

REX MARVEL

EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati College of Law

Juris Doctorate

Arthur Russell Morgan Human Rights Fellow

Florida State University

Bachelors of Science in Political Science and Religion (Double Major)

Graduated, Magna cum Laude

BAR CERTIFICATION

North Carolina – March 2013

Board Certified Specialist in State Criminal Law – North Carolina Bar 2018

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Mecklenburg County Public Defender's Office, Charlotte, NC

Assistant Public Defender – Equal Justice Works Fellowship, September 2012- Present

- Closed over 2,000 cases since beginning employment.
- Maintain a large caseload in a high volume and face paced working environment.
- Research and litigate issues concerning, constitutional, federal, state, local rules and procedure concerning law enforcement and criminal law and procedure.
- Draft motions, conduct legal research, trial experience in both bench and jury trials.
- Represent hundreds of criminal defendants in District and Superior Court.
- Regularly appears in Superior Court arguing motions and litigating jury trials.
- Appear in court almost daily.
- Works as immigration screener advising attorneys and clients of the consequences of criminal convictions on immigration process and status.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Central Piedmont Community College

August 2017- Present

- Adjunct Professor teaching Law Office Writing as well as Legal Research and Writing to paralegal students.

North Carolina Indigent Defense Services Conference

May 2019

- Leading a one hour CLE for attorneys across the state on 'Creative Motions Practice' through the North Carolina School of Government

Immigration Law for Criminal Defense Lawyers

May 2016 and September 2017

- Organized North Carolina State Bar approved Certified Learning Experience teaching immigration law to criminal defense lawyers.

Immigration Screening Padilla v. Kentucky in Action

December 2013, December 2014 and April 2015

- Following training at the UNC School of Government and new role as Immigration Screener at the Public Defender Office led trainings at the Public Defender Office on immigration law, immigration consequences of criminal convictions and attorney obligations following Padilla v. Kentucky.

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Crossover Advocacy: Bridging the Gap between Juvenile and Adult Court

March and May 2014

- Taught two bar approved Certified Learning Experiences with the Counsel for Children's Rights. Each session focused on better serving clients with pending juvenile and adult court matters.

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy, Covington, KY

Certified Legal Intern, Fall 2011 – Winter 2012

- Utilized a limited practice licensee in juvenile court, felony preliminary hearings and probation violations.

Ohio Justice and Policy Center, Cincinnati, OH

Research Assistant, Spring 2011

- Research and policy drafting benefiting post-incarceration in Ohio.

The Botswana Court of Appeal, Lobatse, Botswana

Law Clerk, Summer 2010

- Provided legal research, prepared memos, assisted with opinions, observed court proceedings, and discussed cases with Justices of the Court.
- Worked on death penalty litigation at the highest level of appeal in Botswana.

Human Rights Quarterly, Cincinnati, OH

Editor of Book Reviews, Fall 2009 – Spring 2012

- Administrator of the book reviews section in the foremost interdisciplinary journal in human rights.

International Tribunal Observation, The Hague, Netherlands

Delegate, Summer 2008

- Served as a delegate observing trials at the International Criminal Court, The Special Court of Sierra Leon and The International Court of Justice.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Mecklenburg County Bar Community Service Board, Charlotte, NC

- Serves as a board member for the community service board and is the point person for the Larry King's Clubhouse.

Center for Children, Charlotte, NC

- Serving as the sole attorney board member my legal acumen is often relied upon for employment law questions, concerns and policies.

Justice and Beer, Charlotte, NC

- Co-Founder and organizer of public interest law social networking organization.

Immigration Court Observation Project, Charlotte, NC

- Volunteer with the ACLU observing and recording data at the U.S. Immigration Court in Charlotte.

Urban Ministries, Charlotte, NC

- Volunteer at monthly soup kitchen with the Vine United Methodist Church.

North Carolina Bar Association – Legal Link, Charlotte, NC

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- Plan and teach coursework in American legal system in an interactive teaching environment for high school students.

AWARDS AND AFFILIATIONS

Member North Carolina Bar – Admitted to Practice Spring 2013
Mecklenburg County Bar Association
North Carolina Bar Association
Mecklenburg County Bar – Criminal Law Section Member
Mecklenburg County Bar – Young lawyers Section Member
North Carolina Advocates for Justice
National Association of Public Defenders
ACLU of North Carolina

Garnet and Gold Key Leadership Honorary
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
Golden Key Honor Society

AmeriCorps Alumni
Equal Justice Works Award – Recipient through 2015

Florida State University Alumni Association
University of Cincinnati Alumni Association
Charlotte Seminole Club
Varsity Men's Rowing Team Florida State University Alum