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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  
Research Assistant, Initiative for a Competitive Inner City  
Family Law Clinic  
General Practice Unit Clinic

#### **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**

**ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

**FALL 2007 - PRESENT**

**VISITING ASSISTANT PROFESSOR**

**SPRING 2007**

Courses Taught: Contracts  
Sales  
Consumer Law

Law School Service: Faculty Selection Committee

#### **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 and Education  
Consumer Rights

**PUBLICATIONS** 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)

**SHORTER WORKS** *The Availability and Viability of Socioeconomic Integration Post-Parents Involved* (forthcoming UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW) (invited symposium comments)

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

**WORKS IN PROGRESS** *Post-Parents Involved: Moving Beyond the Diversity Diversion to Achieve the Promise of Brown*, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW (invited paper)

*From the Schoolhouse to the Poorhouse: Predatory Lending on College Campuses*

**PRESENTATIONS & COMMENTARY** Invited Panelist, *Law and Education*, 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.

Moderator, *Religion & Social Views: Christianity in the Developing World Panel*, Rudolph C. Barnes, Sr. Symposium: Legitimacy, Economic Development & Change, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC, January 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.

Panelist, AALS Minority Section Q&A, AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference, Washington, DC, October 2007.

Speaker, Perspectives of Minority Law Teachers, AALS Faculty Recruitment Conference, Washington, DC, October 2007.

Invited Panelist, Professional Day Meet and Greet for University 101 Students, Office of Pre-Professional Advising, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, October 2007.

Commentator, Work-in-Progress Series, Twelfth Annual LatCrit Conference, critical localities: Epistemic Communities, Rooted Cosmopolitans, New Hegemonies, and Knowledge Processes, Florida International University College of Law, October 2007.

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

Presenter, Faculty Summer Writing Workshop, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA, 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 Speaker, *Strategies for Success*, Black Law Students Association, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC, 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 Speaker, *Strategies for Success*, Women in Law Organization, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC, February 2007.

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

Invited Speaker, *Consumer Law Primer for the Criminal Law Practitioner: Protecting Your Clients' Money & Rights*, Houston Lawyers Association Criminal Law CLE, Houston, TX, May 2006.

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

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

Invited Speaker, *Consumer Protection: Your Money, Your Rights*, People's Law School, The University of Houston Law Center – Center for Consumer Law, Houston, TX, April 2005.

Presenter and Commentator, Work-in-Progress Series, *America, Race, and Law at the Crossroads - Second National People of Color Conference*, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC, October 2004.

**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**

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

Southeast/Southwest People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference  
Executive Committee