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Professional Experience:

2010 - present, Johnnie L. Cochran Jr. Chair in Civil Rights Professor of Law; 1989-2010, Professor of Law; 1989 - 1994, Associate Professor of Law, Loyola Law School (Los Angeles). Subjects: Civil Rights Litigation; Evidence; Ethical Lawyering (Professional Responsibility and skills); First Amendment; Judicial Decision Making.

1987 - 1989, Visiting Professor of Law, Faculty Clinical Director, Loyola Law School (Los Angeles).

Subjects: Evidence; Ethics, Counseling and Negotiation.

1985 - 1987, Assistant Legal Director, ACLU Foundation of Southern California.

My docket included a major test case on the free speech rights of students under the provisions of the California Constitution [Leeb v. DeLong 198 Cal.App.3d 47(1988)]. I handled litigation challenging the constitutionality of automobile insurance redlining [Compton v. Bunner (opinion unpublished)], and litigated two major cases challenging the constitutionality and legality of drug testing by public and private employers.

1979 - 1985, Staff Attorney, ACLU Foundation of Southern California.

My docket included cases involving issues of free speech, search and seizure, students' rights, medical rights, employee rights and the right to privacy. I was lead counsel in Leach v. Drummond Medical Group 144 Cal.App.3d 362(1983). This case established the precedent that physicians may not refuse to serve potential patients because they have communicated with governmental agencies.

1976 - 1979, Staff Counsel, Agricultural Labor Relations Board.

Education:

Stanford Law School - J.D., 1976

U.C.L.A. - B.A., Magna Cum Laude, 1973.

Publications:

"The Wrong Side of the Tracks: Territorial Rating and the Setting of Automobile Liability Insurance Rates in California." 19 Hastings Constitutional Law Quarterly 845 (1992); "Can Government Limit Tenant Blacklisting?", 24 Southwestern University Law Review 1077 (1995); "California's Constitutional Right to Privacy: Can It Protect Private Figures from the Unauthorized Publication of Confidential Medical Information?", 18 Loyola Entertainment Law Journal 1(1997); "On the Q.T. and Very Hush Hush: Should California's Constitutional Right to Privacy Protect Public Figures From Publication of Confidential Personal Information?", 19 Loyola Entertainment Law Journal 337 (1999); "Incubating Monsters?: Prosecutorial Responsibility for the Rampart Scandal", 34 Loyola Law Review 829 (2001).

Law School Activities:

Faculty Advisor: Black Law Students Association, La Raza Law Students Association and Judge Stephen O'Neil Trial Advocacy Program; National Hispanic Bar Association Moot Court team coach; Co-founder, Civil Rights Litigation Seminar.

Outside Activities:

Current: Member, Board of Directors, Executive Committee and Legal Committee, ACLU of Southern California (ACLU-SC); Board of Directors, Vice President, and Executive Committee, National ACLU; Program Director, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Southern California Regional Program; President, Board of Directors, Big Homies Foundation; Member, Board of Directors, Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic; President, Board of Directors, Mount Hebron Baptist Church.

I joined the Board of Directors of the ACLU- SC in 1992. I was immediately asked to join the Legal Committee, which advises ACLU-SC staff attorneys on legal strategy and ethics issues. I continue to serve as a member of that committee. The ACLU-SC Legal Director and legal staff members consult with me about ethical issues. As pro bono counsel I have authored amicus curiae briefs for the California Supreme Court, and I am currently co-counsel on a police malpractice class action on behalf of African American residents of Venice, California who were subjected to unconstitutional searches of their homes and persons.

Past: President, Board of Directors, ACLU of Southern California (2002-2005); Member, Senator Barbara Boxer's Judicial Appointments Committee for the Central District of California (1993-94); Member, Anti Discrimination Task Force of the California Department of Insurance; Member, Board of Visitors, Stanford Law School (1987-1993). Member, Board of Directors, Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Southern California Chapter.