Resume

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EDUCATION:

Georgia State University College of Law, J.D. (1992)

Princeton University, B.A. Politics (1977), Economics, certification in African-American

Studies, certified teacher in Social Studies

The Brearley School, New York, N. Y.

PROFESSIONAL

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

The Waring Law Firm LLC, 2010 to present

Sole Practitioner, Law Office of G. Fortson Waring, General Civil Litigation,

Employment Discrimination Law, Family Law and Probate Law, 1994-1995, 1996-2010.

Referee for Tax Assessment Arbitration Appeals, 1997 to present, presiding over tax arbitration appeals.

Partner, Sage Brown and Associates, 1995-1996, General Civil litigation, Labor Law, Criminal Law and Family Law.

Staff Attorney, Hon. Don A. Langham, Fulton County Superior Court, 1992-1994.

Registered Neutral, 2000-2004.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL

EXPERIENCE:

Senior Merchandise Planner, RICH'S Department Store, 1986-1989

Group Manager, 1988

Planner, 1986-1988

Buyer, GARFINCKEL'S, 1985-1986

Department Manager, GARFINCKEL'S, 1981-1985

Group Manager, DAVISON'S/MACY'S, 1979-1981

Assistant Buyer, BLOOMINGDALES, 1977-1979

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS\

ACTIVITIES

Admitted to Georgia bar, 1992; U.S. Supreme Court; Georgia Supreme Court; U.S. District Court,

Southern District, Middle District, and Northern District; U.S. Courts of Appeals: Eleventh and Fourth Circuits

Board of Governors, Eastern Circuit Post 4, October 2014 to 2016

Supreme Court of Georgia Judicial Administrative District 1 Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, 2000-2006 Committee on Professionalism 2011- 2017

State Bar of Georgia Access to Justice Committee 1998-2001, 2016-2018

State Bar of Georgia Committee to Promote Inclusion in the Profession (formerly Women and Minorities Committee) 1999-present

Leadership Savannah Class of 2000-2002

President, Georgia Alliance of African American Attorneys (GAAAA), 2002 to 2004; Vice President 1993, Historian 2008 to 2016

Vice President, Savannah chapter Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA) Chair, Judicial Legal Committee 1992-1994, 1997-1998, 2000 to 2012

National Conference of Women's Bar Associations, Board of Directors 1998-to 2003

Georgia Legal Services Board of Directors, 2002 to 2004

Savannah Bar Association, Executive Committee, 1997-98 President, Port City Bar Association, 2000- 2004

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE/APPOINTMENTS:

Historic Review Board of Savannah, Chair 2002- 2004, Vice Chair 2001-2002 Savannah Development and Renewal Authority (SDRA), Parliamentarian

ORGANIZATIONS:

Princeton University Class of 1977 Trustee, 2017-2022

Vestry member, St. Michael's And All Angels church, 2016-2019

Owens Thomas Board member, 2008-2019

President, Metropolitan Community Organization, Inc. 2001-2016

Telfair Museum Board of Directors, 2001-2008

King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation Board of Directors, 2002-207

Co-Chair, Inter-Neighborhood Council, 2004-2006

National Alliance of Preservation Commissions Board of Directors, 2002-2008

National Conference of Women's Bar Associations 1999-2003

NCNW 2000-2004

NAACP pro bono counselor 2000-2004

Historic Savannah Foundation Board, Secretary 1997-1999, Trustee 1995-2001, 2003 to 2007

Savannah Runaway Home/Marshlands Foundation Trustee, 1998-2003

Judge Advocate of the Savannah Chapter of the Navy League, 2002-2007

St. Paul C.M.E., Trustee 1997 to 2012

President, Jack & Jill of Savannah, Inc., 1998-1999

Ralph M. Gilbert Civil Rights Museum founding Board member 1995

Princeton Club of Savannah, Secretary-Treasurer 1996-1998

LECTURES:

- "Urgent Legal Matters in Employment Law." ICLE of GA, November 2016.
- "The Lawyer's Role in Preserving Constitutional Liberty, Fostering Better

Policing and Achieving National Security" Chair, State Bar of Georgia Annual Meeting, June 2016.

- "Symposium on Diversity in the Profession," Chair, ICLE of GA, GABWA, PIP co-sponsors, March 2016
- "Voting Rights, the Remix- Co-chair, State Bar Annual Meeting, June 2013
- "Securing your Law Practice", speaker, State Bar Annual meeting, June 2013
- "Marriage is a civil Right" Chair, State Bar annual meeting, June 2011
- "Sexual Harassment" presenter, GAWL annual luncheon 2010.
- "Nuts and Bolts of Employment Law," Presenter on Sexual Harassment, Savannah 2010
- "Diversity in the profession" presenter, panelist, State Bar annual meeting, June 2010
- "Social Entrepreneurship." Moderator, seminar at Princeton University, June 2007
- "An Update on Federal Sentencing Guidelines and the Effect of Mandatory Sentencing on the Black Community," State Bar annual meeting June 2007
- "Basic Legal Issues for Women" presenter St. Paul CME church conference 2007
- "What is the Patriot Act" GA State Bar meeting June 2003, Chair
- "Sisters, United, Faithful, Bold," Ashbury United Methodist Church, 2004
- "Preparing for the Future, Will you be ready?" Bartlett Middle School, 2004
- "God's Work in Progress," Second St. John Baptist Church, 2003
- "Employment Issues," Georgia Coalition for Domestic Violence Directors, January 2001
- "Talk Right" Lecture series, King-Tisdell Cottage Foundation, Savannah, GA October, 2000
- "Legal Issues Pertinent to Women in the new Millennium" Women's Conference 2000, St. Paul C.M.E., 2000.
- "Plessy vs. Ferguson series" Civil Rights Museum, Savannah GA. June 2000.
- "Litigating a Racial Profiling Case" GA State Bar Mid-year meeting chair January 2001.
- "Litigating a Racial Profiling Case" Ga State Bar meeting June 2000.
- "Litigating the Black Farmer's Lawsuit" GA State Bar meeting Chair June 1999.
- "Employment and Personnel Issues," Conference of Executive Directors of Shelters and Non-Profits, January 1999.

HONORS:

ABA Lawyers Foundation Fellow Lawyers Foundation of Georgia Fellow Bleckley Inn of Court 1991-1992 International Law Moot Court Team Jessup Competition Spring 1991 Honorary A.E. Beach Alumni 2004

AWARDS

Georgia Association of Black Women Attorneys (GABWA) "Spirit of GABWA" award for public service United Negro College Fund Distinguished Service Award

Georgia State University Graduate Student Life Committee Award for Outstanding Contribution and Leadership The Pro Bono Project recognition for outstanding public service in providing legal representation to the low income citizens of Georgia.

A.E. Beach High Alumni Leroy R. Bolden Award for Outstanding Civil and Community Activism

[&]quot;Representing Children and Schools in School Litigation" GA State Bar meeting, chair, June 1997.

[&]quot;Managing Your Law Practice," GA State Bar meeting, chair, June 1996.

[&]quot;Affirmative Action- Going Into the 21st Century Will It Survive?" GA State Bar meeting, Chair, June 1995.

[&]quot;Sentencing Issues," National Black Prosecutors' Convention seminar Atlanta, GA. July 1994.

[&]quot;Crack Cocaine Sentencing Guidelines," GA State Bar meeting, June 1994.

[&]quot;The Brooks Litigation," GA State Bar Meeting, Chair, June 1993.