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## EXPERIENCE

September 1996  
to Present

### PRIVATE PRACTICE

*Represent the child's best interest in custody cases, and child's access, investigate case issues; meet with and interview the children, conduct interviews with parents and collateral witnesses, observe the children's interactions with each parent individually, review educational and medical records; and provide results of the investigation to the court what is in the child's best interest;*

*Represent and litigate Children In Need of Assistance (CINA) cases (including shelter hearings, mediation, adjudication, and disposition of CINA cases); perform litigation in adoptions cases, litigate termination of parental rights cases; litigate guardianships cases; perform in-depth client interviews; maintain appropriate records as required for client representation; prepare memoranda of law and legal pleadings*

December 2003  
to 2014  
(part-time)

Merit System Protection Board (MSPB) Chair; Co-Chair  
Rockville, Maryland

*Appointed by the Montgomery County Council to serve as a member of the MSPB. Responsible for protecting the merit system and to protect employee and applicant rights guaranteed under the merit system, including protection against arbitrary and capricious recruitment and supervisory actions. Conduct hearings and decide disciplinary appeals or grievances upon the request of a Merit System employee who were removed, demoted or suspended.*

April 1985 to  
June 1985

AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOP. - Central Africa  
International Consultant : Selected from 200 volunteers by U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to provide temporary emergency aide to African famine children.

February 1979  
to June 1981

PEACE CORPS  
Ivory Coast, West Africa

Associate Peace Corps Director for Health: Served as the liaison to private and international agencies for adult/children health programs.

1970-1973

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA GOVERNMENT**  
**Adjunct Professor - D.C. University**

**Drug Treatment Administrator - D.C. Office of Mental Health**

**Psychiatric Social Worker - D.C. Office of Forensic Psychiatry**

**EDUCATION**

**NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL - J.D.**

**JOHNS HOPKINS SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND PUBLIC  
HEALTH - M.P.H., Public Health**

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK  
M.S.W., Psychiatric Social Work**

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY  
B.A., Sociology and Psychology**

**LANGUAGES**

***Fluent in Spanish and French***

**CERTIFIED CHILD COUNSEL - December 12, 2012  
by the Maryland Judiciary**

**MEMBERSHIPS**

***Bar Association of Prince George's County Maryland  
Bar Association of Montgomery County Maryland  
Maryland State Bar Association  
District of Columbia Bar Association***

**CO-CHAIR**

***Montgomery County's Juvenile Law Section, 2002***

**AWARDS**

***2005 Pro Bono Service Award-Bar Association of  
Montgomery County, MD  
2003 Pro Bono Service Award - Bar Association of  
Montgomery County, MD***

**ADMITTED**

***Maryland Bar - 1996  
U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland - 1997  
District of Columbia Bar - 2006***