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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, August 2010-present (tenured as of August 15, 2013)

- Recent Courses: Torts (Fall 2016); Death Penalty in America (Fall 2016); Externships (Fall 2016); Criminal Law (Dual JD Program) (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17); Criminal Law (Winter 2016); ALTA I (Fall 2015); ALTA II (Winter 2015)
- Recent School of Law Committees: Admissions (Chair, Fall 2016-Winter 2017); Mission & Identity (2015-present); Curriculum (2015-16); Petitions (2015-16); Professional Development (2015-16)
- Recent University Committees: CMHE (Conference for Mercy Higher Education) Site Visit Committee (July 2016-present); Strategic Planning Team (2015-2017)
- Professional Organizations: Member, AALS Sections on Criminal Law, Legal Writing, Law & Religion, and Constitutional Law; Member, Legal Writing Institute

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, August 2013-June 2016

Assistant Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, August 2007-May 2010

- Courses: Torts (Fall Terms 2007-09); Applied Legal Theory and Analysis (2007-08, 2009-10); Criminal Procedure (Winter Terms 2009-10); Death Penalty in America (Winter 2008 & Summer 2009); Law and Religion (Winter 2008)
- Committees: Law Review (Fall 2007-present; Chair, Fall 2008-present); McElroy (2007-08); Voice for Justice (Fall 2007-Winter 2009; Co-chair, Fall 2008-Winter 2009); Admissions (Fall 2007-present); JD/LLB Admissions (Fall 2007-Winter 2009); Dean's Honor Society Task Force (Fall 2008-present); Task Force on Assessment (2007-08)

Assistant Professor of Legal Writing and Research, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, August 2003-May 2006

- Courses: Applied Legal Theory and Analysis (2003-present); Death Penalty in America (Spring 2005; Spring 2006); Torts (2006-07); Law & Religion (Spring 2007)

- Committees: Law Review (2005-06); McElroy (2004-06); Technology (2003-06); Faculty Recruitment (Fall 2005); Judicial Clerkships (2003-04)
- Other Service to the University and Law School: State of Michigan Moot Court Coach (2003-05); frequent guest speaker at law school and in undergraduate courses (see Presentations section); frequent Detroit Legal News columnist

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Work in Progress, Death Penalty Text Book (under contract with Carolina Academic Press, expected completion December 2017).

Work in Progress, *When Justice Meets Mercy: A Vision for Legal Education in the Mercy Tradition* (expected completion Summer 2017).

Pamela A. Wilkins, *Confronting the Invisible Witness: The Use of Narrative to Neutralize Capital Jurors' Implicit Racial Biases*, 115 W. VA. L. REV. 305 (2012)(exploring the intersection of cognitive psychology research on implicit bias and defense narratives in capital cases).

Pamela A. Wilkins, *Rethinking Categorical Prohibitions on Capital Punishment: How the Current Test Fails Mentally Ill Offenders and What to Do About It*, 40 U. MEMPHIS L. REV. 423 (2009)(proposing new test for categorical prohibitions on capital punishment).

Pamela A. Wilkins, *Competency for Execution: The Implications of a Communicative Model of Retribution*, 76 TENN. L. REV. 713 (2009)(exploring the Supreme Court's standards for competency for execution).

Pamela A. Wilkins, *The Mark of Cain: Disenfranchised Felons and the Constitutional No Man's Land*, 56 SYR. L. REV. 85 (2005)(exploring the Eighth Amendment implications of felon disenfranchisement).

John H. Blume (Cornell Law School) & Pamela A. Wilkins, *Death by Default: State Procedural Default Doctrine in Capital Cases*, 50 S.C. L. REV. 1 (1998)(criticizing South Carolina's lack of a plain error rule for capital appeals).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Honoring Constance Baker Motley, Detroit Legal News (Winter 2005).

A Word of Thanks: The Value of Law Review to the Life of a Law School, Detroit Legal News (Winter 2005).

UDM Public Interest Fellow Travels to The Hague, Detroit Legal News (Winter 2005).

Remembering William Stringfellow, Detroit Legal News (Fall 2004).

Michigan's Death Penalty Proposal, Detroit Legal News (Winter 2004).

The ALWD Citation Manual Grows Up: A Guide to the Second Edition, 83 Mich. B.J. 48 (March 2004).

December on the Row: A Festival of Lessons and Carols, Sow's Ear Poetry Review (Summer 2002)(finalist in poetry contest judged by Poet Laureate of the State of Virginia).

PRESENTATIONS

Panelist, *Competence Revisited: The Changing Role of Mental Capacity in Criminal and Immigration Proceedings*, AALS Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Jan. 2017).

Panelist, *Reimagining IL: Serving Clients, Integrating Social Justice Themes, and Building Community*, SALT Conference (Society for American Law Teachers), Chicago, IL (Sept. 2016).

Presenter, *Priming for Compassion*, Michigan State University Law Review Symposium: Civil Rights Advocacy (Apr. 10, 2015).

Presenter, *The Role of Storytelling in Ensuring Racial Justice in Capital Sentencing*, Third Annual Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, Denver, CO (July 2011).

Presenter, *Competency for Execution*, University of Tennessee's Colloquium on the Past, Present, and Future of the Death Penalty (March 2009).

Panelist (with Prof. Berube), *Teaching Transactional Skills in First Year Legal Writing Courses*, Emory Conference on Transactional Drafting (May 2008).

Presenter, *Rethinking Categorical Prohibitions on Capital Punishment: The Special Case of the Severely Mentally Ill*, UDM Dean's Honor Society (Fall 2008).

Presenter, *Basics of Legal Writing: The Art of Persuasion*, CORT Appellate Advocacy and Legal Writing Skills Training (for legal aid attorneys in Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia) (March 2006).

Presenter, *Supreme Court Preview*, American Constitution Society—UDM Student Chapter (March 2006).

Moderator, *The Role of Scholarship in Judicial Decision making: A Discussion between the University of Detroit Mercy Law Review and Michigan Supreme Court Justice Marilyn Kelly* (Fall 2005).

Speaker, *Feminist Legal Theory*, First Year Continuing Orientation (Spring 2004).

Classroom Guest Speaker:

Women and the Equal Protection Clause, Women's Studies (undergraduate course taught by Jane Schaberg) (Fall 2005).

Fundamentals of Appellate Advocacy, Honors Political Science (undergraduate honors class taught by Victoria Mantzoupoulos) (Winter 2005).

The Juvenile Death Penalty, Fourteenth Amendment (Prof. Robert Brown) (Fall 2004).

The History of the Death Penalty in America, Criminal Law (Prof. P. Lysaght), (Fall 2004).

Interviewing and Counseling Low Income Clients, Client Counseling (Prof. Gary Maveal) (Fall 2003).

EDUCATION

University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, South Carolina
J.D. *cum laude*, 1993
Class Rank: 8 of 251

- Associate Editor in Chief, *South Carolina Law Review*; Order of the Coif; Order of Wig and Robe (local honor society); Student Member, Inns of Court; President's List & Dean's List; Roy Webster Scholarship; American Jurisprudence Awards for highest class grades in Legal Writing, Contracts, and Criminal Procedure; Teaching Assistant to Professor Eldon D. Wedlock

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, North Carolina
A.B. in Classics, 1989
Epps Prize for Excellence in Greek Studies (departmental award)

CLERKSHIP

Law Clerk to Justice Jean H. Toal, South Carolina Supreme Court
April 1995—July 1997

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Staff Attorney, South Carolina Centers for Equal Justice
Lexington, South Carolina
August 2000-August 2003

- Represented low income clients in state and federal court in a variety of civil matters. Practice included family law, state and federal housing law, public benefits law, consumer law, and probate law.
- Led regular Community Education Workshops on Elder Law at Senior Centers throughout a tri-county area of South Carolina.

Staff Attorney, Center for Capital Litigation
Columbia, South Carolina
July 1997-August 2000

- Represented indigent death-sentenced inmates in state post-conviction and federal habeas corpus proceedings.
- Drafted briefs or portions of briefs filed in the South Carolina Supreme Court, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court.
- Trained and supervised law student interns.

Associate, Hunton & Williams
Raleigh, North Carolina
August 1993-April 1995

- Served as Junior Associate on Public Utilities and Litigation teams. Responsibilities included deposing witnesses, drafting and responding to discovery, and drafting office memoranda and briefs.
- Drafted materials for Continuing Legal Education Seminars and for other legal publications, including a Michie Environmental Litigation treatise.

Summer Associate, Davis Polk & Wardwell
New York, New York
Summer 1992

- Received offer of employment upon law school graduation.

BAR ADMISSIONS

North Carolina 1993 (inactive member)
South Carolina 1995 (inactive member)
Federal courts located in North and South Carolina

