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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Over fifteen years of managerial and supervisory experience as the Unit Executive of a Federal Agency: Chief Defender of the United States District of Delaware and Acting Defender for the United States District of the Virgin Islands. Highly skilled litigator with significant civil and criminal trial experience in state and federal courts. Extensive defense experience in complex and high-profile cases involving white-collar crime (ERISA, securities, tax, aviation, copyright infringement and trademark, mail and wire fraud, MARPOL, and international prison exchange matters); insurance coverage and defense; construction; and environmental litigation. National law firm experience defending Fortune 500 clients. Adjunct Professor of Law -Trial Advocacy; Lecturer and Presenter of CLE Programs.

SKILLS

- Administered Multi-Million Dollar Budgets
- Effective Recruiter and Talent Evaluator
- Highly Skilled Negotiator
- Experienced Mentoring Developing Lawyers
- Experienced Trial and Appellate Litigator
- Over 30 Jury and 200 Non-jury Trials
- Conducted National & International Complex Investigation
- Develop and Present Attorney Training & CLE Programs

WORK HISTORY

Wilmington University School of Law, Wilmington, DE

Professor of Practice, Criminal Law, July 2022-Present

- Member of Admissions Committee.
- Member of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

The Bostic Law Firm, Philadelphia, PA

Principal, A Federal Criminal Defense Practice, January 2021 – Present

Office of the Federal Public Defender, U.S. District of Delaware, Wilmington, DE

The Federal Public Defender, November 2006 to January 2021

- Directed and supervised all litigation for Trial, Appellate, and Capital Habeas Units.
- Supervised and trained attorneys, paralegals, and support staff.
- Actively maintained and litigated a personal caseload of complex and sensitive criminal cases from trial through appeal, including defending the first-of-a-kind federal prosecution for cyberstalking and interstate stalking resulting in death in the country.
- Managed and oversaw multi-million-dollar agency budget.
- Coordinated, prepared, and presented CLE training programs for the National Federal Defender Program, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) Panel Attorneys.
- Provided guidance and assistance to CJA Panel Attorneys.

Office of the Federal Public Defender, U.S. District of the Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, USVI

Acting Federal Defender, January 2012 to March 2014

- Appointed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit to rehabilitate declining Federal Defender Program while simultaneously serving as Federal Defender for the District of Delaware.
- Directed and supervised all trial and appellate litigation and improved the delivery and quality of legal services.
- Modernized, restructured, and upgraded office facilities, technology, and workflow.
- Managed and oversaw multi-million-dollar agency budget.
- Developed and implemented training programs for District Court Bench and Bar Conference, as well as CJA Panel Attorneys and private practitioners.

Community Federal Defender of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Senior/Managing Assistant Federal Defender, September 1994 to October 2006

- Managed the Allentown branch office and supervised all federal litigation in the upper tier of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1994 to 2000).
- Emphasis on white-collar fraud and complex cases, and handled criminal cases involving tampering with consumer products, extortion, SBA and tax fraud, kidnapping, and mail and wire fraud, among other violations of federal law.
- Assisted in resolving inter-office disputes and represented the office in civil litigation in the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas.
- Assisted in training and mentoring junior assistant defenders.

Law Office of Edson A. Bostic, Philadelphia, PA

Principal, September 1992 to August 1994

- Represented plaintiffs and defendants in state and federal civil litigation, including business disputes, insurance bad faith, and negligence.
- Handled appellate litigation and represented defendants in numerous state and federal criminal cases, including representation of juvenile offenders in Family Court.

Cozen O'Connor, Philadelphia, PA

Senior Associate, August 1988 to September 1992

- Represented several Fortune 500 companies and other entities in such areas as Environmental, Construction, Insurance Coverage & Defense, Arson Fraud, Wrongful Death, and other Negligence Actions.
- Litigated and conducted investigations nationally and in the United States Virgin Islands.

Defender Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Senior Assistant Defender, August 1983 to August 1988

- Handled all aspects of criminal litigation, including major jury, non-jury felony, and misdemeanor trials.
- Served as Special Defense Unit Attorney (Juvenile Division), and Rotating Supervisor.

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York, NY

Pro Se Law Clerk, August 1981 to August 1983

- Conducted extensive research and writing, and prepared memoranda for three-judge panels on all appeals, motions, and petitions for writ of habeas corpus where at least one of the parties was a *pro se* litigant.
- Assisted in the training of new law clerks.

Broome County Public Defender's Office, Binghamton, NY

Assistant Defender, September 1980 to August 1981

- Handled all aspects of litigation, including trial and appellate matters. • Investigated and tried jury and non-jury cases.
- Prepared appellate briefs and argued before the Superior Court of New York, Third Department.

EDUCATION

- Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, NJ — Juris Doctorate, 1980
- Temple University, Philadelphia, PA — Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1977
- Wesleyan University, Virginia Beach, VA

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- Supreme Court of the United States
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
- United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York
- Court of Appeals for State of New York, Third Department
- Supreme Court for Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Rutgers University School of Law, Camden, NJ, Guest Instructor, Trial Advocacy (1/2018 to 5/2018)
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Mid-Atlantic Region, Philadelphia, PA, Lecturer, Trial Advocacy (11/2013 to 11/2018)
- Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, Adjunct Professor, Joint Law School-Federal Community Defender Clinical Program (1/2002 to 5/2006)
- Widener University School of Law, Wilmington, DE, Adjunct Professor, Trial Advocacy (1/1992 to 9/1993)

PRESENTATIONS & CLE PROGRAMS

- U.S Third Circuit Court of Appeals - Judges and Journalists-A Dialogue on Accuracy and Access.
- Presenter - Use of Electronic Surveillance Technology in Delaware - A Violation of 4th Amendment Search and Seizure Law, Philadelphia, PA.
- Federal Defender's Office for U.S. Virgin Islands, Co-Presenter, Managing & Representing Clients with Emotional & Mental Health Issues, St. Croix, USVI.
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Mid-Atlantic Region — Lecturer, Building Trial Skills, Philadelphia, PA District of Delaware.
- Bench and Bar Conference - Presenter - Alternatives to Incarceration, Wilmington, DE National Institute of Trial Advocacy, Mid-Atlantic Region - Lecturer Building Trial Skills, Philadelphia, PA.
- District of Delaware Bench and Bar Conference — Presenter - Criminal Sentencing in the Third Circuit, Wilmington, DE.
- The Criminal Justice Act: A Symposium to Celebrate 50 Years, Learning from Effective Defense Practices Outside the United States, Washington D.C.
- Federal Defender Supervisors Training National Conference, Panelist, Interviewing Techniques: Do's & Don'ts, Las Vegas, NV
- Federal Defender National Conference, Breakout Moderator, Use of Experts, National Harbor, MD.
- National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Mid-Atlantic Region — Lecturer, Building Trial Skills, Philadelphia, PA Federal Defender Office's Annual CLE Program, U.S. District of Delaware — Organizer/Planner, Wilmington, DE.
- U.S. Court of Appeals for Third Circuit Judicial Conference- Presenter, Innovative Sentencing Trends, Hershey, PA.
- FBA & Federal Public Defender's Office, District of Delaware, Panelist, Gideon v. Wainwright — A 50-Year Perspective, Wilmington, DE.
- U.S. District Court, E.D.P.A., Constitution Day/Law Day II Program, Presenter -50th Anniversary Year-Gideon v. Wainwright, Philadelphia, PA.
- Federal Defender's Office, District of U.S.V.I., Criminal Justice Act Voucher Issues, St. Thomas, St. Croix.
- District of U.S. Virgin Islands Bench and Bar Conference - Planner/Moderator, Dominating the Courtroom: A Primer in Effective Courtroom Advocacy, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.
- Joint Conference — Federal Public Defender's and Territorial Defender Offices, US Virgin Islands, Planner/Presenter, The Electronic Courtroom, St. Thomas, USVI.
- Federal Defender's Office Annual CLE, District of Delaware - Planner/Presenter, White Collar Practice Seminar, Wilmington, DE.
- Federal Defender's Office Annual CLE, District of Delaware, Planner/Moderator, Federal Sex Offenses, Wilmington, DE.
- Federal Defender's Office Annual CLE, District of Delaware, Presenter, How to Handle a Snitch/Cooperating Witness, Wilmington, DE.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS & APPOINTMENTS

- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, *En Banc* Recognition for dedication and commitment to the administration of the Criminal Justice Act and service to United States Courts (2014).
- Presenter, United States Court of Appeals for Third Circuit Bench & Bar and Other Event Programs. Defender Member, Advisory Committee for Work Measurement for National Defender Program.
- Past Member, Advisory Committee on Third Circuit Model Jury Instructions.
- Past Member, Advisory Committee to the Committee on Third Circuit Criminal Rules.
- Past Member, Advisory Committee for the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.
- Chair, Committee for Appointment of New Magistrate Judge (2019-2020).
- Chair, Committee for Reappointment of Magistrate Judge (2019-2020).
- Member, Committee of Reappointment of Magistrate Judge. Defender/Chair,
- Committee on Criminal Justice Act Panel for District of Delaware.
- Former Emeritus Member, American Inns of Court, Richard S. Rodney Inn.

- Past Chair, Criminal Law Section, Federal Bar Association - Delaware Chapter.
- Past Member of the Board of Governors, Third Circuit Bar Association, 2013-2017.
- Member, Senators Coons/Carpenter's Judicial Vacancy Nominating Committee for District of Delaware – 2021.
- Member, Senators Coons/Carpenter's Judicial Vacancy Nominating Committee for District of Delaware – 2023.