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Professional Experience:

Partner | Covington & Burling LLP | 2009 – Present; Special Counsel (2004 - 2009)

- Partner in Litigation and Investigations Group. Chair of Product Safety Practice Group. Represent companies and individuals in litigation and government investigations in the areas of product recalls, takings, civil and criminal fraud, mediation and arbitration, and environmental, health, and safety issues.
- Chair of firm Standing Committee on Diversity & Inclusion, Public Service Committee member. Maintain active pro bono practice in contested civil and criminal matters.

Judge | U.S. Court of Federal Claims | 2000 - 2002

- Recess-appointed judge on federal court with jurisdiction over claims for money damages against federal government agencies. Adjudicated broad range of civil cases, including takings, breach of contract, tax, intellectual property, tribal breach of trust, veterans and pay equity disputes. Chaired Bench-Bar Council.

Senior & Associate Counsel to the President | White House Counsel's Office | 1998 - 2001

- Managed the judicial and presidential appointment processes. Led federal court litigation and structural policy reform initiatives.

Deputy Assistant Attorney General | Department of Justice, Office of Legal Policy | 1997 - 1998

- Led the federal judicial vetting process, including confirmation hearing preparation sessions for over 100 judicial nominees. Briefed Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General on the status of judicial appointments. Served as DOJ liaison with American Bar Association Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary.

Supreme Court Fellow | Federal Judicial Center | 1994 - 1995

- Conducted oral history of women federal judges and Supreme Court justices. Published article on first woman federal appellate judge (Florence Ellinwood Allen, Sixth Circuit, 1934-1959).

Trial Attorney | Department of Justice, Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch | 1991 - 1994; 1995 - 1996

- Entered through the DOJ Honors Program. Defended federal government in constitutional challenges to Acts of Congress and Administrative Procedure Act challenges to federal agency action.
- Judicial Law Clerk, United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia The Honorable Richard L. Williams.

Education:

Williams College | B.A., with Honors

Yale University American Studies Program | M.Phil.; M.A.

- University Merit Fellowship

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Columbia University School of Law | J.D.

- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Charles Evans Hughes Fellow, *Human Rights Law Review*
- University Scholarship

Public Service and Professional Activities:

- Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference
- New Orchestra of Washington - Board Member
- Women in Law Empowerment Forum - Board Member
- DC Access to Justice Foundation - Board Member
- DC Legal Aid Society - Board Member
- Williams College Women's Leadership Initiative - Member
- University of Virginia Law School, Guest Lecturer - Privacy and Free Expression

Acknowledgements and Awards:

- Department of Justice Special Achievement Award
- Named as "Client Service All-Star" by BTI Consulting Group (January 22, 2021)

Publications:

- *Appellate Judicial Appointments During the Clinton Presidency: An Insider's Perspective*, THE JOURNAL OF APPELLATE PRACTICE AND PROCESS, 2004, Vol. 5 (1).
- *The Internet of Things: Legal Issues, Policy, & Practical Strategies*, AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (2019)
- *Internal Investigations Involving Product Safety Issues*, PRACTICING LAW INSTITUTE (April 5, 2016)
- *Limiting Liability: Unanimous Supreme Court Opinion Defines Boundaries of False Claims Act Limitations Rules*, BLOOMBERG BNA FEDERAL CONTRACTS REPORT (June 17, 2015)
- *Government Supports Indefinite Tolling of Civil Fraud Cases Under Wartime Suspension of Limitations Act*, FINANCIAL FRAUD LAW REPORT (September 2014)
- *Supreme Court Issues Important Decision in AT&T Mobility LLC v. Concepcion*, COVINGTON ALERT (May 2, 2011)
- *Axioms for Supplementing the Administrative Record*, BNA'S FEDERAL CONTRACTS REPORT (March 1, 2011)
- *Disgorgement of Profits is Not Available as Damages Under the False Claims Act* BNA'S FEDERAL CONTRACTS REPORT (July 11, 2006)
- *NHTSA Launches Automated Vehicle TEST Initiative to Improve Transparency and Safety of Self-Driving Technology*, COVINGTON ALERT (June 26, 2020)
- *President Trump Issues Executive Order Promoting Regulatory Flexibility in Light of COVID-19*, COVINGTON ALERT (June 1, 2020)
- *Consumer Product Safety Compliance During the COVID-19 Pandemic*, COVINGTON ALERT (April 30, 2020)