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#### EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey  
A.B. *cum laude* 1977

Publication: *Kafa'a*: Principle of Equality in Middle Eastern Marriage Law

Rutgers University School of Law - Newark  
15 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey  
Juris Doctor 1982

Staff Member Women's Rights Law Reporter

#### EMPLOYMENT

*Visiting Professor of Law* (Fall 1999-2002)

Howard University Law School  
2900 Van Ness Street, NW  
Washington, DC

Courses taught: Criminal Law, Criminal Justice Clinic, Critical Race Theory, Women Defendants in the Criminal Justice System

*Professor of Law* (1998 - Present)

Frederic G. Levin College of Law, University of Florida  
Gainesville, Florida

Courses taught: Criminal Law, Criminal Clinic-Public Defender, Critical Race Theory, Women Defendants in the Criminal Justice System

*Associate Professor of Law* (1996-1998)

University of Florida College of Law  
Gainesville, Florida

*Visiting Associate Professor* (Fall 1996)

Columbia University Law School  
New York, New York

Course taught: Fair Housing Clinic

*Assistant Professor* (1993-1996)

University of Florida College of Law  
Gainesville, Florida

*Adjunct* (Spring 1993)

CUNY College of Law  
Queens, New York  
Course taught: Criminal Procedure

*Clinical Staff Attorney* (Fall 1990-1993)  
Rutgers University School of Law  
Newark, New Jersey  
Course taught: Urban Legal Clinic (included Trial Advocacy component)

*Law Partner* (1985-1990)  
McGee & Jacobs  
120 Duane Street  
New York, New York  
General practice with emphasis on criminal defense on state and federal level; family matters including marital dissolution and establishment of paternity and child support.

*Staff Attorney* (1983-1985)  
Fair Housing Council of Northern New Jersey, Inc.  
Hackensack, New Jersey  
Represented the agency and individual plaintiffs in federal litigation challenging discriminatory practices in the rental and sale of housing.

*Staff Attorney*  
District Council 37 - Municipal Employees Legal Services Plan  
125 Barclay Street  
New York, New York  
Represented New York City employees in all civil matters as part of the union benefits program.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books*

Feminist Legal Theory: Beyond Essentialism, co-editor, New York University Press (forthcoming Winter 2002)

### *Articles*

Full Legal Representation for the Poor: The Clash Between Lawyer Values and Client Worthiness, 44 Howard La Journal 257 (2001)

Coming Full Circle: The African American Struggle for Full Citizenship Under Color of Law, Transforming Anthropology, Vol 9, No. 1, 44 (2000)

Prostitutes, Drug Users, and Thieve: The Invisible Women in the Campaign to End Violence Against Women, 8 Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review 459 (1999)

Requiring Battered Women Die: Murder Liability for Mothers Under Failure to Protect Statutes, 88 Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology 579 (1998)

Mandatory Pro Bono: Real Change or Imagined, 48 Florida Law Review 509 (1998)

People from the Footnotes: The Missing Element in Client-Centered Counseling, 27 Golden Gate University Law Review 345 (1997)

Do the Rules of Ethics Require Zealous Representation for Poor People? 8 St. Thomas Law Review 97 (1995)

Legitimacy and the Law Game, 1 Clinical Law Review 187 (1994)

### PAPERS PRESENTED

Prostitutes, Drug Users and Thieves: The Women the Women's Movement Would Like to Forget" October 1998 Redefining Violence Against Women Conference, Temple University Law School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"Women That the Feminist Movement Would Like to Forget" March 1998 National Women in Law Conference, Golden Gate University Law School, San Francisco, California

"Values, the Code of Professional Conduct and Professionalism in Clinical Teaching" May 1998 Association of American Law Schools Clinical Conference, Portland, Oregon

"Leadership, Lawyering and the Radical Theology of Martin Luther King, Jr." May 1998 Southeast/Southwest Law Teachers of Color Scholarship Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

"Lawyers and Notions of Client Worthiness" January 1996 Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference

"Using Documentary Film As a Teaching Tool" January 1996, Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference

"Ethical and Legal parallels between Rendering Medical Treatment to the Poor and Giving Legal Advice to the Poor" Fall 1994 Advanced seminar in College of Health and Human Performance, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

"People from the Footnotes: The Missing Element in Client-Centered Counseling" June 1994 Northeast Corridor Black Women law Professor's Collective

“Using Pop Culture to Teach Law” January 1994, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting

“People from the Footnotes: The Missing Element in Client-Centered Counseling” December 1993 Clinical Theory Workshop, New York Law School, New York, New York.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### *Panelist:*

“Law and Violence” October 2000, Law Day Program sponsored by Howard University Law School, Washington, DC

“Activist Approaches to Fighting Police Brutality” November 1999 National Lawyer’s Guild, Georgetown University Law School, Washington, DC

“Putting a Stop to Police Brutality” October 1999 Black Law Students Association, Howard University Law School, Washington, DC

“Rebuilding the Bridges of Sisterhood” January 1999 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting

“Role of the Defense Lawyer in the Battle Against Domestic Violence” June 1998 Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Orlando, Florida

“Teaching About Difference” September 1997 Society of American Law Teachers Conference, Washington, DC

“Current Issues on the Death Penalty” Spring 1995 Center for Governmental Responsibility, Gainesville, Florida

“First Amendment and Freedom of Speech on College Campuses” Spring 1995 University of Florida College of Journalism Faculty Enrichment Program, Gainesville, Florida

### *Conferences Planned*

Member Planning Committee for African American Women in the Law Conference, May 2000 Howard University Law School, Washington, DC

Member Planning Committee Association of American Law School 1999 Clinical Workshop, Lake Tahoe, California

Member Planning Committee for Joint Section Program of Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting January 1997 - Women and Poverty

Co-Chair Planning Committee Southeast/Southwest Law Teachers of  
Color Scholarship Conference, Spring 1995, Boulder, Colorado

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Admitted to the Bars of New York, New Jersey and the District of Columbia

Member of the American Bar Association

Member of the Association of American Law Schools (Clinical Law, Poverty Law  
and Criminal Justice sections)

Former Executive Committee Member of the AALS Clinical Section (1995-1998)

Former President of the Association of Black Faculty and Staff (1994-1996)  
University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida