

# Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

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#### DE PAUL UNIVERSITY

M.A., February 1972.

Major Fields: Economic, Legal, Political, and Urban History.

#### HARVARD UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL

LL.M., June 1971.

Major Fields: Judicial Reform, Contracts, and Corporations.

#### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D., June 1970.

Major Fields: Corporations, Securities, Commercial Law, Contracts, Trade Regulation, and Legal History.

Awards: Order of the Coif.

Activities: Vice-Chair, Black Law Students Association.

#### COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

M.B.A., October 1970.

Major Fields: Business and Managerial Economics, Finance, and Business History.

Awards: Edward A. Filene Fellowship.

#### YALE UNIVERSITY

B.A., June 1961.

Major Fields: Political Science and History.

Awards: Pullman Foundation Scholarship.

Activities: Vice-Chair of Yale Political Union 1960-1961, Chairman of NAACP, and Freshman Football.

### LAW PRACTICE

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#### Howard University, Washington, DC

Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel — 1985 to 1986.

- Assisted the General Counsel and other lawyers in the office in disputes with construction contractors. Also assisted in developing procedures for obtaining informed consent regarding organ transplants and in developing and promulgating the policies of Howard University Hospital regarding organ transplants. Assisted the General Counsel's office in developing the Howard College of Medicine's faculty practice plan.

**U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC**

**Economic Development Administration (E.D.A.)**

Attorney Advisor, Office of Chief Counsel — 1979 to 1981.

- Assisted the Chief Negotiator for E.D.A. in negotiating loan guarantees for the steel industry. Negotiated contract provisions including security agreements and default provisions. These guarantees enabled five steel companies to borrow over \$500,000,000, which was used to modernize their plants. Assistant to the Chief Counsel's Office on planning a new Minority Business Enterprise (M.B.E.) program in preparation for a new Local Public Works Program (L.P.W.).

**Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (E.E.O.C.), Washington, DC**

Contract Hearing Examiner — 1979 to 1981 (Part-time).

**Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Corporation, New York, NY**

Advisor to the Corporation's Legal Counsel — 1969 to 1970.

- Planned a reorganization and incorporation of a subsidiary corporation. This was a paid legal externship during the last year of my J.D. studies at Columbia.

Advisor to Economic Development Section — 1968 to 1969.

- Developed the criteria for the selection of those entrepreneurs who were to receive financing of new business enterprises as delineated by the founder, Senator Robert Kennedy. This was a paid business school externship.
- Provided reports to the director, Frank Thomas, who later became head of the Ford Foundation.

**BAR MEMBERSHIPS**

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admitted in:

Maryland — January, 1987.

District of Columbia — April, 1979.

Federal District Court of Maryland — November, 1972.

New York — April, 1972 (retired in 2000).

**LAW TEACHING**

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**American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC**

Associate Professor of Law (tenured) — 1979 to present.

- teach courses on Commercial Law (Sales, Secured Transactions and Negotiable Instruments (The Uniform Commercial Code)), Contracts, Unfair Trade Practices and Trademarks, Consumer Protection, and Corporations.
- 1998 to present: teach an undergraduate course: "Introduction to the Study of Law" to selected juniors and seniors in the Justice, Law and Society Program in the School of Public Affairs. I conceived and designed the course as an intellectual bridge from college to law school. This course was given by the law school as a service to American University undergraduates.

Director, Advanced Studies in the Federal Regulatory Process Program (The Summer Externship/Internship Program) — 1987 to present.

- organize and supervise an academic and clinical legal education program for second and third year law students.

Adjunct Professor of Law — 1978 to 1979.

- Taught courses in Contracts and Commercial Law (Secured Transactions).

**Howard University School of Law**, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor of Law — 1984 to 1999.

- Taught Debtors' and Creditors' Rights, Commercial Law, Agency and Partnership Law.

Associate Professor of Law — 1975 to 1980.

- Taught courses in Commercial Law, Contracts, Partnership and Agency, Legal Methods and Process, and Legal Writing.

**Council on Legal Educational Opportunities (CLEO) Institute of the American Bar Association**

Instructor

- Taught: Civil Procedure, Contracts, Legal Methods and Processes, Introduction to Law, and Legal Writing.
- Classes were taught at the following law schools:
  - Howard University, Washington, DC — Summers, 1976 and 1995.
  - Georgetown University, Washington, DC — Summers, 1990, 1991 and 1992.
  - University of Toledo College of Law — Summer, 1978.
  - North Carolina Central University Law School — Summer, 1977.

**District of Columbia School of Law**, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor of Law — 1989 to 1992.

- Taught Debtors' and Creditors' Rights, Corporations and Contracts.

**University of Florida College of Law**, Gainesville, FL

Visiting Associate Professor of Law — Summers, 1981 and 1975.

- Taught courses in Commercial Law (Sales) and Contracts.

**Potomac School of Law**, Washington, DC

Adjunct Professor of Law — 1977 to 1979.

- Taught courses in Consumer Law, Commercial Law, and State and Local Government Law.

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ

Visiting Lecturer in Law — Spring, 1975.

- Developed and taught an eclectic undergraduate course entitled: "Poverty, Political Economy and the Law: Forty Acres and a Mule," concerning the relationship of law to political economy.

**University of Maryland School of Law**, Baltimore, MD

Assistant Professor of Law — 1972 to 1974.

- Taught courses in the Law of Business Associations (Corporations, Agency and Partnership), Commercial Law, Contracts, and Legal Methods.

**Bernard Baruch College, City University of New York**, New York, NY

Assistant Professor of Law and Business — 1970 to 1972.

- Taught undergraduate courses in the Law of Contracts, Corporations, Partnership and Agency in the Law Department for the Business Policy and Management Departments.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/ACTIVITIES**

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### **Pro Bono Publico**

**African American Institute**, Washington, DC

Lecturer and Advisor — 1996 to present.

- Lectured visiting lawyers, jurists, and legal scholars from African countries about American Constitutional law, judicial process and selection of judges, and other issues of interest.
- Coordinate meetings of visiting lawyers, jurists and legal scholars from African countries with other Washington College of Law faculty members and specialists in various areas of American and international law.
- These jurist, scholars, and lawyers come from all over Africa, including the French speaking countries.

**Council on Legal Educational Opportunities (CLEO) Institute of the American Bar Association**

Legal Education Analyst — 1996.

- Conducted site visits and provided a report evaluating the teaching and curricula of CLEO institutes at Valparaiso, Richmond and Dickinson Law Schools. Also, provided an extensive report on teaching and otherwise improving exam taking techniques of prospective law student/participants in the program.

**D.C. Private Industry Council**

Member, Technical Assistance Task Force to Serve Small & Disadvantaged Business — 1989 to 1993.

**U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment (OTA)**, Washington, DC

Legal Advisor, Program on Biological Applications — 1989 to 1992.

- Provided legal advice to the lawyer/ analyst who wrote and edited legal chapters in the assessments that were produced for Congressional review. "Genetic Monitoring and Screening in the Workplace" (1990) and "Neurotoxicity: Identifying and Controlling Poisons in the Workplace" (1990).
- reviewed legal chapters for lawyer/analyst author prior to publication by the Government Printing Office.

**Maryland Judicial Nominating Commissioners' Institute, MD**  
Reporter — May, 1973.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Boone Young Associates, Inc.**, New York, NY  
Management Consultant — Summer, 1971.

- Advised economic development agencies and corporations (private and public) on solving management and organizational problems.

**Riverdale Country School**, Riverdale, NY  
Dormitory Master — 1967 to 1970.

- Supervised 40-50, 6th to 12th grade boys during evening study periods and weekends.

**Y.M.C.A. of Metropolitan Chicago**, Chicago, IL

### **Job Opportunities Through Better Skills Programs (J.O.B.S.)**

Personnel Director and Assistant to Project Director — 1966 to 1967.

- Assisted in selection and training of professional employees, largely teachers and social workers; assisted the program director in securing grants and funds, and helped formulate policies for the organization.

Program Analyst — Fall, 1966.

- Designed and wrote Manpower Training programs for purposes of qualifying for federal and local funding.

Instructor in Consumer Economics — Summer, 1965.

- Taught school drop-outs, 19 to 22 years of age. Program was designed to orient youth to job opportunities and to orient business management to the employment needs of the inner city.

### **United States Army**

Guided Missile Technician — January 1963 to December 1964 (Honorable Discharge).

- Received two letters of commendation.

### **Cook County Department of Public Aid**, Chicago, IL

Social Worker — 1961 to 1963.

- Determined the eligibility of applicants for public assistance and planned rehabilitation programs for individual recipients of public assistance.

## **PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

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What Ever Happened to the "Checkless Society"? 7 University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform 481 (Spring, 1974).

Of Bench, Bar and Bosses: The Political Process of Judicial Reform, 21(3) Howard University Law Journal, (Fall, 1978).

Analytical Materials for the Study of the Legal Process. These materials were privately reproduced for the use of first year Howard law students. The former Dean and Professor of Law Daniel O. Bernstine of the University of Wisconsin Law School is co-author. Mr. Bernstine is the current President of Portland State University in Portland, OR.

"The Examination Grading Process," presented to the Howard Law School Faculty at its 1976 Airlie House Retreat. This paper dealt with the problems of pedagogy and evaluation of student performance in law school.

"Controlling Disparities in Law School Final Grades. Grade Normalization: A Proposal," presented to the Howard Law School faculty at its 1976 Airlie House Retreat. This paper dealt with problems of pedagogy and evaluation of student performance in Law School.

Book review, *The Review of Black Political Economy*, Volume 2, Winter 1973.

Participant, American Association of Law Schools Law Teaching Clinic, University of Colorado at Boulder, Summer, 1973.

Book review, *The Review of Black Political Economy*, Volume 2, Fall 1972.

## **CITATIONS**

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U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, *Genetic Monitoring and Screening in the Workplace*, OTA-BA-455 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, October 1990), pg. 116 Citation No. 11.

U.S. Congress, Office of Technology Assessment, *Neurotoxicity: Identifying and Controlling Poisons of the Nervous System*, OTA-BA-436 (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, April 1990), pg. 249 Citation No.6.

Received American University Service Medal for 25 years of teaching at the University.

## **OTHER MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Bar Association — 1982 to present.

Society of American Law Teachers — 1975 to 1984.

NAACP — 1958 to 1970.

## **LAW SCHOOL COMMITTEES/APPOINTMENTS**

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American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Member, Rank and Tenure Committee — 1982 to present.

Member, Admissions Committee — 1981 to present.

Chair, Rank and Tenure Committee, Fall of 2002 to Spring of 2004.

Chair, Admissions Committee — 1990 to 1993, and 1998 to 1999.

Howard University Law School, Washington, DC

Financial Aid Officer — 1975 to 1978.

Member, Appointments and Promotions Committee — 1975 to 1977.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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St Albans School for Boys, Washington, DC

Member, Father's Committee — 1995 to 1999.

Co-Chair, Parents' Club Form I (grade 7) — 1997 to 1998.

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