

CURRICULUM VITAE: SANDRA C. RUFFIN, J.D.

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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Over twenty years of law practice, law teaching and consulting experience. Strong transactional background and experience with emphasis on Land Use, Real Estate and Entertainment Law. Primary law teaching areas: Civil Procedure; Constitutional Law; Land Use and Entertainment Law. Extensive training and consulting experience in the areas of Corporate Diversity and Equal Employment Opportunity Law.

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Jurisprudence (J.D.), Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1985

President, Black Law Students Association 1984-1985
Member, Legal Aid Bureau, 1983-1984
Board Member, Harvard Black Alumni Association, 1985

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), University of Maryland, College Park (1976) (English; History)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lincoln Memorial University, Duncan School of Law August 2009 –Present
Associate Professor of Law

Teaching Activities: Civil Procedure I & II

Research Activities: Essay, "From Advocacy to Art" (2009); Paper: "Obama's Article I Treaty-Making Power," Klimaforum, Climate Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, (December 9, 2009)

Law School and University Service: Chair, Academic Standing Committee; Member, SACS Reporting Committee; Recruitment Committee; Self-study Committee; Assessment Committee; Member, University Research Committee. Student Advisor.

St. Thomas University School of Law August 2005-July 2009
Visiting Associate Professor of Law

Teaching Activities: Taught Civil Procedure; Land Use and Entertainment Law. Developed and taught International Entertainment Law Course (WTO emphasis) in Madrid, Spain – Summer 2008

Research Activities: Published chapter on Legal Process (Thomson-West, 2008); Faculty symposium on WTO dispute resolution procedures.

Law School Service: Supervised thesis for numerous students in the Human Rights LLM Program; advised and supervised students completing the third –year writing requirement in the areas of Land Use, Civil Procedure and Entertainment Law; advised Black Law Students Association; served on the Admissions and Recruitment Committees.

University Service: Chaired the University Diversity Committee – developed and implemented a University-wide diversity training program.

St. Thomas University School of Law
Associate Professor of Law

July 1997- July 2001

Teaching Activities: Civil Procedure; Constitutional Law; Jurisprudence

Research Activities: Attended and presented at numerous symposia; published in law review

Service Activities: Supervised independent study; faculty advisor to Black Law Students Association; served on Recruitment Committee and Admissions Committee. Member, Annual Human Rights Symposium Committee.

St. Thomas University School of Law
Assistant Professor of Law

July 1993 – July 1997

Teaching Activities: Taught Civil Procedure, Family Law and Entertainment Law

Service Activities: Advisor to the Moot Court Team; Advisor to the Black Law Students Association; Member, Academic Activities Committee and Faculty Recruitment Committee.

Howard University School of Law
Teaching Fellow

August 1990 – June 1993

Teaching Activities: Legal Writing, Research and Analysis

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

Project Resources International, LLC, Washington, D.C.
Of Counsel

August 2006- Present

Company provides consulting services in the areas of Land Use and Real Estate Development.

Golden, Freda & Schraub, P.C., Washington, D.C.
Associate Attorney

June 1987 – June 1990

Practice areas included corporate finance (mergers and acquisitions), transactional law, and entertainment law. Responsible for exhaustive research of legal issues and the drafting of memoranda in the areas of general corporate law, securities law, transactional law and nonprofit corporate law. Responsible for compliance with SEC reporting requirements, drafting and reviewing operative documents, including purchase and sale agreements, shareholders' agreements and employment contracts.

Mitchell, Silberberg & Knupp, P.C., Los Angeles, CA
Associate Attorney

July 1985 – June 1987

Practice areas included corporate finance (mergers and acquisitions) and transactional law. Firm represented numerous Fortune 500 companies. Responsible for exhaustive due diligence in connection with mergers including extensive Blue Sky research.

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Project Resources International, LLC (2003-2006)

Provided on-going services on land use issues primarily pertaining to the Westphalia Development Project in Prince George's County, Maryland. The project involved a major sector plan amendment, significant public relations outreach and education and lobbying efforts for public-private partnerships to finance proposed infrastructure.

Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, D.C. (2002)

Consulted on *NAACP v. Harris*, the highly publicized Florida voting rights case; drafted and filed amicus brief with Fourth Circuit on police brutality case, *Walters v. Prince George's County*, No. 02-1276.

United States General Services Administration, Washington, D.C. (1991 – 2001)

Responsible for developing curriculum for and delivering training to federal personnel including OGC staff, EEO officers and specialist, and union representatives in the area of federal equal employment opportunity law. Designed modules explaining the structure of the federal system and the interrelationships between positive, judge-made and constitutional law. Designed modules for developing and honing legal research skills, supervising the investigative process and writing advisory opinions. Designed modules on developing and implementing effective Alternative Dispute Resolution programs. Responsible for updating curriculum and keeping staff abreast of developments in the area of EEO law. Consulting contract was renewed over a ten-year period.

University of Miami, Institute for Retired Professionals (1996-2000)

Responsible for developing and delivering a six-week curriculum on contemporary constitutional issues for retired professionals, including lawyers, physicians and professors. Topics included: Obscenity and Nudity in the Entertainment Industry; Affirmative Action; Electoral Reform; Hate Speech; Abortion; Educational Vouchers and Reparations.

Prince George's County Public Schools, Prince George's County, Maryland

Developed and delivered in-service training to public school personnel on the relevance of multicultural education to educational opportunity and its constitutional meaning.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications:

Essay, "From Advocacy to Art" in Faith, Hope and Love, Jacob Holdt's America, Louisiana Museum of Modern Art, Copenhagen, Denmark (2009)
Chapter, "Legal Process," Encyclopedia of the United States Supreme Court, Thomson-West, (2008)
Postmodernism, Spirit Healing and the Proposed Amendments to the Indian Child Welfare Act, 30 McGeorge Law Review 1221 (1999)

Recent Presentations:

Obama's Article I Treaty-Making Powers, Climate Bottom Meeting, Copenhagen, Denmark (December 9, 2009)
WTO Dispute Resolution Procedures, St. Thomas University School of Law, Miami, Florida (February 2008)
The Politics of Subordination and Integration II, American Pictures Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark (May 2007)
Florida's Concurrency Requirement, Caribbean Americans for Social Improvement, Palm Beach, Florida (January 2007)

Board Memberships:

Center for Earth Jurisprudence, Inc. (a Florida 501(c)(3) corporation)- Dedicated to the development and integration of an earth-centered jurisprudence in American Legal Education. Centers currently exist at St. Thomas University School of Law and Barry University School of Law, Orlando, FL.

Expert Witness Testimony

Qualified as expert and provided testimony in criminal trial. Issue -Whether state court is required to apply federal immigration procedural law in state criminal prosecution. (Fall 2001)

Bar Admissions:

Commonwealth of Virginia
District of Columbia
Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals

Professional Affiliations:

National Bar Association
American Bar Association
District of Columbia Bar Association

