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EDUCATION

Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law,
Houston, Texas; Juris Doctor, May 2001; Admitted to Texas State Bar, May 03, 2002
Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas
Bachelor of Arts, May 1998; Major: Political Science Minor: General Business
Mac Arthur High School; Houston, Texas, May 1994, Cum Laude Graduate

EXPERIENCE

Attorney, September 2002-**Present**
Law Offices of James and Stagg, PLLC, Houston, Texas
Duties include: Legal research, preparing legal documents, attending hearings/trials, representing clients, and providing legal advice.

Attorney/Of-Counsel, 2010-**Present**
Higbee & Associates, Santa Ana, Ca (Houston Satellite Location)
Duties include: Making court appearances for criminal matters, attending hearings, representing clients, making oral arguments, and providing legal advice.

Adjunct Professor, June 2012- **Present**
Everest College, Santa Ana, Ca
Duties include: Teaching paralegal studies.

Adjunct Professor, October 2011-December 2011
Strayer University, Katy, Texas
Duties included: Graduate Program, teaching "Law and Ethics in Business and Corporate Governance".

Adjunct Professor, February 2007-**Present**
Houston Community College, Southeast Location, Houston, Texas
Duties include: Teaching criminal justice/procedure and business law. Duties included: Teaching American and local government, 2007-2011.

Adjunct Professor, June 2007-August 2007
Bradford School of Business, Houston, Texas
Duties included: Teaching business law.

Legislative Internship, August 2001-November 2001
Texas State Senator Rodney Ellis, Houston, Texas
Duties included: Working with the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition.

Criminal Internship, January 2001-May 2001
Harris County District Attorney's Office, Houston, Texas
Duties included: Handling criminal cases and contacting complaining witnesses.

Outreach Worker, May 1999-August 1999
Texas Department of Health, Houston, Texas
Duties included: Outreach education, informing Medicaid recipients about preventive health programs and coordinating activities.

Outreach Worker, May 1996-August 1996
AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer, Houston, Texas
Duties included: Outreach education regarding the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP's).

Office Clerk, May 1995-August 1995; May 1994-August 1994; May 1993-August 1993; May 1992-August 1992; May 1991-August 1991
Texas Department of Human Services, Houston, Texas
Duties included: Completing data entry and assisting eligibility specialists.

**LICENSES/
CERTIFICATIONS** **State Bar of Texas**, Family Law and Criminal Law Sections, May 2002- Present
Licensed to Practice in the Texas Southern District/Bankruptcy Courts, August 4, 2006- Present
Certified in Blackboard Vista, Spring 2010
Certified in Eagle Online, October 17, 2011
Certified in Blackboard, Fall 2011

**ACTIVITIES/
AWARDS** **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.**, Spring 1996- Present
The Pro Bono College of the State Bar of Texas, 2003-2007
Houston Bar Association, -Family Law and Criminal Law Sections, 2003- Present
Contract Attorney for Texas Youth Commission, August 2002- Present
Contract Attorney for Texas Board of Pardons and Parole, 2003- Present
Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 2004-2005
American Bar Association, 2004, 2007
Houston Bar Association's Night Court, 2004-2009, 2012
Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association, 2004-2011
The College of the State Bar of Texas, 2005, 2006
Solo Supporting Solos, 2005
Texas Pro Bono College, 2005- Present
The Family Law Group, 2005- Present
The Downtown Group, 2006- Present
Houston Bar Association's Equal Access Initiative, 2006- Present
Burta Rhodes Raborn Inn of Court, Family Law, September 2007- Present
American Inns of Court, 2011-Present
Subcommittee Member- Unauthorized Practice of Law, 2007- January 2008
Awarded "Teacher of the Year"- Houston Community College - Spring 2009
American Inns of Court, 2011- Present
National Association of Professional Women, November 2011- Present
Equal Access Champion, 2011- Present

PRESENTATIONS **Career Day, Presenter, Ortiz Middle School**, March 18, 2005
Career Day, Presenter, Hoffman Middle School, October 20, 2004
National Pre-Law Conference and Law Fair Panelist, 2005, 2008
2012 New Licensee Institute, Panelist, January 27, 2012
Presenter, Houston Area Women's Center, Legal Clinic, April 13, 2012

REFERENCES Available upon request.