
EDUCATION

2003-2006 **University of Oklahoma College of Law**

Juris Doctor – May 2006

Notable honors include Dean’s List, two Academic Achievement Awards (“AmJur’s”) in Constitutional Law and Trial Techniques, and the William T. Comfort Scholarship (full tuition—for top 20 entering students), Oklahoma Journal of Law and Technology.

1999-2003 **University of Oklahoma, College of Arts & Sciences / Honors College**

Bachelor of Arts, *Summa Cum Laude* – Political Science – May 2003

Bachelor of Arts in Letters, with Distinction – May 2003

Honors include Phi Beta Kappa, National Merit Scholarship, President’s Honor Roll, Regents Scholarship, Choral Scholarships, Carl Albert Center Research Fellowship, Honors Research Fellowship.

PERTINENT EMPLOYMENT

2019-
present **Founder, Cream City Law, LLC**

Created a new multi-jurisdiction law firm based in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, offering a broad range of legal services focused on civil rights and criminal justice, appeals, open records and government accountability cases, students’ rights, and special education rights.

2012-2018 **Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Oklahoma**

Responsible for creating and maintaining a program of impact-driven litigation, legal and legislative advocacy and education, and policy development on a broad range of civil liberties issues. In addition to managing litigation, duties included public education and advocacy, policy and criminal justice reform campaigns, managing a team of multiple staff attorneys, legal interns, and volunteers, leading coalitions and collaborative legal and advocacy teams, development, budgeting, working with law enforcement, regulators, and other governmental and organizational partners to make and improve policy, voter protection, numerous speaking engagements, and frequent media appearances and interviews for local, state, national, and international media.

2011-2012 **Attorney and Manager, The Henderson Law Firm, PLLC**

Built and maintained a general practice with a specific focus on civil rights. Litigated in administrative courts, district courts, and federal courts, with experience in handling state, municipal, and corporate cases ranging from employment discrimination and due process issues to public accommodation and access for people with disabilities.

2007-2011 **Assistant District Attorney – Domestic Violence Prosecutor, Oklahoma District 21**

Responsible for overseeing and prosecuting all family violence cases, protective order violations, and stalking offenses, as well as providing law enforcement training, guidance, and support throughout the state. Litigated approximately 150 felony cases and 300 misdemeanors per year, for

which responsibility extended through all stages, including developing and maintaining specialized multidisciplinary probation and diversion programs. Duties also included working with victims and survivors of domestic abuse, training law enforcement and other stakeholders, maintaining and expanding federal VAWA grant resources, and working collaboratively with advocacy agencies and non-profits to improve and expand response resources, procedures, and policy.

2006-2007 **Assistant District Attorney, Child Support Enforcement Division, Oklahoma District 21**

Working with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, responsible for enforcement of child support cases throughout District 21 on behalf of both the state and private citizens. Duties included frequent hearings and trials in district courts and administrative law courts, a variety of civil and administrative law pleadings, and management of multiple support staff.

2005-2006 **Licensed Legal Intern, Cleveland County District Attorney's Office**

Responsible for general prosecution of misdemeanor cases and traffic charges in addition to limited work with felonies. Responsibilities included trials, hearings, motions and other pleadings, and plea negotiations for misdemeanors, as well as research, motions, hearings, and briefs in felony cases.

PERTINENT SERVICE AND AWARDS

Law and Civil Rights-related Awards

Awarded the inaugural *Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg Award* by the ACLU of Oklahoma (2018).

Awarded the *Carter Bradley First Amendment Award* by the Oklahoma chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) (2017).

Awarded the first *Award for Excellence in Action Against Domestic Violence* by the Oklahoma Attorney General, the Oklahoma District Attorney's Council, and the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (2008).

Law and Civil Rights-related Service

Founding Member, Oklahoma Police and Community Trust (PACT) initiative (2014-2018). Helped to form and develop a groundbreaking coalition of community leaders, social services providers, and police chiefs working together to improve policing and build trust between police and the communities they serve.

Chairperson, Law-related Education Committee of the Oklahoma Bar Association (2014-2017), Committee Member (2007-2019). Responsible for developing and managing teaching resources and curricular programs that reach approximately 50,000 primary and secondary school students annually.

Committee Member, Access to Justice Committee of the Oklahoma Bar Association (2010-2019).

National Finals Judge, American Bar Association Client Counseling Competition (2017).

Volunteer Attorney, Criminal Justice and Mercy Ministries, Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church (2015-2017)

Founding Member, Cleveland County Domestic Violence Coordinated Community Response Team (2008-2011).

Member, Cleveland County Domestic Violence Task Force (2007-2011).

Assistant State Coordinator / Oklahoma State Alumni Representative – *We the People: The Constitution and the Citizen* program, U.S. Center for Civic Education (2002-2011).

Judge for numerous local, regional, and national moot court competitions at Marquette University Law School, University of Oklahoma Law School, and Oklahoma City University Law School (2007-present).

General Community Service and Engagement

Member of the Accountable Leadership Board, United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay (2021-present).

Church musician and Chancel Choir, United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay (2018-present).

Church musician and Chancel Choir, St. Luke's United Methodist Church (2011-2018).

Stewardship Chair and governing board member, Messiah Lutheran Church (2008-2009).

Performing musician and board member of Arts at Messiah, Messiah Lutheran Church (2004-2011).

Founder and President of Oklahoma City Bach Society (2005-2007).

Violinist, Enid Symphony Orchestra (1997-2004).

Notable Service and Engagement at the University of Oklahoma

Phi Beta Kappa—Alpha Chapter of Oklahoma (2003-Present)

University of Oklahoma Student Association Superior Court—Associate Justice (2004), Chief Justice (2005-2006).

Eta Sigma Phi—Chapter President (2002-2003), Chairperson of 75th Annual National Convention (2003).

University of Oklahoma Chorale (2000-2003, 2004-2005).

Archeological Institute of America (2001-2004).

University of Oklahoma Classics and Letters Society—President (2001-2002), Vice President (2000-2001).

PRESENTATIONS, RESEARCH, AND ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Supervising Attorney for Litigation Practice Externship Program students, Oklahoma City University Law School (2016-2018).

Supervising Attorney for Public Interest Externship Program students, University of Oklahoma Law School (2015-2018).

Notable Guest Lecturing/Teaching Venues and Host Organizations:

Harvard Law School, University of Oklahoma Law School, Oklahoma City University Law School, Tulsa University Law School, University of Oklahoma College of Arts & Sciences, Rose State University, Cameron University, University of Central Oklahoma, Phillips Theological Seminary, National Conference on Crimes Against Women, the Federalist Society, Oklahoma District Attorneys' Council, the NAACP, Koch Institute, Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET), Ending Violence Everywhere (EVE).

Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Curriculum Development and Teaching:

Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA) CLE Program, OBA Family Law Section, OBA Immigration Law Section, Cleveland County Bar Association, Seminole County Bar Association, Oklahoma County Bar Association, Oklahoma District Attorneys' Council, Oklahoma Forensic Academy.

Other Notable Teaching and Presentation Work

Racism in America Speaker Series presenter, "From John Brown to Jim Crow," and "Racism in the Criminal Justice System," United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay et al., 2021.

Panelist on Community Policing, Nō Studios Social Justice Summit, 2020.
Keynote Speaker, Oklahoma Interfaith Alliance Annual Awards Dinner, 2017.
Presenter and Facilitator for sessions on the Court System and Appellate Law, *Oklahoma Close-Up* High School Program (2012-2018).
Presenter and Panelist, First Amendment Congress, Freedom of Information Oklahoma. (2014-2015, 2017)
Featured Panelist on Civil Asset Forfeiture, Charles Koch Institute / Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs (2016).
Testifying Expert Witness, Oklahoma Senate Judiciary Committee (2016)
Keynote Speaker, Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner, Respect Diversity Foundation / Temple B'nai Israel of Oklahoma (2015).
Testifying Expert Witness, Oklahoma House Judiciary Committee (2015)
Presenter on Integrated Domestic Violence Courts and Coordinated Community Response, National Conference on Crimes Against Women (2010).
Presenter and Panelist, Domestic & Sexual Violence and Stalking Partnership Conference, Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (2008-2010).
Instructor, Domestic Violence and Stalking, Norman Police Academy (2008-2010).
Teaching Mentor, Programs Advancing Civic Education (PACE) (2006).
Undergraduate Fellow, Authentic Teaching Alliance (2002).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States
State Bar of Wisconsin
Supreme Court of Oklahoma / Oklahoma Bar Association
United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
United States District Court for the Eastern Districts of Wisconsin
United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma
United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma
United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma