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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I have always had a passion for training and teaching. As a law enforcement officer for nearly 25 years, I have always been an advocate for providing rigorous training, clear expectations, and working with staff to help them better understand their obligations to the community. In the nearly 14 years I have served as an adjunct faculty member for HPU, I have come to truly appreciate the university's commitment to giving its students the academic and practical experiences needed to develop skills that will equip them with the necessary tools to provide professional encounters with the public, their co-workers and their superiors. I have a strong passion and drive to prepare HPU students to not only join the ranks of professionals working for the criminal justice system, but to stand out as exceptional contributors to the field of criminal justice. I strive to create a challenging and engaging learning environment in which students become life-long scholars and learners as they pursue academic, professional and personal excellence.

RELEVANT SKILLS

- Comprehensive experience teaching professional law enforcement training courses and college level criminal justice related courses as well as providing meaningful training through presentations to federal litigators and law enforcement personnel.
- Possessing the knowledge and experience to create professional organized and engaging course content garnered through creating numerous courses and trainings from scratch, including identifying relevant current literature to support discussions, setting clear objectives for student / participant learning, planning and providing opportunity for interactive learning, and balancing academic discussions with real life scenarios and experiences to present a well-rounded introduction to the topic being discussed.
- Adept at working within both an in-person and virtual classroom setting.
- Utilize contacts and continue to search out innovative teaching methods and techniques to enhance the students learning experience.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE**Assistant Professor, 2021 to Present****Hawaii Pacific University****Adjunct Faculty Member, 2008 to 2021**

- Maintained a teaching load of approximately four undergraduate courses each year.
- Lectured and communicated effectively with students from diverse backgrounds while initiating thought provoking and academically appropriate discussions to help students develop their critical thinking abilities.
- Developed and taught in-person and online courses in Corrections, Criminal Law, Justice Systems, Criminal Procedure, Crime Victims and Justice, Law Enforcement: Contemporary Issues, Crime Victims and Justice and Sociology.
- Counseled undergraduate students in the area of educational and professional goals.
- Emphasized the importance of academic honesty with students and instructed them on proper citation of research sources.

Adjunct Faculty Member, 2005 to 2009**Colorado Technical University Online**

- Provided quality online instruction with a weekly live interactive session and availability to students through established online office hours.
- Facilitated and contributed to curriculum development; develop course-specific training, core competencies, and individualized educational development through regular evaluations, feedback, mentoring, and career planning.
- Participated in course development and course creation for standardized components of online courses.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE**Senior Attorney, United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons**

September 1997 to September 1998, November 1999 to August 2015, September 2018 to Present

Assistant General Counsel, United States Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Employment Law Branch

August 2015 to August 2018

Special Assistant United States Attorney, Office of the United States Attorney, District of Hawaii

September 2008 to August 2015

Special Assistant United States Attorney, Office of the United States Attorney, Middle District of Florida

September 2004 to August 2008

Assistant State Attorney, Office of the State Attorney for the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit

September 1998 to November 1999

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, May 1997 American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC

Articles Editor, Human Rights Newsletter/Brief

Judge and Semifinalist in Alvin Reckman Meyers Moot Court Competition

Bachelor of Arts, Dean's Highest Honors, January 1993 Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL

Writing Excellence Award

Presentation of Paper at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 1992

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Law Enforcement Educators and Trainers Association (ILEETA)

International Association of Women Police (IAWP)

American Correctional Association (ACA)

Active Member in Good Standing, Florida Bar since September 1997

Active Member in Good Standing, Maryland Bar since June 1998

Active Member in Good Standing, Hawaii Bar since November 2019

Admitted, United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit since 2001

Admitted, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit since 2021

Admitted, United States Supreme Court 1998

HONORS AND AWARDS

Recipient of National Award for work on class action lawsuits.

Recipient of numerous time off awards and cash awards for outstanding performance.

Recognized for participation in Women in Corrections Retreat.

Received letter of praise from lead defense counsel on capital murder case for years of coordination of witnesses, document production, and access issues.

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Improving Offender and Loved One's Preparation For Incarceration, Enhancing Re-Entry Opportunities, Incorporating Emotional Intelligence Principles To Corrections And Law Enforcement Personnel Training, Preventing Youth Violence And Entry Into The Juvenile Justice System, Community Policing, Enhancing Evidence-Based Risk Assessment Tool, Moving Corrections Forward, And Applied Quantitative Methods And Measurements.

PERSONAL INTERESTS AND HOBBIES

I am a dedicated lifelong learner with a "to learn" list that would likely take several lifetimes to complete. I love the tranquility of a quiet, natural beach and working on my potted gardens. But my favorite part of my life is by far the time spent with my children (usually 😊).