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## EDUCATION UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctorate, 1995

- Honors:**
- Virginia Law Review
  - Virginia Law Review, Notes Development Editor

## UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, College of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts - History, 1992

- Honors:**
- Arthur Fauset Award for Outstanding Intellectual and Community Service
  - Sphinx Honor Society

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

*Associate Professor of Law*, promoted with tenure 2015 - present

*Assistant Professor of Law*, 2009 - 2015

**Courses:** Family Law, Children and the Law, Professional Responsibility, Advanced Family Law Seminar (edited writing course).

**Research Areas:** Child Welfare Law and Public Policy, Intergenerational Caregiving, Ethics and Family Law, Intersection of Race, Gender, and Family Law

**Honors:**

- 2015 SMU Women in Law Faculty Appreciation Award

- 2014 SMU Year of the Faculty, selected by Dean and Office of Public Affairs as faculty member who has been a newsmaker through achievements

- Fall 2012 Visiting Scholar, Emory University School of Law Martha Fineman's Feminist Legal Theory Project and Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative

- 2009 *Texas Lawyer* Extraordinary Minority in Texas Law

## SMU DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW

*Senior Lecturer in Law & Director, W. W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic*, 2002-2009

Responsibilities: Taught and supervised 8 students each semester in 5-credit child advocacy course where students provided direct representation as Guardian/Attorney Ad Litem for children in child welfare cases, planned and coordinated interdisciplinary

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continuing legal education seminars and bi-annual symposia, chaired clinic Community Advisory Group, collaborated with University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work, SMU Psychology Department and the Department of Family and Protective Services on research.

**Honor:** • 2006 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Equal Justice Award, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, Inc.

**LEGAL  
EXPERIENCE**

**THE LAW OFFICE OF JESSICA R. DIXON**

*Solo Practitioner*, Dallas, Texas, 1997-2002

Practice Areas: Labor and Employment Law, Small Business Law, Family Law, Child Welfare Law, and Juvenile Delinquency Law.

**THE MILESTONE GROUP, L.L.C.**

*Managing Partner*, Dallas, Texas, 1999-2001

Company Service: Employment Law and Human Resources Advisement for small to mid-size businesses, Employee Policy Manuals, Labor Audits, Management and Employee Training on Employment Policies & Sexual Harassment.

**SMITH & POLEWSKI**

*Associate*, Dallas, Texas, 1996-1997

Practice Areas: General Civil and Commercial Litigation

**LITTLER MENDELSON**

*Associate*, Dallas, Texas, 1995-1996

Practice Area: Labor and Employment Law

**PUBLICATIONS**

- *Beyond Child Welfare: Theories on Child Homelessness*, 21 WASH. & LEE J. CIV. RTS. & SOC. JUST. 16-53 (2014).
- *Overstepping Ethical Boundaries? Limitations on State Efforts to Provide Access to Justice in Family Courts*, 82 FORDHAM L. REV. 2705-2760 (2014).
- *Grandma in the White House: Legal Support for Intergenerational Caregiving*, 43 SETON HALL L. REV. 1-74 (2013) (lead article) (cited in D. KELLY WEISBERG & SUSAN F. APPLETON, MODERN FAMILY LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS 360 (5<sup>th</sup> ed., 2013) and excerpted in NINA A. KOHN, ELDER LAW: CASES, PROBLEMS & EXERCISES 595-96, 597 (2013)).

- *The First Father: Perspectives on the President's Fatherhood Initiative*, 50 FAM. CT. REV. 297-309 (2012) (cited in CLARE HUNTINGTON, FAILURE TO FLOURISH: HOW LAW UNDERMINES FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS 41 (2014)).
- *African-American Grandmothers: Does the Gender Entrapment Theory Apply? Essay Response to Professor Beth Richie*, 37 WASH. U. J.L. & POL'Y 153-181 (2011).
- *The Principle of Subsidiarity Applied: Reforming the Legal Framework To Capture the Psychological Abuse of Children*, 18 VA. J. SOC. POL'Y & L. 247-318 (2011) (excerpted in KATHERINE HUNT FEDERLE, CHILDREN AND THE LAW: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH WITH CASES, MATERIALS AND COMMENTS, 553-54 (Oxford University Press 2012)).
- *The Texas Mis-step: Why the Largest Child Removal in Modern U.S. History Failed*, 16 WM. & MARY J. WOMEN & L. 449-535 (2010) (lead article).
- *The African-American Child Welfare Act: A Legal Redress for African-American Disproportionality in Child Protection Cases*, 10 BERKELEY J. AFR.-AM. L. & POL'Y 109-145 (2008).

## **WORKS-IN-PROGRESS**

- *Vulnerability, Resistant Assets, and Reciprocal Exchange*
- *Slavery and the Origins of Family Law*
- *The Black Parenting Experience: Intergenerational Effects on Children's Exposure to Violence*
- *The Fluid Family Theory*
- *Child Sexual Victimization: When Abused Children Become Neglectful Mothers*
- *Father Chasing: Ethical Duties in the Establishment of Voluntary Paternity*

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### ***Vulnerability, Resistant Assets, and Reciprocal Exchange***

2015 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Vanderbilt University School of Law (July 11, 2015)

2015 AALS Midyear Meeting, "Workshop on Shifting Foundations: Family Law's Response to Changing Families," Orlando, Florida (June 24, 2015)

Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Florida A&M College of Law (June 22, 2015)

Invited Panelist, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: Aging and Inequalities (May 30, 2015)

Selected Panelist, A Workshop on Theorizing the State: The Resources of Vulnerability, Emory University School of Law (December 6, 2014)

***The Fluid Family Theory***

Invited Panelist, The Future of Families and Family Law, Brigham Young University School of Law (October 10, 2014)

***30 Year Anniversary of the Feminism and Legal Theory Project Roundtable***

Invited Panelist, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: Law and Inequalities: Global and Local (May 30, 2014)

***Slavery and the Origins of Family Law***

2014 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Wisconsin School of Law (June 27, 2014)

Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, University of Minnesota Law School (May 28, 2014)

***The Impact of Slavery on Private Family Law***

Competitively Selected Presenter, 2014 Critical Race Theory Conference, “Re-Envisioning Race in a ‘Post-Racial’ Era: New Approaches in Critical Race Theory, Yale Law School (April 5, 2014)

Selected Panelist, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference 2014, University of Baltimore School of Law, (January 24, 2014)

***Beyond Child Welfare: Theories on Child Homelessness***

• Invited Panelist, Symposium 2014: Emerging Issues in Child Welfare, Washington and Lee University School of Law (February 28, 2014)

***Overstepping Ethical Boundaries? Limitations on State Efforts to Provide Access to Justice in Family Courts***

- Invited Participant, 2013 Stein Ethics Center Colloquium, Legal Monopoly of Lawyers, Fordham Law School (October 18, 2013)

***Uncovering Race in Family Law***

- 2013 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Law (June 29, 2013)
- Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 5, 2013)

***Father Chasing: The State's Ethical Duties in the Establishment of Voluntary Paternity***

- 2013 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Law (June 29, 2013)
- Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 5, 2013)
- Junior Faculty Workshop, SMU Dedman School of Law (April 12, 2013)

***Child Sexual Victimization: When Abused Children Become Neglectful Mothers***

- 2013 Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Children in the Law Discussion Group (August 4, 2013)
- Brown Bag Lunch Visiting Scholar Presentation, Emory University School of Law (November 8, 2012), available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlZ0gzKxrZ0>
- 2012 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Suffolk University Law School (June 30, 2012)
- Sustaining Families: Global and Local Perspectives, Mid-West Family Law Consortium and International Society of Family Law, University of Iowa School of Law (June 14, 2012)
- Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Fordham Law School (May 22, 2012)

***Grandma in the White House: Legal Support for Intergenerational Caregiving***

- Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, AALS Section on Children and the Law, Panel Presentation, “Evolving Responsibilities: The Impact of Recent Trends on Children and Families” (January 5, 2013)
- Faculty Development Brown Bag Workshop, Georgia State University School of Law (November 6, 2012)
- Faculty Enrichment Workshop, University of Florida Levin College of Law (November 2, 2012)
- Sustaining Families: Global and Local Perspectives, Mid-West Family Law Consortium and International Society of Family Law, University of Iowa School of Law (June 16, 2012)
- SMU Faculty Forum, Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law (April 12, 2012)
- 2011 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law (June 18, 2011)
- Feminism and Legal Theory / Vulnerability and the Human Condition Projects Workshop, Emory University School of Law (January 22, 2011)
- Junior Faculty Legal Scholarship Workshop, SMU Dedman School of Law (January 14, 2011)

***Family and Race in Post-Obama America***

- Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Brooklyn Law School (June 5, 2013)
- 2012 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Suffolk University Law School (June 29, 2012)
- National People of Color Legal Scholarship Conference, Seton Hall University School of Law (September 10, 2010)
- Emerging Family Law Scholars & Teachers Conference, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law (June 3, 2010)

***The First Father: Perspectives on the President's Fatherhood Initiative***

- 2011 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, "The Future of Fatherhood," San Francisco (June 4, 2011)
- Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, University of California Hastings College of Law (June 1, 2011)

***African-American Grandmothers: Does the Gender Entrapment Theory Apply?***

- Art, Life & Law – "Sharing ideas, experiences, and solutions: a conversation surrounding kinship care within the African American family," South Dallas Cultural Center (June 22, 2012)
- Invited Commentator for Keynote Speaker Professor Beth E. Richie, Access to Justice Symposium, Washington University School of Law, Saint Louis (March 28, 2011)

***The Principle of Subsidiarity Applied: Reforming the Legal Framework to Capture the Psychological Abuse of Children***

- Invited Speaker, Blue Ribbon Task Force, San Antonio, Texas (June 18, 2012)
- Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Poster Presentation (January 7, 2011)

***Capturing the Psychological Abuse of Children***

- Feminism and Legal Theory / Vulnerability and the Human Condition Projects Workshop, Emory University School of Law (March 20, 2010)

***FLDS Reconsidered: Establishing Substantial Psychological Abuse as Part of the Legal Standard for Emergency Child Removal***

- Children and the Law Junior Faculty Workshop, Washington and Lee University School of Law (July 16, 2009)

***Collaborative Practice in the CPS Context: Helping Prevent the Ultimate Parental Alienation – Termination of Parental Rights***

- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (June 5, 2010)

***Cultural Considerations in CPS Cases***

- Family-Focused Collaborative Project: CPS Training for Collaboratively Trained Professionals, W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic at Forest Heights Community Center (August 14, 2009)

***Legal Implications of the FLDS Compound CPS Case***

- SMU Godbey Lecture Series, Southern Methodist University (October 6, 2008)

***Texas Mis-step: Why the largest child removal in modern U.S. history failed***

- SMU Godbey Lecture Series, Southern Methodist University (September 29, 2008)

***Attorney Ad Litem: Advocating for your client***

- Interdisciplinary Training for Children's Attorneys: FLDS Cases, SMU Dedman School of Law. (May 10, 2008)

***Cross Cultural Lawyering in Family Law***

- Interdisciplinary Family Law Group, Dallas Bar Association (March 21, 2008)

***Advocating for Families in the Legal System***

- The Salesmanship Club of Dallas, Inc. (March 26, 2008)

***The Intersection of Child Abuse & Domestic Violence***

- SMU Family Research Center (February 22, 2008)

***The African-American Child Welfare Act: A Legal Redress for African-American Disproportionality in Child Protection Cases***

- "Setting the Agenda: Examining Critical Legal Issues Facing African-Americans and Minority Communities in the 2008 Election," Berkeley Journal of African-American of Law and Policy Symposium (November 9, 2007)



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Invited Panel Moderator, “On Being Black and Female in the Classroom,” 2015 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, Vanderbilt University School of Law (July 11, 2015)
- Invited Plenary Panel Moderator, “Preparing Family Law for the Future,” 2015 AALS Midyear Meeting, “Workshop on Shifting Foundations: Family Law’s Response to Changing Families,” Orlando, Florida (June 24, 2015)
- Invited Participant, Emerging Leaders Seminar Series, Southern Methodist University, (Spring 2015)
- Invited Respondent Speaker, *Can Feminism Be Resurrected?*, The Federalist Society, (September 8, 2014)
- Invited Panelist, Teaching Cultural Competence, Teaching Effectiveness Symposium, Center for Teaching Excellence, Southern Methodist University (August 21, 2014)
- Participant, Best Law Teacher’s Conference 2014, Northwestern University School of Law (June 26-27, 2014)
- Paper Commentator, Alix Lerner, Princeton University Ph.D. Candidate, *Both Property and Pauper: Slavery, Old Age, and the Inverted Logic of Capitalist Exchange*, Aging, Law, & Society Critical Research Network, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota (May 29, 2014)
- Paper Commentator, Tonya Brito, *The Dearth of Defense: Examining the Unrealized Promise of Civil Gideon*, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop (June 27, 2014)
- Invited Panel Moderator, Section on Civil Rights – “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Examining its Future (Part I),” American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, New York (January 3, 2014)
- Paper Commentator, Bernie Jones, *Reconsidering Federally Funded Paid Family Leave Policies: Envisioning Private Pension Plans*, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop (June 29, 2013)
- Panel Moderator, Section on Children and the Law – “Children and the Media,” American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. (January 6, 2012)
- Paper Commentator, Rose Cuison Villazor, *Racially Inadmissible Wives: Uncovering the Federal Regulation of Interracial Marriages through Immigration Law*, Faculty Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law (April 9, 2010)

- Panel Facilitator, Making Choices & Keeping Doors Open, Eighth Annual LatCrit-SALT Junior Faculty Development Workshop, University of Denver Sturm School of Law (October 8, 2010)

## **CONFERENCES & SEMINARS ORGANIZED & CHAIRED**

- *Family-Focused Collaborative Project: CPS Training For Collaboratively Trained Professionals*, W.W. Caruth, Jr, Child Advocacy Clinic and CPS Collaborative Project (August 14, 2009).
- *Interdisciplinary Training for Children's Attorneys: FLDS Cases*, W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic and State Bar of Texas (May 10, 2008).
- *Preparing for Court Testimony: A Primer for Social Workers & Attorneys*, W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic and Department of Family and Protective Services (December 7, 2007).
- *Dallas Youth at Risk Roundtable*, American Bar Association President's Office and SMU Dedman School of Law (May 23, 2007).
- *The Legal and Social Impact of Disproportionality in Child Protection Cases*, SMU Child Welfare Symposium (November 16-17, 2006).
- *Relapse to Recovery: Making Home Safe for Children*, The American Bar Association Center on Children and the Law and W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic (November 4, 2005).
- *How to be a Zealous Advocate for Your Child Client*, Southwest Juvenile Defender Center, Texas Appleseed and W.W. Caruth, Jr. Child Advocacy Clinic (October 17, 2005).
- *Abused Children in State Care: Are Their Best Interest Being Served?* SMU Child Welfare Symposium (October 15, 2004).

## **INTERVIEWS & APPEARANCES**

- Interview, *Women wed in Texas' first same sex marriage, but union contested*, Dallas Morning News, February 19, 2015, available at <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/state/headlines/20150219-women-wed-in-texas-first-same-sex-marriage-but-union-contested.ece>.
- Live Television Interview, Same-Sex Marriage Ruling, Fox 4 News, Good Day, October 7, 2014, available at <http://www.myfoxdfw.com/clip/10663620/same-sex-marriage>.

- Interview, *Mother arrested at D/FW Airport after returning to U.S. with son*, Dallas Morning News, July 10, 2014, available at <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/crime/headlines/20140710-mother-arrested-at-dfw-airport-after-returning-to-u.s.-with-son.ece>.
- Interview, *Texas Inmates encounter a hitch in their wedding plans*, Dallas Morning News, February 23, 2014, available at <http://www.dallasnews.com/news/state/headlines/20140223-texas-inmates-encounter-a-hitch-in-their-wedding-plans.ece>.
- Video Interview, *Deadly Affection: Part 2 – ‘Better tools, better education,’* Dallas Morning News, February 2, 2014, available at [http://res.dallasnews.com/interactives/2014\\_deadlyaffection/part2/index.html](http://res.dallasnews.com/interactives/2014_deadlyaffection/part2/index.html).
- Radio Interview, CBS Radio (Dallas, KLIF FM), December 18, 2013, available at <http://www.smu.edu/News/2013/jessica-weaver-ap-18dec2013> (regarding Affluenza case involving teen accused of drunk driving and manslaughter).
- Interview, *Texas Prosecutor seeks to put ‘affluenza’ teen behind bars*, REUTERS, December 18, 2013, available at <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/12/18/us-usa-affluenza-texas-idUSBRE9BH1IS20131218>.
- Interview, *For Those Who Drink, Drive and Kill, “Affluenza” Outcome Isn’t Uncommon, Especially if They Have Money*, Dallas Observer, December 17, 2013, available at [http://blogs.dallasobserver.com/unfairpark/2013/12/for\\_those\\_who\\_drink\\_drive\\_and.php](http://blogs.dallasobserver.com/unfairpark/2013/12/for_those_who_drink_drive_and.php).
- *Prosecutors: No Appeal Options in Texas Wreck Case*, Associated Press, December 16, 2013, <http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/prosecutors-appeal-options-texas-wreck-case-21238012>.
- Live Television Interview, Supreme Court Ruling on Same-Sex Marriage, WFAA News Channel 8, Good Morning Texas, June 26, 2013, available at [https://www.smu.edu/News/2013/supreme-court-marriage-ruling-26june2013?c=hpHeadlineNews\\_Professor-Jessica-Weaver-provides-commentary-on-U-](https://www.smu.edu/News/2013/supreme-court-marriage-ruling-26june2013?c=hpHeadlineNews_Professor-Jessica-Weaver-provides-commentary-on-U-).
- Television Interview, Same-Sex Marriage Supreme Court Rulings, CW News Channel 33, June 26, 2013, available at [https://www.smu.edu/News/2013/supreme-court-marriage-ruling-26june2013?c=hpHeadlineNews\\_Professor-Jessica-Weaver-provides-commentary-on-U-](https://www.smu.edu/News/2013/supreme-court-marriage-ruling-26june2013?c=hpHeadlineNews_Professor-Jessica-Weaver-provides-commentary-on-U-).
- Video Interview, *The Intersection of Practice & Theory: Affecting Family and Children’s Law & Policy Through Scholarship*, Emory University Visiting Scholar Interview Exchange Project, November 16, 2012, available at <http://web.gs.emory.edu/vulnerability/visiting%20scholars/interviewexchange/2012interviews.htm>.

- Video presentation, *Child Sexual Victimization: When Abused Children Become Neglectful Mothers*, Emory University Brown Bag Lunch Visiting Scholar Presentation, November 8, 2012, available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KlZ0gzKxrZ0>.
- Television Interview, “Deion Sanders divorce drama: Conflict of interest?,” WFAA News Channel 8, April 26, 2012, available at <http://www.wfaa.com/news/local/Same-McKinney-law-firm-represents-Sanders-and-town-that-filed-charges-against-him-and-wife-149139855.html#>.
- Ayen Bior, *Students, faculty rally in protest of Trayvon Martin’s death*, The Daily Campus, March 26, 2012, available at <http://www.smudailycampus.com/news/students-faculty-rally-in-protest-of-trayvon-martins-death>.
- David Crawford, *Campus News Blog: SMU Law Professor Praised by Texas Lawyers*, The Daily Campus, October 8, 2009, available at <http://www.smudailymustang.com/?tag=jessica-dixon-weaver-texas-lawyers-smu-dedman-law>.
- *Extraordinary Minorities in Texas Law*, Texas Lawyer, Vol. 25, No. 26, Section 2, September 28, 2009.
- Interview, *CPS actions in polygamist sect case puzzle some child welfare experts*, Dallas Morning News, June 18, 2008, available at <http://smu.edu/newsinfo/excerpts/jessica-dixon-dmn-18june2008.asp>.
- Television Interview, “High Court upholds polygamist sect case decision,” NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, May 29, 2008, available at <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/24881533#24881533>.
- Live Television Interview, “Polygamy Ruling Raises Legal Debate on State Power,” News Hour with Jim Lehrer, May 22, 2008, available at [http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/law/jan-june08/sectkids\\_05-22.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/law/jan-june08/sectkids_05-22.html).
- Interview, *Sweep of Polygamists’ Kids Raise Legal Questions*, Associated Press, April 25, 2008, available at [http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/nation/2008-04-26-polygamist-retreat\\_N.htm](http://usatoday30.usatoday.com/news/nation/2008-04-26-polygamist-retreat_N.htm).
- Television Interview, “Mothers Tell Their Side of the Story,” NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, April 16, 2008, available at <http://www.smu.edu/flashvideo/?id=196>.
- Radio Interview, “Child Advocacy and Options after Foster Care,” KNON, KERA 90.1FM, Think! Radio show, November 20, 2006, available at <http://smu.edu/newsinfo/stories/jessica-dixon-ker-20nov2006.asp>.

## **LAW SCHOOL SERVICE**

- Appointed Law School Representative, Faculty Senate, 2015-17
- Chair, Diversity Issues Committee, 2015-16
- Member, Appointments Committee, 2014-16
- Law School Faculty Liaison, Women's & Gender Studies Certificate Program, 2014-16
- Member, Innovation Task Force Committee, 2015
- Member, Curriculum Committee, 2013-14
- Faculty Liaison, The Forensic Group, 2010-16
- Faculty Supervisor, Various Externships, 2012-16
- Faculty Advisor, Family Law Association, 2009-16
- Member, Public Service Committee, 2007-15
- Faculty Advisor, Black Law Students Association, 2003-16
- Member, Endowed Lecturers Committee, 2009-13
- Guest Speaker, Minority Pre-Law Symposium, 2003-10, 2013
- Faculty Secretary, Spring 2011
- Junior Faculty Workshop Organizer, 2009-10
- Member, Diversity Issues Committee, 2007-08
- Judge, Law Related Education Program, 2005-08
- Judge, Regional Black Law Students Association Moot Court Competition, 2005
- Member, Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee, 2003-04

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Family Legal Scholars and Teachers Conference (formerly Emerging Family Legal Scholars and Teachers Conference)
  - 2015 Planning Committee Co-chair
- American Association of Law Schools
  - Section on Minority Groups, Executive Committee, 2015-16
  - Section on Women in Legal Education, Executive Committee, 2015-16
  - Section on Children and the Law
    - Executive Committee, 2013-16
    - Chair, 2012
    - Chair-Elect, 2011
    - Secretary and Treasurer, 2010
    - Author of AALS Children and the Law Newsletter, 2010

- Section on Family and Juvenile Law
  - Executive Committee, 2010-16
  - Member, 2015 Midyear Workshop Planning Committee
- Lutie A. Lytle Annual Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop
  - 2016 Planning Committee, University of Iowa School of Law
  - 2015 Planning Committee, Vanderbilt University School of Law
- Society of American Law Teachers
  - SALT/LatCrit Faculty Development Workshop Planning Committee, 2010
- National Association of Counsel for Children
  - 2009-2010 Texas Advisory Board
- Children's Commission, Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families, Legal Representation Study Workgroup & CPS Bench Book Workgroup, 2009-10
- State of Texas Disproportionality Steering Committee, 2006-08
- Tex Protects Public Policy Committee, 2005-07, 2010-11
  - Drafted White Paper that resulted in changes to Texas Family Code §107.004 – Additional Duties of Attorney Ad Litem for Child

## **BAR & COURT ADMISSIONS**

- Texas, 1996
- U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, 1997

## **BAR SERVICE**

- State Bar of Texas, Family Law Council, 2010-15
  - Appointed Faculty Member of Family Law Council & Appellate Committee
- Invited Speaker, *The Little Voice: Recognizing Child Abuse and Your Duty to Report It – A Legal Responsibility*, Dallas Association of Young Lawyers, March 31, 2011.
- American Bar Association
  - Youth at Risk Roundtable, 2007-08

- Dallas Bar Association
  - 2006 Vice-Chair, Juvenile Justice Committee
  - 2007 Co-Chair, Juvenile Justice Committee
  
- J.L. Turner Legal Association – African-American Bar Association
  - 2006 Co-Chair, Mentor Committee
  - 2005 Chair, Mentor Committee
  - 2005 Parliamentarian
  
- Honors:*
  - 2005 Outstanding Committee Chair – Mentor Committee
  - 2006 President’s Award

## **PUBLIC SERVICE**

- Founding Board Member, Harmony Community Development Corporation, 2007-14
  - Governance Chair, Harmony Community Development Corporation, 2013-14
- Appointed Board Member, Dallas County Child Welfare Board, 2008-12
  - Interim Chair, Dallas County Child Welfare Board, 2011
- Chair, South Dallas Fair Park Trust Fund, 2006-08
- Member, Dallas Mayor Inner Circle, 2007
- Coordinator, Small Group Ministry, Concord Church, 2006-2007
- Growth Group Coach, Concord Church, 2003-2006
- Team Captain, Relay for Life, American Cancer Society, Concord Church 2005
- Board of Directors Member, Boys & Girls Club of Dallas, Inc., 2003-2004
- President, Boys & Girls Club of Dallas, Inc., Maple Avenue Chapter, 2002-2004
- Marathoner, Team in Training, The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Vancouver, Canada, 2002
- Growth Group (Bible Study) Leader, Concord Church, 2001-2003