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S.C. SUPREME COURT

EDUCATION

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, JD-LLM in International Human Rights, June 2019
magna cum laude (4.131 GPA) and Order of the Coif

- Founding Board Member of the Incarcerated Women's Project, 2018-19
- *Northwestern University Journal of Law and Social Policy* Member, Note and Comment Advisor
- President of Student Funded Public Interest Fellowship (SFPIF), 2016-17
- Contracts Teaching Assistant, Fall 2016

Trinity University, B.A. in Political Science and Mandarin Chinese, May 2012
summa cum laude

LEGAL EXPERIENCE**Time Served**

November 2023 – Present

Greenville, SC

Legal Director, Co-Founder

- Co-founded a legal services non-profit with a mission to improve the lives of currently and formerly incarcerated South Carolinians through direct legal services, policy advocacy, and litigation, and to dismantle extreme sentencing in South Carolina
- Primarily responsible for developing and managing our legal services portfolio, including both direct client services and broader litigation and amicus efforts

Root & Rebound (various roles)

February 2023 – October 2023

Greenville, SC

SC Director of Legal Services

- Managed a team of attorneys, a paralegal, AmeriCorps members, and various interns and volunteers, with the goal of ensuring quality legal representation and team cohesion
- Continued impact litigation work and direct representation of clients, with a particular focus on complex cases for currently incarcerated individuals

September 2022 – February 2023

Staff Attorney

- Developed Root & Rebound's impact litigation portfolio in South Carolina, including amicus briefs, strategic appeals for direct services clients, and original litigation to dismantle barriers to reentry
- Managed Root & Rebound's Parole Project, including by enlisting, training and supporting pro bono lawyers and directing appellate advocacy to create a more meaningful opportunity for parole
- Maintained caseload of direct representation clients

September 2020 – August 2022

Equal Justice Works Fellow

- Directly represented approximately two hundred system-involved individuals in their reentry-related family stability matters, including record cleaning, family law, and myriad other legal issues
- Drafted reform legislation and provided legislative educational materials on a child support issue impacting incarcerated parents
- Drafted and filed an amicus brief in the South Carolina Supreme Court regarding the constitutionality of automatic waiver of juveniles to adult court

The Honorable Henry Floyd, Circuit Judge

August 2019 – August 2020

Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

Spartanburg, South Carolina

Judicial Law Clerk

Governance and Justice Group

Spring Semester 2019

Chicago, IL

Full-time Extern

- Curated the library of relevant human rights reports and government materials for the Somalia Justice Audit website, available at <https://southcentralsomalia.justicesnapshot.org/library/>
- Wrote a narrative of the parallel and interactive traditional, formal, and military criminal justice procedures, as they are intended to operate under Somali law, as published in the Audit library
- Collaborated on efforts to launch a Justice Audit in a different country, including by providing research and analysis of existing international development efforts in the criminal justice sector

International Human Rights Clinic

Fall Semester 2018

Northwestern Bluhm Legal Clinic, Chicago, IL

Clinical Student

- Wrote and submitted a Shadow Report for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of Ethiopia, with supervision and edits by the clinic professor
- Conducted field research in Ethiopia in preparation for a report to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Drafted legal memos in the area of international criminal prosecution for environmental crimes for a collaboration with Greenpeace International

MacArthur Justice Center (various roles)

Fall Semester 2017

Northwestern Bluhm Legal Clinic, Chicago, IL

Part-time Solitary Confinement/Appellate Research Assistant

- Tracked dockets for solitary confinement cases in both District and Appellate Courts across the country, and identified cases with strong claims that could benefit from legal assistance
- Conducted legal research and drafted sections of appellate briefs for ongoing cases

Fall Semester 2017 – Spring Semester 2018; May – August 2018

Prisoners' Rights and Jail Suicide Litigation Clinical Student and Full-time Summer Intern

- Drafted complaints and motions and conducted legal research in connection with prisoners' rights and jail suicide litigation, as well as a class action against the Chicago police gang database
- Interviewed clients and witnesses, attended depositions, and prepared for hearings and trial
- Participated in three-day preliminary injunction hearing, including by putting on witnesses

Children and Family Justice Center

Fall Semester 2016 – Spring Semester 2017

Northwestern Bluhm Legal Clinic, Chicago, IL

Clinical Student

- Assisted supervising attorneys with a *Miller* juvenile life-without-parole resentencing case and petition for removal from the juvenile sex offender registry
- Participated in juvenile expungement project in coordination with the Chicago Housing Authority

Cabrini Green Legal Aid (CGLA)

May – August 2016

Chicago, IL

Full-time Legal Intern for Chicago Legal Advocacy for Incarcerated Mothers (CLAIM) Program

- Assisted in representation of incarcerated mothers in their family law matters, including by drafting court documents and conducting client interviews and intakes in carceral settings

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST EXPERIENCE**U.S. Department of State**

September 2012 – July 2013

Yunnan, China

Fulbright Scholar

- Researched the landscape of HIV/AIDS efforts in Kunming, with a focus on how normative ideas impact cooperative efforts between NGOs and the Government

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

June 2012 – August 2012

Washington, D.C.

Office of Global Affairs Intern

- Conducted public health research and prepared briefs for senior officials' meetings with international delegations, including then-Secretary Sebelius

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Clinical Legal Education Training, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	March 2019
IES Abroad Center, Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing, China	Fall 2010 – Spring 2011
Humanistic Buddhist Monastic Life Program, Kaohsiung, Taiwan	Summer 2009
Partners of the Americas, Costa Rica	Summer 2006

AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Presented “Understanding SC Collateral Consequences and Record Cleaning Eligibility,” South Carolina 2023 Annual Public Defender Conference
- *“Indian” as a Political Classification: Reading the Tribe back into the Indian Child Welfare Act*, Northwestern University Journal of Law and Social Policy (Published May 2018)
- Senior Research Honors (Received Fall 2018)
- Arlyn Miner Book Award, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law (Received 2016)