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EMPLOYMENT

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY (July 2005 - present)

Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (February 2010 – present)

As chief academic officer of the university, duties include supervising the academic deans and the administrators who lead various academic support units, including the library, academic strategic planning, off-campus programs, student advising, and student services; supervising faculty recruitment and retention, promotion and tenure; and working with the other vice presidents on budget, facilities, enrollment, and university relations.

Dean and Professor of Law (July 2005 – January 2010)

As chief academic and administrative officer of the law school, duties included representation of the law school in university administration; fund raising; appointment of full-time and adjunct faculty; appointment of law school committees; and alumni and community relations. During tenure as dean, the law school:

- developed and implemented strategic plan;
- substantially increased donations from alumni and law firms to support various law school initiatives, particularly student scholarships;
- substantially improved performance of graduates on the Ohio bar exam;
- hired several outstanding and diverse new faculty;
- substantially improved quality and diversity of students who enrolled;
- completed an \$8.8 million renovation of law building and began construction of technologically-advanced mock trial courtroom;
- developed and implemented new branding and marketing campaign; and
- commenced process that led to significant reforms in curriculum and academic program.

BAKER & HOSTETLER LLP (January 2002 – June 2005)

Cleveland, Ohio; Partner. As head of firm's national Business Crimes and Corporate Investigations team, practice focused on white-collar and corporate criminal matters, representing individuals and businesses in connection with investigations conducted by federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; practice also included conducting sensitive, internal investigations on behalf of corporate clients and representing corporations and individuals in complex commercial litigation; member of Pro Bono Committee and Hiring Committee.

THOMPSON HINE LLP (May 1998 - December 2001)

Cleveland, Ohio; Partner. Practice focused on white-collar criminal defense, as well as internal investigations and complex commercial litigation; Cleveland office Hiring Partner (2000-2001).

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (September 1989 - June 1998)

Special Attorney to the United States Attorney General (June 1997 - June 1998)

Assisted in the prosecution of Terry Nichols, one of two defendants convicted for the Oklahoma City bombing; trial responsibilities included examination of Michael Fortier, the key accomplice witness, as well as over 30 other witnesses.

First Assistant United States Attorney (May 1995 - May 1997)

Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina

As top deputy to United States Attorney, had management responsibility for all legal matters – criminal, civil and appellate; responsibility also included administration of office; personally supervised long-term, political corruption grand jury investigation.

Assistant United States Attorney (September 1989 - May 1995)

Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York

◆ **Chief, Organized Crime and Racketeering Section**

Supervised approximately 16 Assistants who prosecuted complex organized crime cases; personally directed investigation and prosecution of over 35 individuals involved in various violent crimes, including armed robberies, firearms trafficking, and murder.

◆ **Chief, General Crimes Section**

Supervised and trained new Assistants; also investigated and prosecuted several major organized crime cases.

◆ **Organized Crime and Racketeering Section**

Investigated and prosecuted several significant organized crime cases.

◆ **General Crimes Section**

While being trained as a new Assistant, handled several felony trials and participated in grand jury investigation of major political official.

JONES DAY REAVIS & POGUE (September 1988 - September 1989)

New York, New York; Associate.

**UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT
(September 1987 to September 1988)**

Law Clerk to Honorable Boyce F. Martin, Jr.

THE DELBARTON SCHOOL (August 1981 – June 1984)

Morristown, New Jersey; English Teacher

EDUCATION

University of Virginia - Charlottesville, Virginia
J.D. 1987 - Order of the Coif

Yale University - New Haven, Connecticut
B.A. 1981 (English)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Cleveland State University, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law; Complex Federal Criminal Investigations and Prosecutions (Spring 2007); Criminal Law (Spring 2009) and White Collar Crime (Spring 2011)

Case Western Reserve University Law School; Adjunct Professor of Law (1998-2005)

New York Law School; Adjunct Professor of Law (1994-1995)

AWARDS

Saint Thomas More Award, Catholic Lawyers Guild of Cleveland (October 14, 2011)

United States Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award (July 8, 1998)

Department of Justice Director's Award for Superior Performance (June 30, 1993)

Millett Memorial Trophy, Yale University (1981)

David M. Berger Memorial Award, Shaker Heights High School (1977)

Shaker Heights High School Hall of Fame (inducted 2007)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS and ACTIVITIES

National Academy of Sciences Committee on Identifying the Needs of the Forensic Science Community (2006-2009)

Merit Selection Committee on Bankruptcy Judgeships for the Northern District of Ohio, Chair (2002 and 2004)

Merit Selection Committee on Magistrate Judgeship for the Northern District of Ohio, Chair (2007)

Community-Based Correctional Facility Governing Board, Cuyahoga County (2008-present)

Ohio State Bar Association Legal Education Reform Task Force (2008-2009)

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association (2008-2010); Trustee (2008-2010); Executive Committee (2008-2010)

Cleveland Bar Association (1999-2008); Trustee (2005-2008); Executive Committee (2007-2008)

Cuyahoga County Criminal Justice System Reform Initiative, Community Advocacy Council Workgroup, Chair (2007-2010)

Ohio Law and Leadership Institute, Board of Directors (2009-2010)

American Bar Association Ohio Death Penalty Moratorium Project (2005-2007)

American Bar Association (1988-present)

Ohio State Bar Foundation (2007-2010)

Cuyahoga County Bar Association (2005-2008)

Federal Bar Association (2005-present)

American Constitution Society, Northeast Ohio Chapter, Advisory Board (2009-present)

Delta Theta Phi Legal Fraternity (2005)

Golden Key International Honour Society (Honorary Member – 2006)

American Inns of Court, Judge John M. Manos Chapter (2005-2007)

American Inns of Court, Harold Burton Chapter (1998-2001)

Criminal Justice Act Panel Attorney (1999-2005)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Applewood Centers, Inc., Trustee (1999-present); Chair (2006-2007); Vice Chair (2004-2005); Secretary (2002-2003); Executive Committee (2001-present); Chair, Development Committee (2002-2005)

Sisters of Charity Foundation of Cleveland, Board of Directors (2005-present); Chair (2010-present); Secretary (2008-2010); Executive Committee (2008-present); Distribution Committee, Chair (2008-2010), Vice Chair (2006-2008)

Wingspan Care Group, Trustee (2008 – present)

Review Board of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland (2003-2006); Chair, Investigations Committee (2003-2006); Secretary (2003-2004)

City Club of Cleveland, Ad Hoc Committee on Political Debates, Chair (2007-2008)

Children's Aid Society, Trustee (2003-2004)

Shaker Heights Centennial Celebration Planning Committee, Honorary Co-Chair (2010-present)

Shaker Heights Police Department, Critical Incident Administrative Review Committee (Chair, 2010-2011; 2007-2008)

Cuyahoga County Democratic Central Committee, Executive Committee (2002-2005)

Malvern Advisory Committee; Shaker Heights, Ohio (2001-2002)

PUBLICATIONS

G.S. Mearns, "The NAS Report: In Pursuit of Justice," 38 *Fordham Urban Law Journal* 429 (December 2010).

G.S. Mearns, "It's All About Women ... Bar None!," 1 *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal* 8 (April 2008).

G.S. Mearns and S. J. Schlegelmilch, "FISA and the War on Terror," 78 *Cleveland Bar Journal* 44 (November 2006).

G. S. Mearns and S. J. Okula, Jr., "Venue and Federalizing Crime: Will Supreme Court Tell Prosecutors Where to Go?" 13 *Criminal Justice* 4 (Winter 1999).

G. S. Mearns and L. W. Jacobs, "Effective Use of Expert Testimony in Defending Criminal Antitrust Cases," 13 *Antitrust* 2 (Spring 1999).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Oklahoma City Bombing Trial

"The Oklahoma City Bombing: A Prosecutor's Perspective"

- Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office Spring CLE (April 7, 2011)
- Institute of Internal Auditors, Cleveland State University (November 22, 2010)
- Breadth of Life, St. Raphael's Church, Chardon, Ohio (April 14, 2010)
- College Club of Cleveland (October 26, 2009)
- About Town Speaker Series, Westlake, Ohio (October 6, 2009)
- Maltz Museum, Beachwood, Ohio (June 24, 2009)
- The Intown Club, Cleveland, Ohio (October 22, 2007)

- Ivy 15 Distinguished Scholar Lecture Series, Shaker Heights, Ohio (March 15, 2007)
- Society Of Former FBI Agents, Cleveland, Ohio (October 20, 2005)

“Rooted in Hate: Lessons From The Oklahoma City Bombing,” United States Attorney’s Office (Northern District of Ohio) Annual Hate Crimes Conference (November 7, 2007).

“The War on International Terrorism – Lessons From The Prosecution Of Domestic Terrorism,” Yale Alumni Association of Cleveland (February 13, 2006).

“Thoughts About Terrorism: A Personal Perspective,” Rotary Club of Cleveland (September 27, 2001).

“Trying A High-Profile Death Penalty Case – Lessons From The Oklahoma City Bombing Trial Of Terry Nichols,” *The Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Criminal Justice Forum*, panelist with Mr. Edward Killam and Professor Adam Thurschwell (October 13, 1999).

“Lessons To Be Learned About Domestic Terrorism,” City Club of Cleveland (August 6, 1999).

Forensic Science

“The Future Of Forensic Science: The Need For More Science In Forensic Science,” Institute of Internal Auditors, Cleveland, Ohio (February 6, 2012).

Testimony, United States Senate Committee On Commerce, Science, And Transportation, Washington, DC (December 7, 2011).

“Cutting Edge Issues In Science And The Law,” panelist with Professor Paul Giannelli, Professor Dan Krane, and Professor Jane Campbell Moriarty at 2010 Ohio Judicial Conference Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio (September 9, 2010).

“Strengthening Forensic Science,” The National Academies Communications Fair, Washington, DC (July 23, 2010).

“Prosecution And Defense Perspectives: Admissibility Of Forensic Evidence And The Impact Of The NAS Report,” panelist with Ms. Valerie Caproni, Ms. Jennifer Friedman, and Mr. Marvin Schecter at the Joint Judicial Conference, District of Columbia Courts (May 6, 2010).

“Transformative Evidence: Changes Inside The Courtroom And Outside The Courthouse,” panelist with Professor David A. Medwed, Professor Stacey A. Tovino, and Professor Joelle A. Moreno (moderator), AALS Annual Meeting, Section on Evidence (January 9, 2010).

“The NAS Report: A Path Forward,” OACDL Death Penalty Seminar, Columbus, Ohio (November 19, 2009).

“Fostering Forensic Analysis,” panelist with Mr. Kenneth A. Melson, Mr. Thomas L. Bohan, Mr. John A. Grossman, Professor Jessica D. Gabel, and Professor David M. Siegel (moderator), *Confronting Forensic Evidence* Symposium at New England Law School (November 13, 2009).

“The NAS Report: A Path Forward,” Vermont Federal Defenders Training Program (October 9, 2009).

“Overview Of The NAS Report: The Critiques And Proposed Reforms,” panelist with Professor Joelle Moreno, Professor Cyril Wecht, and Professor Jane Campbell Moriarty (moderator) at *Does Forensics Need Fixing* symposium at Duquesne University (September 11, 2009).

Plenary Session: “The NAS Report: A Path Forward,” Multi-Track Federal Criminal Defense Seminar: Strategies for Defending Complex Cases, Chicago, Illinois (August 20, 2009).

“Legal Rules For Forensic Science Evidence,” panelist with Professor Paul C. Gianelli, Honorable Alex Kozinski, Professor Erin Murphy, and Professor David A. Sklansky, Arizona State University (April 3, 2009).

“The Future Of Forensic Sciences – A Law Enforcement Perspective,” presented with Mr. Peter A. Marone at Virginia Commonwealth Attorneys Annual Spring Institute, Norfolk, Virginia (March 31, 2009).

“The Future Of Forensic Sciences: A Symposium,” organized and moderated a series of panels including Ms. Valerie E. Caproni, Honorable George (Woody) Clarke, Dr. Marcella Farinelli Fierro, Mr. Barry A. J. Fisher, Professor Paul C. Giannelli, Mr. Terry H. Gilbert, Dr. D. Christian Hassell, Mr. Peter M. Marone, Mr. Kenneth F. Martin, Dr. Anne-Marie Mazza, Mr. Kenneth E. Melson, Professor Jane Campbell Moriarty, Ms. Carole S. Rendon, Mr. Marvin E. Schechter, Dr. Robert C. Shaler, Professor Jay A. Siegel, and Mr. James R. Wooley, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University (March 19, 2009).

Professionalism / Ethics

“The Watergate CLE: John Dean And The Ultimate Lawyer’s Ethical Dilemma,” panelist with Mr. John Dean, Honorable James Gwin, Mr. John McCaffrey, and Mr. James Robenalt, Ohio State Bar Association (August 15, 2011)

“The Treacherous Path Corporate Counsel Must Tread: Corporate *Miranda* Warnings,” panelist with Mr. Colin Jennings and Mr. Kenneth Moore, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey LLP (December 6 and 7, 2010)

“A Commitment to Professionalism: Challenges And Rewards”

- Thompson Hine LLP (November 10, 2009; November 10, 2008)
- Cleveland Bar Association (October 23, 2007)

“Professionalism When Your ‘Profession’ Is The Public Trust,” Ethical Considerations For Government Attorneys, Cleveland Bar Association (November 19, 1999).

Anthony Harris

“Juvenile Justice – The Story Of Anthony Harris,” About Town Speaker Series, Cleveland State University (October 1, 2009).

“False Confessions: A Juvenile Injustice,” American Civil Liberties Union, Cleveland Ohio (July 22, 2009).

Other

“The Role Of Lawyers In A Just Society,” First Friday Club of Cleveland (February 3, 2011).

“Negotiations 101: Plea Agreements, Sentencing, Attorney-Client Privilege, Pre-Trial Diversion,” moderated panel with Mr. Ralph Cascarilla, Honorable James Gwin, Ms. Jacqueline Johnson, and Ms. Ann Rowland, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association White Collar Crime Symposium (December 17, 2010).

“Responding To A Federal Criminal Investigation,” Great Lakes Higher Education Symposium, Case Western Reserve University (February 2, 2010).

“A Whole Trial In Three Hours – Opening Statements,” Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio (September 19, 2009).

“Transparency, Accountability And The Criminal Justice System: The Importance of Collecting, Measuring, and Assessing Our Performance,” moderated panel with Honorable Timothy J. McGinty, Mr. Stanley Miller, Mr. Greg Popovich, Honorable Neil Ross, and Mr. David Steelman at Eighth District Judicial Conference, Cleveland, Ohio (April 24, 2009).

“Effective Communication Between Supreme Courts And Law School Deans,” participated on panel with Honorable Robert Bell, Mr. Mark Dows, Dean Mary Crossley, Honorable Thomas Moyer, and Dean Karen Rothenberg at joint meeting of Chief Justices and law school deans, Phoenix, Arizona (January 26, 2009).

“Politics And Justice – Politics At Justice,” moderated panel with Professor James Eisenstein, Honorable Loretta Lynch, Honorable John McKay, and Honorable Gregory White, *The Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Criminal Justice Forum* (October 23, 2007).

“Balancing Law Enforcement Needs And Civil Liberties,” Anti-Defamation League Summer Law Associates Program, Cleveland, Ohio (July 27, 2007).

- “Cooperating With The Government: The Thompson Memorandum And The Costs And Benefits Of ‘Playing Hardball’,” panelist with Honorable Dan A. Polster, Mr. Justin Roberts, Mr. Harris Senturia, Cleveland Bar Association (December 4, 2006).
- “Discovery In The Criminal Justice System,” moderated panel with Mr. Richard A. Bell, Mr. Dean Holman, Mr. William Marshall, Ms. Megan O’Brien, and Mr. Robert Tobik at Eighth District Judicial Conference, Cleveland, Ohio (April 28, 2006).
- “Whose Privilege Is It Anyway? A Discussion Of The Tension Between Federal Privileges And The Truth-Seeking Process,” panelist with Honorable Joseph Bianco, Mr. Eric Corngold, Honorable Steven Gold, Honorable Loretta Lynch, and Mr. Robert Morvillo, Eastern District of New York (April 6, 2006).
- “Interpreting Plea Agreements: Contracts vs. Constitutional Rights,” Criminal Law Section, Cleveland Bar Association (October 6, 2005).
- “The Proposed Federal Law To Create A Reporter/Source Privilege: Good Policy Or An Impediment To Justice,” moderated panel with Ms. Valerie Caproni, Mr. Douglas Clifton, Ms. Lucy Dalglish, and Professor Kevin O’Neill, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law (September 27, 2005).
- “What to Do When The SEC Calls,” panelist with Mr. Jonathan Leiken, Mr. Stephen Sozio, and Ms. Suxanne Duddy at 2005 Securities Law Institute, Cleveland Bar Association (March 3, 2005).
- “Building A Case: Investigating And Prosecuting Terrorism-Related Cases,” panelist with Honorable Gerald Rosen, Mr. William Hochul, and Mr. Andrew Hruska, Duke University Law School (February 4, 2005).
- “Leadership – Skills And Strategies,” Major League Baseball, Resident Security Agents Training, San Francisco, California (January 29, 2005).
- “Electronic Surveillance,” *Criminal Justice in Post-9/11 America*, sponsored by Cuyahoga County Bar Association (April 30, 2004).
- “Responding To A Criminal Investigation,” Health Law Institute sponsored by Cleveland Bar Association (April 11, 2004).
- “Personal Liberty In An Era Of Terrorism,” moderated panel including Dean Kenneth Starr, Professor David A. Harris, and Professor Jane E. Kirtley at Eighth District Judicial Conference (April 5, 2003).
- “Insights Into The Real Dynamic Between Prosecutors And Defense Lawyers In Corporate Criminal Investigations,” Cleveland General Counsel Forum (January 14, 2003).
- “Responses To Terrorism: Cities And Defensible Spaces,” panelist with Mr. Steven Litt, Professor Norman Krumholz, and Ms. RoseMary Covington, Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, Cleveland State University (October 30, 2001).
- Cuyahoga County Public Defender’s Office Trial Advocacy Program (October 2001)