarding the (Un)Constitutionality of Race-Conscious Student Assignment Plans, 84 DENVER UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 293 (2006).

What Price Grutter? We May Have Won the Battle, but Are We Losing the War?, 32 JOURNAL OF COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY LAW 1 (2005) (University of Notre Dame) (peer-reviewed).

**SHORTER
WORKS**

The Availability and Viability of Socioeconomic Integration Post-Parents Involved, 59 UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 841 (2008) (invited symposium comments).

Achieving K-12 School Diversity Without Considering Race, DIVERSE ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION, Nov. 30, 2006.

**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS**

Invited Panelist, *From the Schoolhouse to the Poorhouse: The Credit CARD Act's Failure to Adequately Protect Young Consumers*, The Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference, University of Cambridge, UK, September 2011.

Invited Presenter, *Justice Thomas and the Promise of Educational Equality*, Fresh Ideas from Rising Scholars and Teachers Speakers Program, Chapman University School of Law, Orange, CA, February 2011.

Invited Panelist, *Young Consumer Protection in the "Millennial" Age*, The Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 2011.

Invited Panelist, *The Credit CARD Act's Protection of Young Consumers: Much Ado About Nothing?*, South Carolina Bar Convention, Hilton Head, SC, January 2011.

Invited Panelist, *Critical Insights: The Continuing Legacy of Derrick Bell*, Our Country, Our World in a "Post-Racial" Era - Third National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law, Newark, NJ, September 2010.

Invited Moderator, U.S. News, the Economy, and the Incredibly Shrinking Minority Law Student Population, The Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2010.

Invited Speaker, *Examining the Costs of Diversity*, Race, Law, and Society Seminar, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, November 2009.

Invited Panelist, *CRT and Educational Equality: Answering the Call*, Evaluating the Critical Race Theory Movement on its Twentieth Anniversary, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools 62nd Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL, August 2009.

Invited Speaker, *Perspectives of Minority Law Teachers*, AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference, Washington, DC, November 2008.

Invited Panelist, *Justice Thomas: Friend or Foe to the Fight for Educational Equality for Disadvantaged, Minority Students?*, The Jurisprudence of Justice Clarence Thomas, The Southeastern Association of Law Schools 61st Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL, July 2008.

Invited Panelist, Commentator, *Law and Education/Work-in-Progress* Session, Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship

Conference, North Carolina Central University School of Law, Durham, NC, April 2008.

Invited Panelist, *Education and the Bewilderment of Race: A Closer Look at Community School v. Seattle School District #1*, Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Houston, TX, April 2008.

Invited Keynote Speaker, *Affirmative Action at the Frontiers: Strategic Brainstorming for Remediating the Educational Gap*, University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law, Memphis, TN, March 2008.

Invited Panelist, *The Availability and Viability of Socioeconomic Integration Post-Parents Involved*, South Carolina Law Review 2008 Symposium: The Roberts Court and Equal Protection: Gender, Race and Class, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC, February 2008.

Invited Panelist, *The Current Legal Framework – Affirmative Action – Welcome Mat or Keep Out Sign? Meredith, Seattle, and the View from the Front Lines*, The University of Miami Law Review 2008 Symposium: The Future of Affirmative Action: *Seattle School District #1* Race, Education and the Constitution, University of Miami, Miami, FL, February 2008.

Organizer, Moderator, *A Conversation with the Chairman*, Chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Gerald Reynolds Presentation, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC, November 2007.

Invited Speaker, *DTPA Update: Protecting Your Clients' Money & Interests*, State Bar of Texas, Galveston, TX, July 2007.

Panelist, *Opening Doors: Race and Education*, Conference of the Asian Pacific American Law Faculty, William Mitchell College of Law, Minneapolis, MN, April 2007.

Invited Panelist, *Discerning the Constitutional Status of Race Consciousness in American Public Education: An Examination of Parents Involved in Community Schools v. Seattle School District No. 1 and Meredith v. Jefferson County Public Schools*, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC, April 2007.

Invited Panelist, *The Browning of America: Its Impact on American Law and Legal Systems*, National Association of Women Judges 27th Annual Conference, Houston, TX, October 2005.

Invited Panelist, *Charting Your Own Course*, Houston Bar Association Minority Opportunities in Legal Profession Committee, Houston, TX, July 2005.

**MEDIA
COMMENTARY**

Credit CARD Act Won't Protect Students, THE STATE, Aug. 19, 2010.

Radio Show, "U Need 2 Know," WOIC 1230am, *Young Consumer Provisions of the Credit CARD Act*, August 2010.

Radio Show, "Carolina Minute," ETV Radio, *The Enforceability of Internet Contracts*, February 2009.

Radio Show, "That's the Law with Craig Jackson," KTSU-FM 90.9 FM, *Parents Involved and Meredith Oral Arguments*, December 2006.

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

BRACEWELL & GIULIANI, LLP
ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY **2002-2003**
Area of Practice: ERISA/Employee Benefits

HAYNES & BOONE, LLP
ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY **2001-2002**
Area of Practice: ERISA/Employee Benefits

BAKER BOTTS, L.L.P.
SUMMER ASSOCIATE **2000, 1999**
Areas of Practice: ERISA/Employee Benefits
Labor & Employment

**PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS**

Chairperson, South Carolina State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

Executive Committee, AALS Section on Commercial and Related Consumer Law

Executive Committee, AALS Minority Groups Section

American Bar Association Legal Opportunity Scholarship Committee
State Bar of Texas