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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing, Feinberg & Lin, LLP, Philadelphia, PA

Partner (2017-present)

Associate (2014-2017)

Law practice focused on state and federal criminal defense and plaintiff civil rights litigation at trial and appellate stages. Criminal cases include fraud, public corruption, immigration violations, firearms, drugs, and robbery charges. Civil rights cases involve individual claims of misconduct by law enforcement and prison officials; violations of the First Amendment; and class action litigation over prison conditions and the misuse of stop and frisk. Positive verdicts won in multiple federal and state jury trials.

Federal Community Defender Office, Philadelphia, PA

Assistant Federal Defender (trial unit: 2009-2013; appellate unit: 2013-2014)

Defender Association of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

Assistant Defender (2005-2009)

Judge Anita B. Brody, United States District Court, Philadelphia, PA

Law Clerk (2004-2005)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, Philadelphia, PA

Adjunct Faculty (Spring Semesters 2018 - 2022)

Instructor of Trial Advocacy

Temple University Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA

Adjunct Faculty (Fall 2022, Fall 2018 - 2020, Spring 2013, Fall 2010)

Adjunct Professor of Evidence, Instructor in Integrated Trial Advocacy Program

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania

United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION – INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE

Defender Services Office Training Division, Administrative Office of the United States Courts

- *Fundamentals of Federal Criminal Defense: Sentencing Guidelines Workshop*, faculty (virtual, January 2022)
- *The Nuts and Bolts of Federal Appellate Practice*, lecturer (virtual, April 2022; virtual, May 2021)
- *The Andrea Taylor Sentencing Advocacy Workshop*, faculty (virtual, March 2021; virtual, December 2020)
- *Non-Capital Sentencing Mitigation Skills Workshop*, faculty & lecturer (virtual, June 2021; Orlando, FL, February 2020; New Orleans, LA, July 2019; Philadelphia, PA, May 2015)
- *Paralegal and Investigator Skills Workshop: A Team Approach to Criminal Defense*, faculty & lecturer (Baltimore, MD, June 2019)
- *Trial Skills Workshop: Advocacy Strategies & Skills to Maximize Use of Experts*, faculty (San Diego, CA, April 2022; New Orleans, LA, January 2020; Austin, TX, April 2019)
- *Persuasive Writing Workshop*, faculty (Seattle, WA, August 2022; Denver, CO, August 2019; Los Angeles, CA, August 2018; Philadelphia, PA, August 2017)

Masters of Litigation, Lessons from Dumb Mistakes: How to recover and how to avoid, presenter, American College of Trial Lawyers and Temple University Beasley School of Law School (Philadelphia, PA, November 2022)

Motions to Suppress Evidence in Criminal Cases, presenter, Temple University LLM Bootcamp: Chilean Program (virtual, August 2021)

Qualified Immunity at a Crossroads, lecturer, Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania (virtual, March 2021)

Federal & State Drug Laws & Sentencing Practices & Procedures, lecturer, University of Pennsylvania Law School, An Overview of U.S. Federal & State Drug Laws, Policy, Treatment, & Reform, Custom Certificate Bearing Program for the Office of the Judiciary in Thailand (Philadelphia, PA, August 2019)

Moving Beyond Cash Bail, moderator, Philadelphia Bar Association (Philadelphia, PA, November 2018)

Nuts & Bolts of Pennsylvania's Post-Conviction Relief Act (PCRA), lecturer, Philadelphia Bar Association (Philadelphia, PA, December 2017)

Reforming Police-Community Relations Through Activism, Litigation and Training, lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Attorney Conference (Philadelphia, PA, October 2017)

Police Misconduct: Issues in Defense of Criminal Cases, lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Philadelphia, PA, November 2016)

Mandatory Prison Sentencing, lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Association Minority Attorney Conference, (Philadelphia, PA, March 2016)

How to Handle a Drug Case, course planner and lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Mechanicsburg, PA, July 2015)

Overview of Criminal Law for the Non-practitioner, lecturer, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Philadelphia, PA, December 2008)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

American Law Institute

Fellow (2022)

American College of Trial Lawyers

Fellow (2022)

United States Sentencing Commission, Practitioners Advisory Group

Third Circuit Representative (2018-present)

Criminal Justice Act Panel Selection Committee

United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania (2020-present)

Philadelphia Bar Association

Diversity in the Profession Committee (2021); Board of Governors Member (2017-2019); Criminal Justice Section Co-Chair (2018); Criminal Justice Section Executive Committee Member (2014-2022)

Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

Rules Committee (2015 to present)

Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania

President (2023); Vice-President (2021); Recording Secretary (2018); Board Member (2014-present); Marutani Fellowship Committee Co-Chair (2009-2020)

American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania
Legal Committee (2010-2020)

Philadelphia Criminal Law Inn of Court
Programming Chair (2016-2017)

Philadelphia Inquirer Influencer of the Law Award (2018)

Pennsylvania Super Lawyers, Rising Stars Edition (2008)

Miscellaneous

Fluent in Spanish; Proficient in Mandarin Chinese
Mendelssohn Club Chorus of Philadelphia, Alto II

EDUCATION

Yale Law School, J.D. (2001-2004)

Swarthmore College, B.A., Political Science and Spanish (1996-2000)

Minor in Latin American Studies

McCabe Scholarship Recipient

High Honors awarded by external examiners