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CURRENT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW *Associate Professor of Law* Harrisburg, PA
July 2008-Present

Course Package: Property I & II; Copyright & Trademark Survey; Wills & Trusts; various Intellectual Property courses and seminars; Entertainment Law.

Promotion & Tenure: Promoted to Associate in 2012. Received Tenure in 2014.

Committee Appointments: Legal Education; Faculty Development (immediate past chair); Facilities Assessment (special appointment)

Other Appointments: Faculty Advisor, *Widener Law Journal* (2013-present)

Visits: UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law (Summer 2016)

Other Board & Committee Memberships: Pinkwellchick Foundation, Inc. (Chair) (501(c)(3) breast cancer support, education and awareness foundation)

WIDENER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW *Visiting Professor of Law* Harrisburg, PA
July 2007-June 2008

Course Package: Property

YORK COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA *Adjunct Professor* York, PA
Spring 2007

Taught an advanced survey of copyright as it relates to music licensing and music publishing. Students developed a comprehensive understanding of the historical contexts and real-life applications of various legal and ethical issues in the music industry related to copyright, music publishing and music licensing agreements, payment of performance and non-performance royalties and the terms of art in the music industry. In addition to the final exam, students presented multimedia presentations of current music copyright issues.

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- 2016 *Statutory Heirs Apparent?: Reclaiming Copyright in the Age of Author-Controlled, Author-Benefiting Transfers* (Spring 2016 submission).
- 2016 “Safer Harbor” from *Statutory Damages for Mea Culpa Infringers: Remixing the DOC White Paper* (Fall 2016 submission).
- 2013 *Safe Harbor for the Innocent Infringer in the Digital Age*, 50 WILLAMETTE L. REV. 1 (2013). *Safe Harbor* was judged one of the best law review articles related to entertainment, publishing and/or the arts published in the 2013-14 academic publishing cycle and selected for inclusion in the 2014 edition of the *Entertainment, Publishing and the Arts Handbook*, an anthology published annually by Thomson Reuters (West).
- 2013 *Reverse Engineering IP*, 17 MARQUETTE INTELL. PROP. L. REV. 61 (2013).
- 2011 *Sampling, Looping and Mashing ... Oh My! How Hip Hop Music is Scratching More Than the Surface of Copyright Law*, 21 FORDHAM INTELL. PROP. MEDIA & ENT. L.J. 843 (2011).
- In Progress* *The Expression Protection Question: The Time Has Come (Again) to Revisit and Reform the Law of Ideas*
- 1998 Comment, *In the Title IX Race Toward Gender Equity, The Black Female Athlete is Left to Finish Last: The Lack of Access for the “Invisible Woman,”* 42 HOW. L.J. 105 (1998).

Other Publications

- 2015 Book chapter: “How Hip Hop Music is Scratching More Than the Surface of Copyright Law” in an anthology titled *Hip Hop and the Law: The Key Writings that Formed the Movement*. Published by Carolina Academic Press.
- 2010 Michael R. Dimino, Sr., Tonya M. Evans, and Nicole M. Santo. Introduction, Symposium, *Internet Expression in the 21st Century: Where Technology & Law Collide*, 19 *Widener L.J.* 789 (2010).
- Sept. 14, 2009 Op-Ed Essay titled *Free Access Equals a Free Ride*, published by *Wilmington News Journal* during its Annual Constitution Day coverage in

association with Widener University School of Law's annual Constitution Day Program.

Winter 2008 *A Call to Action: The Time Has Come to Revisit and Reform the Law of Ideas*, IP. L. Newsl. (PBA Intellectual Property Law Section) Winter 2008 at 9.

Books

2015 Chapter, "Hip Hop and the Law" Anthology (Carolina Academic Press)

2007 *Contracts Companion for Writers* (Legal Write Publications)

2007 *Copyright Companion for Writers* (Legal Write Publications)

2005 *Literary Law Guide for Authors: Copyright, Trademark and Contracts in Plain Language* (Legal Write Publications)

2001 *SHINE: Inspirational Poetry* (Book/CD, FYOS Entertainment)

1999 *Seasons of Her: A Collection of Poetry* (FYOS Entertainment)

PRESENTATIONS & MEDIA

February 22, 2016 Closing Remarks, Ruling the Courts: The Future of Local Rules of Civil Procedure in Pennsylvania, *Widener Law Journal* Symposium.

February 19, 2016 Presenter, Works in Progress Intellectual Property (WIPIP) Colloquium, University of Washington School of Law.

October 9, 2015 Presenter, Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable, Texas A&M University School of Law.

August 16, 2015 Provided expert commentary about trademark law in *The News Journal* (Delaware) article titled: *Whale war: Vineyard Vines, Rehoboth shop clash over logo*.

June 30, 2014 Panelist, Dollars & Sense –The Business of Black Music
Joined an esteemed panel of industry professionals, including Kenny Gamble (Gamble Huff Records) and Ivan Barrias (PHL Chapter of The Recording Academy) to examine the influence African-Americans have had on the music industry; the importance of proactively protecting intellectual property; the pitfalls to avoid as a working musician; and the variety of music industry jobs that exist outside of performing. Painted Bride Arts, Philadelphia, PA

- June 26, 2014 WURD 900 AM The Morning Mojo with Stephanie Reneé
Discussed Black Music Month and upcoming panel discussion of “*Dollars & Sense –The Business of Black Music*”.
- June 19, 2014 WVON-AM Matt McGill Morning Show
Discussed cancellation of the Washington Redskins' trademark.
- June 28-30, 2013 Presenter, 2013 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, *Safe Harbor for the Innocent Infringer in the Digital Age*, William S. Boyd School of Law, UNLV in Las Vegas, NV.
- April 12, 2013 Presenter, 2013 Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable, Drake University Law School, *Safe Harbor for the Innocent Infringer in the Digital Age*
- March 21-22, 2013 Presenter, Institute for Intellectual Property and Social Justice/FINNEGAN Tenth Annual IP & Social Justice CLE Program
- June 28-30 2012 Presenter, 2012 Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Law Faculty Writing Workshop, *The Innocent Infringer Defense in the Age of Electronic Files and Fences*, Suffolk University School of Law in Boston, MA.
- June 14, 2012 Course Planner, Pennsylvania Bar Institute continuing legal education program titled Entertainment Law in the 21st Century.
- January 2012 Moderator, Technological Innovation in Practice & Education, 2012 AALS Conference. The panel covered the technological realities of modern practice, and generated discussion about how the academy might respond in our teaching and scholarship to address advances in technology. The discussion included an update about the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20's work on lawyer regulation and technology, as well as insights from a legal practitioner who conducts her entire law practice virtually and a law professor who has designed an innovative e-discovery course. Panel participants include Ms. Stephanie Kimbro, author of *Virtual Law Practice*, Andrew M. Perlman, Suffolk University Law School and Paula Schaefer, and University of Tennessee College of Law.
- January 2012 Web Presentation: 2012 AALS Conference Web site. My panel proposal (see attached), submitted in response to an AALS RFP, which addresses innovative teaching, other legal education practices and work at the intersections among scholarship, teaching and service, will be displayed in conjunction with the Annual Meeting Workshop on the *Future of the Legal Profession and Legal Education: Changes in Law Practice: Implications for Legal Education*.
- November 2011 Presenter, Columbus Intellectual Property Roundtable at the Catholic

University of America, Columbus School of Law. CIPR is an annual roundtable formed to promote both discussion of a range of issues in intellectual property and networking.

- October 2011 Presenter, PBA Commission on Women in the Profession Annual Retreat. Hershey, PA. Presentation addressed how to utilize technology to create lively, engaging and effective presentations.
- August 2011 Presenter, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference at the DePaul University School of Law. IPSC is an annual conference hosted by Depaul University School of Law, Stanford Law School, Cardozo School of Law and Berkeley Center for Law and Technology.
- May 2011 Presenter, Pennwriters Conference in Pittsburgh, PA. Presented a workshop titled “Copyright for Writers in the 21st Century”.
- May 2011 Faculty, “Presenting Excellence for Lawyers”. Presented session titled Effective PowerPoint Presentations during the Pennsylvania Bar Institute training session for former and prospective PBI course faculty.
- February 2011 Presenter, Black History Month Series on “Race and the Law.” The presentation, entitled “Thurgood Marshall: The Justice, The Legacy”, examined his early years, education, influences, legal career and rise to the bench.
- October 2010 Speaker and Facilitator, Black Law Student Association Pre-Screening Event for CNN’s “Black in America” Series “Almighty Debt,” produced by Soledad O’Brien.
- August 2010 Presenter, Intellectual Property Scholars Conference –Berkeley Center for Law & Technology in Berkeley, CA. IPSC is an annual conference hosted by Depaul University School of Law, Stanford Law School, Cardozo School of Law and Berkeley Center for Law and Technology. Presented draft of *Sampling, Looping and Mashing ... Oh My! How Hip Hop Artists Scratched More Than the Surface of Copyright Law*.
- March 2010 Presenter, Intellectual Property Scholars Roundtable – Drake Law School. Presented an early draft of *Sampling, Looping and Mashing ... Oh My! How Hip Hop Artists Scratched More Than the Surface of Copyright Law*.
- February 9, 2010 Presenter, “Lunch and Learn” CLE program titled “Intellectual Property Matters that Matter for the General Practitioner,” at the Dauphin County Bar Association headquarters, sponsored by the Keystone Bar Association. The session was part of KBA’s Eighth Annual Black History Month CLE Series.
- June 2009 Presenter, Property Works in Progress Conference, University of Colorado

School of Law-Boulder, CO. Presented abstract of *Transforming Fair Use: From Folsom to Fairey: Where Infringement Ends and Transformative Use Begins*.

June 2009 Presenter, Lutie Lytle Scholarly Works Conference, Seattle University School of Law. Presented an abstract of *Sampling, Looping and Mashing ... Oh My! How Hip Hop Artists Scratched More Than the Surface of Copyright Law*.

March 2009 Speaker, "The Lack of Access for the "Invisible Woman," *Diversity and Sports Law Symposium*, Widener University School of Law, Harrisburg, PA.

February 2009 Panelist, "When MCs Meet JDs: Hip Hop's Complex Relationship with Intellectual Property," West Virginia University College of Law. *The Evolution of Street Knowledge: Hip Hop's Influence on Law and Culture Symposium*.

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TME LAW *Managing Attorney*
2003-2008

Philadelphia, PA

Handled a large caseload of individuals and businesses consisting primarily of entertainment law (literary, music and film), intellectual property (copyright and trademark), and estate planning matters, and served as counsel to issuers, conduits and underwriters in municipal finance matters for The City of Philadelphia and city-related agencies, as well as various colleges and universities.

FYOS ENTERTAINMENT, LLC *Owner and Co-Founder*
July 1999-Present

Philadelphia, PA

Doing business as "Legal Write Publications," the company primarily publishes legal reference resources for writers and publishing industry professionals. Produces and sponsors a nationally recognized seminar series focused on book publishing and intellectual property protection. www.legalwritepublications.com.

EVANS & BORDEN EVANS, LLC *Managing Attorney*
January 2002-April 2003

Philadelphia, PA

Majority interest member who handled a large caseload that consisted primarily of entertainment law (literary, music and film), intellectual property (copyright and trademark), wills, trusts, estates, business law, and municipal finance matters. Managed all firm operations.

PEPPER HAMILTON, LLP *Associate in Personal Law Department*
September 2000-January 2002

Philadelphia, PA

Worked in the wills, trusts and estate planning department. Assisted in the administration of estates, will and trust drafting, trust account review, filings with the Orphan's Court, and estate litigation. Focused on professional athletes and other high net-worth individuals.

DRINKER BIDDLE & REATH, LLP *Associate in Personal Law Dept*
September 1999-September 2000

Philadelphia, PA

Worked in the wills, trusts and estate planning department. Assisted in the administration of estates, will and trust drafting, trust account review, filings with the Orphan's Court, and estate litigation.

U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT

Judge Theodore McKee *Law Clerk*
September 1998-August 1999

Philadelphia, PA

Reviewed briefs, prepared bench briefs and drafted opinions on a variety of civil and criminal appellate issues. Attended sittings and mentored judicial interns.

EDUCATION

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Juris Doctor, May 9, 1998 Washington, D.C.
Class Rank: 12/150

Honors:

Howard Law Journal, Editor-in-Chief 1997-98
Academic Merit Scholarship, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98
Trustee Scholarship, 1996-97, 1997-98
Cali Award*, Professional Responsibility, 1998
Cali Award*, (formerly the American Dean's Award), Legal Writing II, 1997
Dean's Award* (formerly the American Jurisprudence Award), Contracts, 1996
American Jurisprudence Award*, Legal Methods, 1995
Who's Who: American Law Students, Spring 1998
The National Dean's List, 1997

**Received highest grade in class*

Activities:

Vice President, Class of 1998, 1995-96
Entertainment Law Student Association, 1995-96
National Bar Association, Member
American Bar Association, Member
Black Entertainment and Sports Lawyer's Association, Member

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, B.S. in Communications Studies, May, 1991 Evanston, IL

Honors:

Dean's List, 1990-91

Full Four-Year Athletic Scholarship, Tennis

Activities:

Black Undergraduate Law and Business Students, Member

Vice President, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Chi Chapter

**MEMBERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS,
CERTIFICATIONS & BAR ADMISSIONS**

Pennsylvania Bar Association ('04-'06 Vice-Chair, '06-'07 Co-Chair, '07-'08 Chair - Sports, Entertainment and Art Law Committee)

Keystone Bar Association

American Bar Association

American Intellectual Property Law Association (2009-Present)

Gay and Lesbian Lawyers of Philadelphia (GALLOP)

Bar Admissions

STATE: Pennsylvania (1998)
 New Jersey (1998)
 District of Columbia (1999)
 New York (2006)

FEDERAL: Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1999)
 The Third Circuit (1999)