

Cynthia E. Jones

Teaching Experience

Washington College of Law, American University

Assistant Professor of Law Fall 2004-present

Visiting Professor 2002-2004

Courses: Evidence, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure and “Race, Crime and Politics” seminar

George Washington University School of Law

Adjunct Instructor (Trial Advocacy) 1998-2000

David A. Clark School of Law,

University of the District of Columbia Summer 1996

Adjunct Instructor (Appellate Advocacy)

Washington College of Law, American University

Program Director, Legal Analysis Study Group (LASG) 1995-1998

Founded and instituted an academic support program for 1L students; developed program curriculum, provided weekly instruction; hired and trained teaching assistants; also created the Summer Legal Writing Workshop, an intensive one-week legal analysis and writing program for incoming students.

Washington College of Law, American University

Adjunct Instructor (Legal Methods) 1992-1994

Legal Experience

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia 2000-2002

Executive Director: managed litigation and legislative matters; administration functions; and fiscal operations for agency of 200 employees (including 100 lawyers)

Accomplishments include: major overhaul of the process for adjudication of parole violations; reform of practices regarding grand jury witness subpoenas; development of a mental health treatment and diversion program for non-violent offenders; creation of a Forensic Practice Group for staff attorneys to develop expertise in DNA litigation; mandatory training for all court-appointed lawyers and investigators.

District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency 1997-2000

Deputy Director: developed and expanded community-based supervision programs and other alternatives to monetary bonds and pretrial detention; enhanced Drug Court program and other substance abuse treatment programs for pretrial defendants; developed an intensive outpatient drug treatment program for high-risk defendants; co-wrote proposal for the creation of a Mental Health Diversion Court.

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia 1992-1997

Staff Attorney: represented indigent juveniles and adults in delinquency and criminal cases in D.C. Superior Court; prepared appellate briefs and argued appeals in the D.C. Court of Appeals; represented clients in post-conviction litigation.

Dickstein, Shapiro & Morin

Associate 1990-1992

Hon. Frank E. Schwelb, D.C. Court of Appeals

Law Clerk 1989-1990

Education

American University, Washington College of Law
J.D., 1989 (*magna cum laude*)

University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware
B.A., Criminal Justice, 1986

Scholarship

Evidence Destroyed, Innocence Lost: The Duty to Preserve Evidence Under Innocence Protection Statutes, 42 Am. Crim. L. Rev. 1292 (2005).

The Right Remedy for the Wrongly Convicted: Judicial Sanctions For Evidence Destruction (forthcoming).

Mastering Criminal Procedure (co-author), Carolina Press (forthcoming 2008).

Conference Presentations

Panelist, Post Conviction DNA Testing, "The Faces of Wrongful Conviction" Conference, UCLA (April 2006)

Panelist, "Innocence Projects and Wrongful Convictions Scholarship," 2006 SEALS Conference (July 2006)

Presenter, National Innocence Network Conference, Washington, DC, "*Evidence Destroyed, Innocence Lost: The Preservation of Biological Evidence under Innocence Protection Statutes*" (April 2005).

Moderator, "*The Law of Sentencing after Blakley*" SEALS Conference (July 2005).

Lecture, *Race, Racism and the Law*, Mid Atlantic People of Color Conference, Baltimore, MD, Jan 2004

Lecture, *Racial Profiling*, SEALS Conference (July 2004)

Moderator, *Racial Justice: Indigent Defense Reform*, ABA Annual Conference Atlanta, GA (Aug. 2004)

Moderator, *The Death Penalty*, People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Washington, DC (Oct. 2004)

Panelist, American Bar Association *Gideon Hearings on the State of Indigent Defense*, National Legal Aide and Defender Association Annual Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (2004)

Panelist, ABA Gideon Hearings, National Legal Aid and Defender Conference (2003)

Panelist, ABA Standards for Public Defense Agencies, National Legal Aid and Defender Conference (2002)

Trial Advocacy Lectures, Training Sessions

Harvard University Law School

Trial Advocacy Workshop

Instructor—taught basic and advanced trial skills during Intensive week-long program (2006, 2007)

Georgia Public Defender Standards Council

Trial Skills Workshop

Instructor taught trial skills to new and seasoned public defenders in an intensive, week-long training program (2005, 2006)

Lecturer, *Direct Examination of Witnesses*, Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia Training Program (October 2007)

Presenter, “Closing Arguments in Criminal Trials,” Howard University Law School, Criminal Justice Clinic (November 2006)

Lecture, *Opening Statements*, Howard University Criminal Justice Clinic, Washington, DC (August 2005).

Lecture, “*Trial Skills: Effective Examination of Witnesses*,” Public Defender Service, Washington, DC (Oct. 2005).

Select Speaking/Lecture/Training Engagements

Moderator, Prosecutorial Misconduct Panel, "*The American Prosecutor: Power, Discretion and Accountability*" conference, Washington College of Law (October 2007)

Presenter, "*From the Dynamic to the Dramatic: A Multi-Faceted Approach to Teaching Evidence*," Stetson University School of Law, Excellence in Teaching lecture series. (August 2007).

Panelist, "*Looking Ahead at the New Supreme Court Term*," Washington College of Law (September 2005-2007).

Lecture, "*An Overview of American Criminal Procedure*," Institute for US Law, George Washington University School of Law, presentation to lawyers and legal scholars from over 20 different countries. (July 2007).

Presenter, "*Drug Treatment, Recidivism and Persons under Criminal Justice Supervision*," Annual Judicial Conference for the District of Columbia Courts (June 2007).

Lecture, "*From Arrest to Sentencing in the District of Columbia*," Annual Training Program for the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency (1997-2001; 2007).

Lecture, "*An Overview of the Law of Evidence*," Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Summer Training Program (May 2007).

Lecture, "*The Law of Evidence in the District of Columbia*," District of Columbia Superior Court, Family Division Training Program (December 2006).

Keynote Speaker, Tampa, Florida, Hillsborough County Bar Association Annual Law Day, "Correcting Wrongful Convictions" (May 2006)

Moderator, "The Future of the Death Penalty," District of Columbia Bar and American Constitutional Law Society (June 2006)

Lecture, *An Introduction to Criminal Law and Procedure*, The National Youth Leadership Forum, McClean, VA (October 2005).

Lecture, *The Law of Evidence in the District of Columbia*, Public Defender Service, Washington, DC (Oct. 2004)

Moderator, *Overcriminalization: The Politics of Crime*, American University Law Review, the Heritage Foundation and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Washington, DC (2004)

Moderator, *The Juvenile Death Penalty in the US Supreme Court*, the Constitution Project, Washington College of Law (2004)

Lecture, *Testimony in DC Superior Court*, DC Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency (2004)

Guest Lecturer, Criminal Trial Practice in District of Columbia Superior Court, Howard University School of Law (2003)

Panelist, Testified before the House of Representatives, Sub-committee on the District of Columbia, Criminal Justice Policy Coordination in the District of Columbia (2001)

Panelist, District of Columbia Bar, Criminal Law & Individual Rights Section, Annual Symposium on Criminal Law (2001)

Panelist, Department of Justice National Symposium on Indigent Defense (2000)

Panelist/Moderator, Washington College of Law, African Americans and the Law Conference (1996, 2004)

Lecturer, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, Probation and Parole Officers Training Program, The Legal Standards for Revocation of Community Supervision (1998, 1999)

Presenter, Public Defender Service, Criminal Practice Institute, Voir Dire and Jury Selection (1997)

Professional Affiliations & Honors

Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

Vice President (2007-present)

Board member (2006-2007)

Committee Member, District of Columbia Judicial Conference Committee on Arrangements (2003, 2007)

Committee Member, Innocence Project National Working Group on Preservation of Evidence (2006-07)

ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants (2002-2005)

Council Member, ABA Criminal Justice Council (1993-1995)

Recipient, North Star Award, Washington College of Law (2001)

American Association of Chief Defenders, NLADA (2000-2002)

Barrister, William Bryant Inn of Court (1994-1995)

District of Columbia Bar (1990); Pennsylvania Bar (1989)