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**EDUCATION:**      **University of Michigan Law School, J.D. 1983**

**University of Michigan, Rackham Graduate School, M.A. Economics**  
1982 (one year of study at London School of Economics)

**University of Chicago, The Undergraduate College, B.A. Economics**  
1978 (General Honors); Abraham L. Harris Outstanding Achievement  
Award 1977 (Inaugural recipient); repeat 1978; Dean's List 1975-76;  
1977-78; Varsity Football and Track

**PROFESSIONAL**      **Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law (1991-)**

**EMPLOYMENT:**      **Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati (2007-)**

**Of Counsel to Frost and Jacobs (1995-1997)**

**Judge Advocate United States Marine Corps (1983-1991):** Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, 4th Marine Aircraft Wing, New Orleans, Louisiana (1989-1991); Assistant Head, Legal Assistance, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, Washington, D.C. (1987-1989); Appellate Prosecution, Navy-Marine Corps Appellate Review Activity, Washington, D.C. (1986-1987); Trial Prosecution and Legal Advisor, 3rd Force Service Support Group, Okinawa, JAPAN (1984-1985)

**BAR**                      **Ohio (1997); Louisiana (Civil Code Jurisdiction) (1990);**

**MEMBERSHIPS:**      **Washington, D.C. (1985); Hawaii (1983)**

**PROFESSIONAL** U.S. Supreme Court (1987); U.S. Court of Military Appeals (1985);

**AFFILIATION:** Federal Bar Association (1990); American Bar Association (1985)

**Academic Community:** Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Antitrust, and White Collar Crime. Past: Law & Psychiatry, Law & Economics, Introduction to Law, and Military Law. Awards: University of Cincinnati: Academy of Fellows for Teaching and Learning 2007 (inaugural class); University of Cincinnati College of Law: *Goldman Prize* (2008, 2006, and 1993) University of Cincinnati Outstanding Professor of the Week October 6, 2001; University of Cincinnati College of Law Spotlight on Teaching Winter 2000; *Award for Innovative Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Technology* (1998). Conferences: ISSOTL Conference in Alberta, CANADA (2008); Sixteenth National Conference on College Teaching and Learning in Jacksonville (2005); Gonzaga Institute for Law School Teaching on “Inspiring Students & Facilitating Learning” in Chicago (2006); American Association of Law School’s Conference on Criminal Procedure in Vancouver, CANADA (2006).

**TEACHING:** **Professional Bar:** Federal Public and Community Defenders Training Program (1994-98): Adjunct Faculty. Lecture on Supreme Court in Savannah, Portland, Oregon and Portland, Maine, Kansas City, Dallas, San Francisco, San Diego, Philadelphia, New Orleans, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Salt Lake City, Orlando, Atlanta, Chicago, Dayton, and Phoenix. Ohio CLE Institute 1995-96); Ohio Municipal Attorney's Association Municipal Law Institute (1994-95); Cincinnati Bar Association: Roundtable, The Greater Cincinnati Criminal Defense Lawyers Association (1992); Ohio Summer Institute Faculty 1992; 1995.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** **Academic Journals:** *Consent to Search by Ignorant People*, 39 Texas Tech Law Review 1171 (2007); *Lex Sportiva: Thoughts Toward a Criminal Law of Competitive Contact Sports*, 22 St. John’s Journal of Legal Commentary 35 (Summer 2007) (earlier draft originally published in Forum on Public Policy (online edition)( 2006); *Eliminating Consent from the Lexicon of Traffic Stop Interrogations*, 27 Cap. U. L. Rev. 79 (1998); *Cameras and the Infusion of Political Bias Into the Courtroom*, 1 International Journal of Law and Technology 28 (1997) (Oxford Univ. Press); *Cyberspace and the Battle for First Amendment Freedoms*, 30 Law/Technology 27 (1997)(World Jurist Association); *The New Race Cases And The Politics of Public Policy*, 12 The Journal of Law and Politics, (University of Virginia) 411 (Summer 1996); *TV or Not TV--That is the Question?*, 86 Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology 928 (Spring 1996) (Northwestern University Law School); *The O.J. Simpson*

*Verdict: A Lesson in Black and White*, 1 Michigan Journal of Race and Law, 69 (Winter 1996); *The Stop and Frisk of Criminal Street Gang Members*, 14 National Black Law Journal 1 (UCLA Law School)(1995).

**Essays:** *A Call to the Arts: Exploring New Means of Jurisprudential Expression*, 14 Cardozo Journal of Art and Entertainment Law, 387 (Spring 1996).

**Professional Publications:** *Cyberspace: The Final Frontier For First Amendment Freedoms*, Vol. 2(4) First Amendment & Media Litigation, Summer 1996 at 1. Updated and reprinted in Vol. 32(5) Tennessee Bar Journal, Sep/Oct 1996 at 30; *Put the Lens Cap Back on Cameras in the Court Room: A Fair Trial is at Stake*, 122/123 Law and Justice The Christian Law Review (1994) at 111; Re-printed in New York State Bar Journal (Cover article at annual convention Jan 1995)(6 pages); reprinted at 38 Trial Law Guide 383 (1995); reprinted with revisions in *Cameras in the Courtroom?*, Trial March 1995 at 68.

**Major Presentations:** Texas Tech Law Review Symposium: *Ignorance, Deception and the Constitution*, Lubbock, Texas (2007); Oxford University Roundtable on Criminal Law: *Jurisprudence of Criminal Law and Sports Law*, Oxford, ENGLAND (2006); St. Mary's University School of Law: Rosenfeld Lecture: *Cameras in the Courtroom and the Politicization of Justice*, San Antonio, Texas (2002).

**Works-in-Progress:** Criminal Law and Literature--Lecture, Problem, and Socratic Methods Using Computer Technology.

**SERVICE:**

**International:** Defense Institute for International Legal Studies (2004-present): Lectured on Ethics and Corruption, Lilongwe, MALAWI (2005); Countering Terrorism Through Law Enforcement and Military Operations, Bamako, MALI (2004); Legal and Ethical Concerns in Public Agencies, Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA (2004).

**National:** American Bar Association: Legal Assistance for Military Personnel Committee. 2001-2004; Young Lawyers' Division, Dist. Rep. 1988-89.

**State:** Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame: Executive Committee (2006-) Junior Statesmen of America: Keynote Speaker-Ohio River Regional Conference (Oct 13, 2007); Ohio State Bar Association: Bench-Bar Conference facilitator since 1995. Columbus (Mar 17-19, 1999); Professional Organizations: *A Lawyer's Creed*, Cincinnati Academy of Leadership for Lawyers, Mayerson Academy, Cincinnati (Apr 15, 1997); ABA Criminal Antitrust Law and Procedure Workshop. Dallas (Feb 23-24, 1995); *The Public's Right to Know--The Impact of the Media on a Criminal Case: Should Cameras be Allowed in the Courtroom?* Nat. Assoc. of Leg. Sec., 1994 Mid-West Regional Seminar, Cincinnati (Sep 17, 1994).

**Local:** University of Cincinnati: University Appeals Officer, Secretary Treasurer Order of Coif, Law School Admissions Committee. Walnut Hills High School: LSDMC; Parent Association Board Member 2006-present; Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach. The Seven Hills School: Assistant Cub Scout Packmaster, Pack 124 (2005-to 2007); The Summit Country Day Parents Association, President (2002-03). Christo's Angels: Coached 2000 All-University Intramural Women's Softball Champions. Cincinnati Bar Association: Law Day Committee: Scriptwriter for televised law day; Cincinnati Bar Association/Black Lawyers Association Roundtable: (1991-Recorder (1992-1993). Bench Bar Conference: Facilitator. 1992 and 1994; Cincinnati Rotary Club: Mock trial director for Student Seminar on County Government (1996-98).

**Board Memberships:** Parents For Public School (2007-); Madisonville Community Arts Council 2004-06; Civic Forum: Board member (1995-97); YMCA of Cincinnati: Board of Trustees (1994-96); Housing Opportunities Made Equal: Board of Trustees (1992-93).

**Public Education:** Opinion Editorials (8): Christo Lassiter, *Bring federal charges against mom in heat death*, The Cincinnati Enquirer, Sep 11, 2007 at B-7; *Sharper line needed between discipline and violence*, The Cincinnati Enquirer, Feb 26, 2006 at A12 (Your Voice); *Where is line between discipline and violence?*, The Cincinnati Post, Feb 23, 2006 at

A15 (Guest Column); *Stop Having Trials by Television*, The Cincinnati Enquirer, Jun 15, 1998 at A7; *Cameras Have Their Place, But it Should Not be in the Courtroom*, The Cincinnati Post, May 27, 1998 at 14A; *Decision Unfairly Attacked*, The Cincinnati Enquirer, Jun 20, 1996 at A15; *Perils of the Prozac Defense*, The Washington Times, Feb 13, 1996 at A15; also appearing in The Cincinnati Post, Feb 8, 1996 at 14A; *TV Can Distort the Court Process*, The Cincinnati Enquirer, Sunday, Feb 28, 1993, at F. Print interviews: (175 interviews; state, local and national); Radio: (6 appearances; two national); Television: (16 appearances; including national exposure: *Brenda Nesselroad-Slaby case*, Fox News Hosted by Shepherd Smith, Sep 12-13, 2007; *Can High Profile Cases Be Tried Fairly: Town Meeting*. Court TV, Feb. 24, 1992--Panel Discussion); Movies: Film Consultant for *The Affair*, a joint HBO-BBC production concerning a false allegation of interracial rape against a black American soldier in World War II. Original airing on Oct 14, 1995.

**MAJOR AWARDS: Academy of Fellows for Teaching and Learning 2007 (Inaugural class at University of Cincinnati)**

**Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2006**

**Ohio Elite Taekwondo Athlete Class of 2003**

**OTHER:** Recognized in *The Mainstream Grows Broader: Community Leadership 100 African-Americans of influence in our area: Notables (Legal)*, The Cincinnati Enquirer, (Forum Section) Jul 13, 2008.