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Professional Summary

Legal education professional for over 25 years. Adjunct law professor, continuing legal education, judicial education expert, in state, national and international forums. Highly experienced legal professional with over 25 years of expertise in judicial ethics, discipline, and integrity. Proven leadership in national and international judicial conduct organizations, with a strong background in prosecution, and litigation. Recognized expert in public sector responsible AI strategy, government anti-corruption initiatives, and workplace safety policy. Frequently invited to speak at international conferences and contribute to global judicial integrity initiatives.

Professional Experience

National Center for State Courts, Center for Judicial Ethics | Williamsburg, VA **March 2023 – August 2025**
Director

- Serve as an executive office cabinet member, leading initiatives for rule changes, topical training, and consulting services domestically and internationally

Arkansas Judicial Discipline & Disability Commission | Little Rock, AR **September 2007 – March 2023**
Executive Director; Deputy Executive Director

- Directed the state agency as Executive Director for more than a decade
- Supervised and hired all staff. Managed logistics for 18 commissioners
- Investigated and prosecuted all state court judicial misconduct
- Liaised with the state legislature, Supreme Court, and executive branch offices
- Trained judges and lawyers, maintained the agency budget, attended legislative hearings, and supervised law school interns

Wilkes & McHugh, P.A. | Little Rock, AR **October 2003 – March 2007**
Litigation Attorney

- Litigated wrongful death cases in multiple state jurisdictions
- Tried five multi-week jury trials and took thousands of depositions, with an emphasis on opponent employees and expert medical witnesses

Prosecuting Attorney's Office, Sixth Judicial District | Little Rock, AR **November 1999 – October 2003**
Division Chief; Senior Trial Attorney

- Served as the Civil Asset Forfeiture Attorney. Managed staff for civil litigation unit
- Tried over 100 criminal jury trials, most of which were homicide, felony sexual assault charges, and other violent crimes
- Supervised staff attorneys assigned to division. Managed certified law students who tried cases in Circuit Court under direction

Aydelott & Hannah | Searcy, AR
Associate Attorney

January 1999 – November 1999

Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, 17th Judicial District | Searcy, AR
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

August 1996 – January 1999

Prosecutor Coordinator's Office | Little Rock, AR
Staff Attorney

August 1994 – August 1996

Education

University of Edinburgh School of Law | Edinburgh, UK
LL.M. in International Law Candidate

Anticipated November 2027

- Coursework began January 2025. Dissertation anticipated to be submitted in August of 2027.

University of Arkansas at Little Rock | Little Rock, AR
Juris Doctor

May 1994

Harding University | Searcy, AR
Bachelor of Arts in Social Science

May 1991

Licenses

Licensed attorney in Arkansas (1995), U.S. District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Arkansas (1999); and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (1999)

International Presentations and Projects (Selected)

International Bar Association (IBA)

2019, 2022 – 2026

2026: Sao Paulo, Brazil – Compliance, Governance and Innovation: Balancing Risks and Opportunities of Doing Business in Latin America

- The role of legal professionals in promoting integrity and ethical business practices

Annual Conferences

2025: Toronto, Canada (materials and panel preparations)

- Judges Forum Panel

2024: Mexico City, Mexico

- Mock Trial – Anti-Corruption Committee and the Criminal Law Committee
- Judicial Wellness and Well-Being – Judges' Forum, Forum for Barristers and Advocates, and the Human Rights Law Committee
- When should Judges be held accountable, or worse, liable? – Judges' Forum and the Professional Ethics Committee

2023: Paris, France

- Judges as Representatives of Society – Quality and Diversity Committee and the Judges' Forum
- Mock Trial (Palais de Justice) – Anti-Corruption Committee and the Criminal Law Committee

2022: Miami, Florida (USA)

- Judicial mistakes and accountability: can the judiciary breach the rule of law and, if so, what are the consequences? – Diversity & Inclusion Council and IBAHRI

2019: Seoul, South Korea

- Sextortion in the Judicial Workplace – Anti-Corruption Committee

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Global Judicial Integrity Network 2018, 2020 – 2021

2025: Eleventh session Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption, Doha, Qatar

- Presentation on judicial integrity and anti-corruption efforts

2021: International Zoom Meeting

- Presentation on judicial ethics codes and enforcement

2020: Doha, Qatar

- Judicial ethics training – importance of judicial training

2018: Seoul, South Korea

- Contributed to Paper on Gender-Related Judicial Integrity Issues
- Spoke on an Expert Panel regarding Gender Related Judicial Integrity Issues

Other Notable International Engagements

2024: Judicial Fellowship Program – U.S. Chamber of Commerce – 30 judges from 13 countries

2024: Ethiopian Judiciary – Overview of Judicial Conduct Commissions (Zoom)

2024: Mongolian Judiciary – Ethical considerations for vetting judicial candidates (Zoom)

2024: French Embassy, Arlington, Virginia (USA) – Training new judges on judicial ethics

2023: European Judicial Training Network – Social Media Ethics in the U.S. (Zoom)

2023: Mongolian Judiciary – 12-day visit to Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia as part of NCSC delegation

2023: Senegalese Judiciary – Comparative ethics and judicial selection (Zoom)

2022: African Women on Board, Nigeria – Safety in the Workplace Initiative (Zoom)

2021: Udo Udoma & Belo-Osagie, Nigeria – Compliance Strategies: Taking Stock and Looking Forward

2020: Court Services Victoria, Australia – Project on sexual harassment and judicial misconduct

U.S. Presentations (Selected)

National Center for State Courts - College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics 2013, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023

2023: Washington, D.C.

- Plenary Session on Best Practices in Judicial Ethics
- Panel on Judicial Disability Cases

2021: Online Training

- Judicial Misconduct

2019: Austin, TX

2017: Washington, D.C.

- What's the Sanction?

2013: Chicago, IL

- Plenary Session on Best Practices – Electronic Complaint Filing

NYU Institute of Judicial Administration - New Appellate Judges Seminar

2023 – 2024

- Judicial Elections Lunch Discussion
- Issues in Judicial Ethics, Integrity, and Independence

Other Notable U.S. Presentations

2025: Attorney General Alliance – St. Thomas, U.S.V.I, GenAI and Legal Ethics
 2024: Council of Chief Judges of State Courts of Appeal – Judicial Ethics
 2024: Lady Justice Podcast – Judicial Ethics
 2024: Thomson Reuters Institute/NCSC AI Policy Consortium – Navigating AI in Court Systems
 2018: National Association of Women Judges and Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues – U.S. Capitol – #WeToo, Sexual Harassment in the Judicial Workplace
 2017: Alzheimer Symposium, Bowen School of Law – Dark Money and Related Issues in Judicial Elections
 2012: Alzheimer Symposium, Bowen School of Law – Exploring Evidence: Lessons from the "West Memphis Three" Trials

State Judiciary Presentations

Delivered presentations at statewide meetings of the judiciary in Arkansas, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.

Publications and Contributions

- American Bar Association, Judges Journal – "Public Confidence and Judicial Conduct Commissions" (2024)
- Artificial Intelligence - Guidance for Use of AI and Generative AI in Courts, Contributor, Judicial Ethics Guidance (2024)
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – "Judicial Misconduct and Public Confidence in the Rule of Law"
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) – "Gender-Related Integrity Issues"
- Court Services Victoria – Sexual Harassment Review
- "Overview of Arkansas Warrantless Search and Seizure Law," U.Ark.Little Rock L. Rev. (2001)
- "An Exploration of Judicial Selection Methods of State High Courts," Hon. Leslie Stein, John Kowal, Chad Oldfather, Noah Rosenblum, David Sachar, 87 Alb. L. Rev. 4 (2024).

Professional Appointments and Involvement

Institute for African Women in the Law Board of Directors	2022 – 2026
United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, Global Judicial Integrity Network Member	2018 – Present
Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel Board of Directors President (2016 – 2019) and Emeritus Member	2013 – 2026
International Bar Association	2023- Present

Anti-Corruption Committee; North American Representative to the Debarment & Exclusions Subcommittee

Thomson Reuters Institute | NCSC Policy Consortium for Law and Courts 2023- 2025
Artificial Intelligence Governance and Ethics Workgroup Member

NCSC Artificial Intelligence Rapid Response Team for State Courts 2023 – 2025
Staff Ethics Representative

Undergraduate and Law School Teaching Experience

University of Arkansas, Criminal Justice Institute | Fayetteville, AR 2001 – 2022
Lecturer – Trainer for law enforcement leaders – state and national presentations

University of Arkansas at Little Rock | Little Rock, AR 2001 – 2003; 2008 – 2026
Undergraduate Professor of Criminal Justice, Adjunct Professor of Law (Arkansas Criminal Trial Practice, Lawyering Skills 1, Lawyering Skills 2, Evidence, Criminal Procedure- Trial, Jury Selection), Guest Lecturer for dozens of classes.

Additional Experience

Served as a Special Circuit Court Judge in five different circuit divisions in Pulaski County, Arkansas
Served as a Special Prosecutor in four districts in Arkansas
Consultant to law firms on judicial ethics issues in catastrophic tort cases in multiple states