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Employment:

- 2021-present Visiting Professor
Southern Illinois University School of Law
Subjects taught: Torts, Lawyering Skills
- 2018-2021 Visiting Professor/Interim Assoc. Dean for Academic Affairs
Univ. of North Texas at Dallas College of Law
Subject taught: Bankruptcy, Evidence Practicum, Criminal Law Topics
- 2016-2018 Visiting Faculty Member
Wm. H. Bowen School of Law, Univ. of Arkansas-Little Rock
Subjects taught: Advanced Litigation Skills/Trial Team, Bankruptcy, Consumer Protection, Gender & the Law, Lawyering Skills I and II, Research, Writing, and Analysis I and II
- 2015-present Author, Public Speaker, Consultant
- 2014-2015 Indiana Institute of Technology, Ft. Wayne, IN
Consultant (retained to assist with accreditation, as requested)
- 2013-present Of Counsel, Rhode Law, Carbondale, IL
- 2012-2014 Indiana Institute of Technology, Ft. Wayne, IN
Founding Dean and Professor of Law, Indiana Tech Law School
Subjects taught: Criminal Law and Professionalism
- 2003-2012 Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL
Dean and Professor of Law (2003-2009)
Professor of Law (2009-2012)
- Subjects taught: Bankruptcy, Criminal Law, Evidence, Judicial Selection Seminar, Law Office Management, Trial Advocacy, and Advanced Trial Advocacy

Visiting Appointments:

Notre Dame Law School, Notre Dame, IN
Visiting Professor (Fall 2009 and Fall 2010)
Subjects taught: Bankruptcy and Evidence

The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL
Visiting Professor (Spring 2011)
Subjects taught: Bankruptcy and Evidence

1992-2003 Pennsylvania State University, The Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle, PA
Assistant Professor (1992-1995); Associate Professor (1995-1997)
Professor (1997-2003)
Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development. (1997-1999)

Subjects taught: Debtor & Creditor Law, Bankruptcy Issues
Seminar, Business Bankruptcy Workshop, Trial Advocacy,
Criminal Law, Evidence, and Trial Advocacy II

Visiting Appointments and Sabbatical Appointments:

University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA
Visiting Associate Professor (1995-96)
Subjects taught: Estates and Trusts, Civil Procedure II, Trial Advocacy, and
Bankruptcy Clinic

University of Maine School of Law, Portland, ME
Visiting Professor (Summer 1996, 2000, 2002)
Subject taught: Evidence

Washington & Lee University School of Law, Lexington, VA
Visiting Professor (Fall 1999)
Subjects taught: Criminal Law and Evidence

University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign, IL
Scholar-in-Residence (Spring 2000 sabbatical)

1988-1992 Alexander Law Offices, Savoy and Watseka, IL
Owner. Practice concentrated in the areas of bankruptcy, real estate, federal civil
litigation, and federal criminal defense.

1985-1988 Waaler & Evans, P.C., Champaign, IL
Shareholder. Practice concentrated in the areas of bankruptcy, real estate and
civil litigation.

1983-1985 United States Courts, Danville, IL
Law clerk to the Hon. Harold A. Baker, U.S. District Judge, (C.D. Ill.1983-84);
and law clerk to the Hon. Larry L. Lessen, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, (C.D. Ill.
1984-85).

1983-1987 Instructor, Champaign, IL
Parkland Jr. College. Subjects taught: Criminal Law and Evidence

Education:

- 1980-1983 Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA
J.D. (1983)
- 1976-1980 Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
B.A. Political Science (1979)
31 hours completed toward a B.S. in Health Education (1979-80)
- 2015-2018 Dubuque Theological Seminary
Christian Leadership Program for Commissioned Ruling Elders (PCUSA)

Publications:

- “Divorce and the Dischargeability of Debts: Focusing on Women as Creditors in Bankruptcy,” 43 CATH. U. L. REV. 351 (1994).
- “Diversity Challenges: CLEO Students in Search of an Identity,” 14 U.C.L.A. NAT’L. BLACK L. J. 157 (1995).
- “A Proposal to Abolish the Office of United States Trustee,” 30 MICH. J. OF L. REFORM 1 (1996).
- “Alternative Dispute Resolution and Bankruptcy: Reorganizations in Lieu of Bankruptcy,” 7 J. BANKR. L. & PRAC. 81 (1997), reprinted, in part, in MARGARET HOWARD AND PETER ALCES, BANKRUPTCY CASES AND MATERIALS, 15-18 (2nd ed. 2001).
- “Integrating Alternative Dispute Resolution into the Bankruptcy Curriculum,” 102 DICK. L. REV. 259 (1998) (*co-authored*).
- “Silent Screams from Within the Academy: Let my People Grow!” 59 OHIO ST. L.J. 1311 (1998).
- “With Apologies to C. S. Lewis: An Essay on Discharge and Forgiveness,” 9 J. BANKR. L. & PRAC. 601 (2000). (*peer-reviewed*)
- “Thinking about the Private Matters in Public Documents: Bankruptcy Privacy in an Electronic Age,” 75 AM. BANKR. L. J. 437 (2001) (*co-authored*). (*peer-reviewed and judge-edited*)
- “Travel Agency Bankruptcies: A Primer,” 106 COMMERCIAL L.J. 443 (Winter 2001).
- “Congress Builds ‘A Doll’s House’: A Feminist Analysis of Divorce and Bankruptcy,” 48 VILLANOVA L.R. 381 (2002).
- “Identity Theft and Bankruptcy Expungement,” 77 AM. BANKR. L. J. 404 (2003). (*peer-reviewed and judge-edited*)
- “From Topeka to *Brown* to the Future,” 96 LAW LIBRARY JOURNAL, 219 (2004). (*peer-reviewed*)

“Confessions of a Hybrid Dean: Dean as Sustainer,” 36 U. TOLEDO L. REV. 1 (2004). (*peer-edited*)

“Another Perspective: The Bankruptcy Code Harms Women and Children,” 15 WIDENER L.J. 599 (2006).

“Non-Uniform Bankruptcy Laws After BAPCPA,” 31 S.I.U. L.J. 549 (2007). (*co-authored*)

“Bankruptcy *Pro Bono* Legal Assistance Programs: An Update,” 16 NORTON J. BANKR. L. & PRAC. 397 (2007) (co-authored). (*peer-edited*)

“The Six-Year Honeymoon,” 40 U. TOLEDO L. REV. 273 (2008). (*peer-edited*)

“Lessons from Frank Lloyd Wright: Financial Foibles and Family Finances,” Vol. 15 THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE 11 (July-Dec. 2009). (*peer-edited*)

“Bankruptcy, Divorce, and the Rooker-Feldman Doctrine: A Potential Marriage of Convenience,” 13 JOURNAL OF LAW AND FAMILY STUDIES 81 (2011).

“Better than Traditional Marriage?: The Bankruptcy Benefits to A Divorcee Following A Same-Sex Marriage, Domestic Partnership, or Civil Union,” Vol. 20 AMERICAN BANKRUPTCY INSTITUTE LAW REVIEW 271 (Spring 2012).

“Indiana Tech Law School: Preparing Students for Success in Law, Leadership, and Life” (June 3, 2013), Journal of Innovation in Legal Education eJournal (available at SSRN: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2273219>).

“Law School Deans and the ‘New Normal,’” 46 U. TOLEDO L. REV. 1 (2015). (*peer-edited*)

“Seeking Educational Equality in the North: The Integration of the Hillburn, New York School System,” 68 U. ARKANSAS L. REV. 202 (2015). (*peer-review selection process*)

“Cuba 2015: Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference Annual Meeting,” 34 L. AND INEQUALITY: A JOURNAL OF THEORY AND PRAC. 101 (2016).

“A Proposal for the Selection of Appellate Judges in Illinois,” 2017 U. ILL. L. REV. ONLINE 22.

“A Penny for Your Thoughts: Free Speech and Paying Fines With Coins,” 40 U. ARK. LITTLE ROCK L.R. 389 (2018).

“Up in Smoke: Cannabis and Bankruptcy,” 43 U. ARK. LITTLE ROCK L.R. 81 (2020).

“Recycling ‘Justice’: From LRW to CLE,” UNT DALL. L. REV. On The Cusp, Spring 2020, at 1.

THE CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY GUIDE (Cumberland Valley Publishing 2001).

“Chapter 9 Bankruptcy: The Solution that Causes Problems” (in progress).

WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE: BANKRUPTCY AND ITS IMPACT ON DOMESTIC RELATIONS AND FAMILY LAW (with Hon. Judith K. Fitzgerald) (2nd ed.) (Am. Bankr. Inst. 2004).

DIRECTORY OF PRO BONO BANKRUPTCY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES, available at www.dsl.psu.edu/centers/miller.cfm, and reprinted at NORTON ANNUAL SURVEY OF BANKRUPTCY LAW (June 2007) (with Gary S. Gildin).

IT TAKES A VILLAGE: THE INTEGRATION OF THE HILLBURN SCHOOL SYSTEM (with Leonard M. Alexander) (Page Publishing 2014).

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS: THE FINANCIAL LIFE OF FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT (Dorrance Publishing 2021).

JUSTICE (2-act drama) (2017)

TRUTH (1-act drama) (2020)

Dissertation Committees:

Theodore E. Davis, Jr., Department of Management, College of Business and Administration, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Dissertation: "The Shifting Role of Affirmative Action Programs as it Affects African Americans' Enrollment in U.S. Graduate Schools of Business and Job Placement." (degree granted 2006)

Tommie Curry, Department of Philosophy, College of Liberal Arts, Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Dissertation: "Cast Upon The Shadows: Essays Toward The Culturalogic Turn In Critical Race Theory." (degree granted 2009)

Scholarly and C.L.E. Presentations:

(listed in chronological order)

March, 1993 Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference--Presented paper entitled, "Discharging Marital Debts in Bankruptcy: Further Re-Vision of the Feminist Evaluation of the Bankruptcy Code."

January, 1994 Eastern District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Conference
through 1999; (faculty member and discussion leader)
2001-2003

February, 1995 Champaign County Bar Association, Urbana, IL--Bankruptcy Update C.L.E. Presentation (co-presenter)

April, 1995 Cumberland County, Carlisle, PA--Bankruptcy Update C.L.E. Presentation (presenter)

April, 1995 Dickinson/Wilkes University C.L.E.--Bankruptcy for Family Law Practitioners (presenter)

- July, 1995 Middle District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Bar Association Annual Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
Bankruptcy Update C.L.E. Presentation (coordinator and panelist)
- August, 1995 American Bar Association, Chicago, IL
Annual Meeting Business Law Section presentation entitled, “Bankruptcy-- Which Chapter Should You Recommend and What if you are Wrong?”
(panelist)
- Nov., 1995 Tri-State Bankruptcy Symposium, Pittsburgh, PA
(discussion facilitator)
- Feb., 1996 Delaware Valley Women Law Teachers Update on Legal Issues Affecting Women, Philadelphia, PA
Presented paper entitled, “Congress Builds ‘A Doll’s House:’ A Feminist Analysis of Divorce and Bankruptcy”
- August, 1996-2001 Pennsylvania Bar Institute Annual Bankruptcy Update, Mechanicsburg, PA
Annual Bankruptcy Update, Philadelphia, Mechanicsburg and Pittsburgh, PA
(planning committee member, materials preparer, and presenter)
- January, 1997 AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Creditors’ and Debtors’ Rights, Washington, DC.
Participated in panel discussion entitled, “Assessing the Value of Empirical Research on Consumer Bankruptcies: What It Teaches Us and How it Changes Us.”
- February, 1997 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, Louisville, KY.
Presented work-in-progress entitled, “A Feminist Perspective of Marital Debt Dischargeability in Bankruptcy.”
- May, 1997 1997 Judicial Conference for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia, PA.
Participated in (and co-planned) a panel discussion entitled, “Bankruptcy: Life After Debt in the Twenty-First Century.”
- August, 1997 The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. Bankruptcy CLE Program for State Trial Court Judges and concurrent Bankruptcy CLE Program for General Practitioners. Course Planner and Workshop Presenter.
- October, 1997 National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges, Philadelphia, PA.
Fellowship Recipient and Discussion Facilitator.
- February, 1998 The Dickinson School of Law of the Pennsylvania State University. Bankruptcy Symposium sponsored by the Law Review. Faculty Advisor and Moderator.
- February, 1998 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, Camden, NJ.
Co-Chair, Planning Committee

May, 1998 White-Williams Northern District of Ohio Bankruptcy Seminar, Akron, OH
Participated in a panel discussion entitled, "Ethics: Attorney Responsibilities in Bankruptcy Cases."

March, 1999 Pennsylvania Bar Institute, Mechanicsburg, PA
Family Law & Bankruptcy CLE Programs in Philadelphia, Mechanicsburg, and Pittsburgh. Planning Committee Member and Presenter.

March, 1999 National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference. Chicago, IL
Coordinator of Works-in-Progress

February, 2000 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference, Wilmington, DE.
Program Chair and Presenter.

July, 2000 Federal Judicial Center, Washington, DC
Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges II (Albuquerque, NM) (presenter).

Sept, 2000 Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC
"Views from the Bench 2000" CLE Program (presenter).

Oct., 2000 University of Kentucky School of Law, Lexington, KY
Dean's Colloquium Series speaker. Topic: "Constructing a Doll House: Feminist Theory and Bankruptcy."

Jan., 2001 Pennsylvania Bar Institute Family Law C.L.E. Program, Pittsburgh, PA
(workshop presenter on Bankruptcy Law for Family Lawyers)

Feb., 2001 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Carlisle, PA
Program Chair and Site Chair.

May, 2001 Middle District of Pennsylvania Bankruptcy Bar Association Annual Meeting
Keynote Speaker

July, 2001 University of San Diego College of Law, San Diego, CA
Guest Lecturer in Evidence.

Oct., 2001 American Bar Association Family Law Section Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC
Panelist on Bankruptcy and Family Law.

April, 2002 National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Mid-Year Meeting, San Juan, PR
"Privacy and Technology in Bankruptcy" Panelist.

2003 Federal Judicial Center - San Francisco, CA, Santa Fe, NM, and Boston, MA
"Identity Theft and Privacy" Instructor for Bankruptcy Judges.

Oct., 2003 Illinois Family Support Enforcement Association Annual Meeting, E. Peoria, IL
"Bankruptcy Issues" Presenter.

May, 2004 Regional Association of Chapter 13 Trustees, Region 10, Grafton, Illinois
“Family Law Issues” Presenter

Sept., 2004 Minnesota State Bar Association 2004 Bankruptcy Institute, Minneapolis, MN
“Reflections on the Modern Economy: Are Americans Trapped by Two Incomes, Easy Credit, and Too Much Debt? Now What?” Presenter

Dec., 2004 Consumer Credit Revolution Symposium, St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, MO
“Financial Literacy” Presenter

July, 2005 ABA Deans and Development Directors Conference, Jackson Hole, WY
Presenter

Aug., 2005 ABA Dean’s Meeting, Chicago, IL
“Diversity Issues” Presenter

Sept., 2005 Central and Southern District of Illinois Bankruptcy Bar Association, Fairview Heights, IL
“Keynote Address” Presenter

Jan., 2006 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
“Managing Expectations” Presenter

Feb., 2006 Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, PA
“Another Perspective: The Bankruptcy Code Harms Women and Children”
Symposium Presenter

Feb., 2006 ABA Dean’s Annual Meeting, Miami, FL
Break-Out Session Facilitator

Dec., 2006 Southern District of Illinois Bankruptcy Conference, Collinsville, IL
“The Bankruptcy Amendments Harm Women and Children” Keynote Speaker

Feb., 2007 Southern Illinois University School of Law, Carbondale, IL
“Non-Uniform Bankruptcy Laws After BAPCPA” Symposium Presenter

May, 2007 Society of American Law Teachers & Seattle University, Seattle, WA
“Promoting Diversity in Deanships” Presenter

June, 2007 Association of American Law Schools, Washington, DC
“Promotion and Tenure: Getting to Yes” Symposium Presenter

June, 2007 University of Pittsburgh School of Law, Pittsburgh, PA
“Attracting, Retaining, and Advancing Law Students and Lawyers of Color in the Pittsburgh Region Symposium” “Challenges Facing the Legal Profession”
Presenter

July, 2006 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Palm Beach, FL
“So You Want to Be a Dean” Moderator and Panelist

June, 2007 University of Pittsburgh School of Law Summer Institute on Enhancing Diversity in the Pittsburgh Legal Market, Pittsburgh, PA
Speaker

June, 2007 Association of American Law Schools Workshop on Thriving and Surviving the Academy: Concrete Steps for People of Color and Their Law Schools,
Presenter.

July, 2007 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Amelia Island, FL
“U.S. Supreme Court and Legislative Update: Tax, Corporations and Business Regulation.” Moderator

Sept., 2007 Constitution Day Program, Alcorn State University, Alcorn State, MS
“You Can Make a Difference” Keynote Speaker

Sept., 2007 Peoria County Bar Association Diversity Luncheon, Peoria, IL
“Just Do It” Keynote Speaker

Dec., 2007 Illinois Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism, Chicago, IL
“Diversity Conclave” Breakout Group Facilitator

Sept., 2008 Illinois Appellate Court Conference, Springfield, IL
“Law Schools: Then and Now” Panel Presenter

Oct., 2008 Illinois Family Support Enforcement Association Annual Conference,
Whittington, IL
“Bankruptcy/Family Law Update” Presenter

Nov., 2008 Jackson County Bar Association, Carbondale, IL
“The School of Law Experiment: Experiential Learning and Increased Pro Bono Opportunities” Presenter

Feb., 2009 University of South Dakota School of Law, Vermillion, SD
“One Man’s Journey,” Thurgood Marshall Lecture Keynote Speaker

Jan., 2010 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA
“Deaning: Myths and Realities” Moderator and Presenter

Sept., 2010 National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Newark, NJ
Planning Committee Member
“Inequitable Administration: Documenting Family for Tax Purposes” Responder

“The Intersection of Race, Gender, Identity, and Sexual Orientation in a ‘Post Racial’ World” Moderator

Nov., 2010 Office of the United States Trustee - Northern District of Indiana Chapter 7
Panel Trustee Conference, South Bend, IN
“Ethics and the Panel Trustee” Presenter

- Jan., 2012 Dupage County (IL) Family Law Program, Naperville, IL
“The Rules of Evidence for Divorce Practitioners: 5 Important Lessons for Family Law Attorneys” Presenter
- May 2013 Educating Advocates: Teaching Advocacy Skills 2013, Gulfport, FL
“Blending Doctrine and Skills in the Classroom” Presenter
- Apr., 2014 Midwestern People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Fort Wayne, IN
“Deans of Color Speak Out: The State of American Legal Education” Panelist
- Oct., 2014 National Bar Association Wiley A. Branton Issues Symposium, Fullerton, CA
“Education: The New Civil Right” Panelist
- Jan., 2015 Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Morgantown, WV
“Do We Believe the Children are our Future?” Panelist
- March 2015 Charles D. Tenney Distinguished Lecture, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL
“The Integration of the Hillburn School System” Speaker
- March 2015 National Bar Association: Writer’s Guild: A Roundtable Discussion with the Authors, St. Louis, MO Panelist
- Sept., 2015 University of Idaho College of Law, Moscow, ID
Constitution Day Lecturer: “Seeking Educational Equality in the North”
- Jan., 2016 Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Schaumburg, IL
MLK Day Presentation: “It Takes a Village: The Integration of the Hillburn School System”
- October, 2018 Society of American Law Teachers, Penn State Law, University Park, PA
Annual Teaching Conference: “Recycling ‘Justice’” Presenter
- February, 2020 UNT Dallas Faculty Speaker Series, Dallas, TX
“Community-Engaged Teaching and Learning” Presenter

Significant University Service:

- 2020 Asst. Dean of Admissions Search Committee (UNT-Dallas College of Law) Chair
- 2018-Present Adjunct Faculty Committee (UNT-Dallas College of Law) Chair
- 2018 Search Committee for Director of Integrated Marketing and Communications (UNT Dallas College of Law) Chair
- 2017-2018 Admissions Committee (Arkansas-Bowen Law School) Chair

Summer, 2009 Council on Legal Education Opportunity Northeast Regional Institute--Director
Southern Illinois University School of Law

2008-09 Member, SIUC Screening Committee for Associate Chancellor (Diversity)

2006-07 Chair, NCAA Certification Self-Study Steering Committee, Southern Illinois
University Carbondale

2006-07 Member, Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke's *Ad Hoc* MCLE Advisory
Committee

2006 Chair, Assoc. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management
Search Committee, Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2006 Designee of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs to serve as Appeals Officer
to review 8 disciplinary appeals from the Office of Student Judicial Affairs,
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

2005-present Member, SIUC School of Art and Design Advisory Board

2004-2009 Member, Honorary Degrees Committee, Southern Illinois University
Carbondale
(Chair 2007-08)

2004 Member, SIUC School of Agricultural Sciences Dean Search Committee

2003-06;
2007-09 SIU School of Law Admissions Committee

2005-07 SIU School of Law Professional Development Committee (Chair 2006-07)

2001-2002 Law School Dean Search Committee, The Dickinson School of Law, The
Pennsylvania State University, Carlisle, PA.

2000-2002 University Promotion and Tenure Committee, The Pennsylvania State
University, University Park, PA

Summer, 1996 Council on Legal Education Opportunity Regional Institute--Criminal Law
Instructor, The Dickinson School of Law

Summer, 1994 Council on Legal Education Opportunity Northeast Regional Institute--Co-
Director and Legal Writing Professor, The Dickinson School of Law

Summer, 1993 Council on Legal Education Opportunity Northeast Regional Institute--Legal
Writing Professor, University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Significant Professional Service:

- Mar., 2021 ABA Site Inspection – Atlanta’s John Marshall Law School (member)
- Summer, 2018 LSAC/CLEO – Instructional Mediator (grant-funded project to assist students to succeed in CLEO. Principal Investigator: Dr. Dorothy Evensen, Professor Emerita, The Pennsylvania State University)
- Nov., 2017 ABA Site Inspection – Thurgood Marshall School of Law, Texas Southern University (Factfinder)
- Feb. 2016 ABA Site Inspection – David A. Clark School of Law, University of the District of Columbia (Chair)
- Oct., 2015 Illinois Family Support Enforcement Assoc., Springfield, IL (Continuing Ed speaker) “Child Support Enforcement in Bankruptcy”
- Feb., 2015 ABA Site Inspection – University of New Hampshire School of Law (Factfinder)
- Oct., 2011 ABA Site Inspection - University of Idaho School of Law (AALS Reporter)
- Mar., 2011 AALS Site Inspection - Earle Mack School of Law, Drexel University (member)
- Feb., 2010 ABA Site Inspection - University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law (member)
- Mar., 2009 ABA Site Inspection - University of Memphis Cecil Humphreys School of Law (Chair)
- 2008-2009 AALS Section for the Law School Dean, Executive Committee (member)
- 2008-2009 AALS Special Committee to Revise the Law Deanship Manual (member)
- 2009-present AALS Women and Minority Deans’ Databanks Advisory Council (member)
- 2008-2011 AALS Membership Review Committee (member)
- Feb., 2008 ABA Deans’ Annual Meeting Planning Committee (Co-Chair)
- 2007-2009 AALS Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure (member)
- Mar., 2007 ABA Site Inspection - Rutgers School of Law-Camden, Camden, NJ (team member)
- Mar., 2006 ABA Site Inspection - Golden Gate University School of Law, San Francisco, CA (team member)
- Mar., 2003 ABA Site Inspection - St. John’s University School of Law, Jamaica, NY (team member)

- 2003-2009 AALS Women and/or Minority Deans' Databanks Advisory Board, Member
- 2003-present Illinois State Bar Association
 –Committee on the Delivery of Legal Services (2006-07 Secretary; 2007-08 Vice Chair; 2008-09 Chair)
 –Committee on Legal Education, Competence and Admission to the Bar (2007-17, Member; 2013-14 Secretary; Vice Chair 2014-15; Chair 2015-16)
 --Committee on Judicial Advisory Polls (2014-present, Member)
- 2000-2003 Board of Visitors, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts
- 1999-2002 Association of American Law Schools, Committee on Sections and the Annual Meeting (Committee Chair 2001-02)
- 1995-2002 American Board of Certification--Member of the Board of Directors (1995-2001) and Dean of the Faculty Committee (1999-2001)
- 1993-2002 American Bankruptcy Institute--member of A.B.I. Bankruptcy Law Review Advisory Board
- 1992-1994 Pennsylvania Legal Services Center Martin Luther King, Jr. Internship Program Evidence Instructor (summers)

Significant Community Service:

- 2012-2016 Friends of the Lincoln Collection in Indiana, Inc., Fort Wayne, IN Board Member
- 2004-2017 SIUC School of Art & Design Advisory Board, Carbondale, IL Member
- 2004-present The Lincoln Academy of Illinois (gubernatorial appointee) Trustee and Regent (2004-2014) Secretary (2012-2014) Regent Emeritus (2014-present)
- 1992 Univ. of Illinois School of Law, Champaign, IL Black Law Students Association--Tutor
- 1986-present Kiwanis International Ft. Wayne, IN (Secretary, 2012-2014) Carbondale, IL (Member, 2003-2006; 2014-present; Secretary, 2006-2009) Carlisle, PA (Board of Directors Member, 1997-1999) Champaign, IL (President, 1989-1990)

Honors and Awards:

2018	Arkansas Traveler
2011	Distinguished Visiting Professor Award, Notre Dame Law School
2010	American Law Institute, elected member
2009	American Bar Foundation, 2009 Fellow
2008	Illinois Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL Award for Distinguished Service to Law and Society
2006	Outstanding Teacher, SIU School of Law
2002	American College of Bankruptcy, 2002 Inductee
2001-2002	C.I.C. Academic Leadership Fellow from The Pennsylvania State University
2001 & 2002	Who's Who in America
1996-1998 & 2000	Who's Who in the East
1996 & 1997	Outstanding Young Men in America
1996	Who's Who in the World
1992	Illinois State Bar Association Lincoln Award Legal Writing Contest--Third Place.