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EXPERIENCE

**District Attorney's Office,
New York County**
1997-2002; 2003-Present

Chief of the Child Abuse Unit
Mar. 2010-Present

Deputy Bureau Chief, Trial Bureau 50
Feb. 2009-Mar. 2010

Deputy Chief, Child Abuse Unit
Jan. 2008-Feb. 2009

**Criminal Court
Supervisor,
Trial Bureau 50**
Sep. 2001-2002

Homicide Attorney, 2005-Present

Sex Crimes Attorney, 1999-Present

Lead counsel on over 50 trials, including murder, rape, sexual abuse of children, assaults, domestic violence, larceny, robbery, DNA cases, and other crimes. As *Criminal Court Supervisor (2001-02)*, supervised and trained 16 junior attorneys in a general trial bureau, oversaw caseloads and investigations, advised on legal and ethical issues, prepared and critiqued hearings and trials. As *Deputy Bureau Chief of Trial Bureau 50 (Feb. 2009-Mar. 2010)*, supervised, trained, and managed 45 attorneys in general crimes bureau on cases including homicides, sex crimes, DNA cases, domestic violence, identity theft, narcotics, and violent street crimes. Trained and developed legal and advocacy skills, managed intake and assignments, made final decisions on prosecutions, and observed in court and grand jury. In the *Child Abuse Unit (2003-09)*, investigated and prosecuted felony cases of sexual and physical abuse of children. Sexual abuse cases included molestation by family members and other guardians, sexual assaults by strangers, and cases of internet predators. Physical abuse cases included child homicides, shaken babies, and severe burns. Handled local and international kidnapping cases. Conducted long-term investigations of abuse at schools, institutional caretakers, and religious organizations. As *Deputy Chief in the Child Abuse Unit*, and now currently as *Chief of the Child Abuse Unit*, supervise and train attorneys on child abuse cases. Coordinate investigations with police department, child protective services, hospitals, and other agencies combating child abuse and providing services to victims and their families. Participate in citywide legislative and policy task forces on child abuse, sexual assault, domestic violence, and DNA.

Additional Responsibilities and Projects:

- Represented all five NYC District Attorneys in federal lawsuit relating to the seizure of vehicles, including brief writing, oral argument in SDNY and 2nd Circuit, and coordinating citywide implementation and compliance among prosecutors, police, and city agencies.
- Attorney-in-Charge of Summer Law Student Intern Program, 2005-2007. Made hiring decisions and oversaw summer internship program of 50 student interns each summer. Coordinated lectures and educational programs, supervised intern placement and activities throughout the office.
- Instructor for office's Trial Advocacy Program, 2007-Present. Intensive trial advocacy course for junior attorneys.
- Legal Hiring Board, 1999-present. Interview and evaluate candidates for hire.
- Diversity Outreach Committee, 2008-Present. Help coordinate and implement diversity recruitment efforts as well as mentoring program within the office.

**Criminal Justice Coordinator's Office,
Office of the Mayor of New York City**
May 2002-July 2003

Legislative Counsel. Responsible for policy and legislative work on criminal justice issues. Gathered and analyzed data and developed strategies for improving NYC's approach to specific problems. Projects included:

- Safety and enforcement in public schools
- Public safety and economic development plan for Long Island City, Queens
- Creating an employment program for released inmates
- Revamping the regulatory and adjudicatory scheme for street vendors

Researched, drafted, and lobbied for legislation relating to expanding DNA databases to solve crimes, domestic violence, street vending, police seizure and forfeiture, and securing funding for anti-terrorism efforts. Budget and oversight of criminal justice agencies, non-profit organizations, and task forces. Drafted press releases for Mayoral initiatives.

EXPERIENCE (continued)

**The Honorable Roanne Mann, U.S.M.J.,
Eastern District, NY, 1996-1997**

**United States Attorney's Office,
Eastern District, NY, Summer 1995**

**Public Defender's Office,
Baltimore, MD, Summer 1994**

**Culver Academy, IN, 1991-1992
Kimball Union Academy, NH, 1992-1993**

Law Clerk. Drafted opinions and orders, conducted legal research, and oversaw civil and criminal docket.

Legal Assistant, Organized Crime Bureau. Researched and drafted memoranda, assisted investigations and trial preparation, and second-sat two organized crime trials.

Law Clerk, Felony Trial Division. Interviewed clients and witnesses, helped devise trial strategy and conduct investigations, researched and drafted motions and memoranda.

High School Spanish Teacher at two boarding schools. Athletic coach, dorm parent, student mentor and advisor.

EDUCATION

**New York University School of Law
New York, NY, 1993-1996**

**Dartmouth College
Hanover, NH, 1987-1991**

J.D., cum laude

Annual Survey of American Law, *Articles Editor*

Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Prize, outstanding performance in prosecution clinic program

B.A., cum laude

Major in Government

VOLUNTEER WORK

Sarah Jane Brain Foundation

Unemployment Action Center

**Police Athletic League Referee
Mock Trial Judge**

Board of Advisors, Present. National foundation established to further medical, law enforcement, and societal issues relating to traumatic brain injury to children.

Board of Advisors, 1996-Present; Board of Directors, 1995-1996; Legal Advocate, 1993-1996. Non-profit organization representing claimants for unemployment insurance benefits.

Youth league basketball in Upper Manhattan, 2003-2006.

City and state competitions at both high school and law school levels.

TEACHING and PRESENTATIONS

- **Adjunct Professor, Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY:** “Child Abuse, Domestic Violence and Criminal Justice.”
- **Lecturer at New York State Prosecutors Training Institute** on topics of child abuse prosecutions.
- **Lecturer** at various colleges and law schools on various topics, including child abuse, criminal justice, and search and seizure law.
- **Child Abuse Topics, 2005-Present:** Provided lectures and trainings on child abuse investigations, child fatalities, forensic interviewing of children, and domestic violence issues. Presentations within my office and to other DA’s offices, NYPD, hospitals and health care workers, and ACS workers and investigators.
- **DNA and Rape Prosecutions:** Lectured to Mayor’s Office Committees on Child Abuse and DNA, and to hospitals and health care workers, on the prosecution of child stranger rapes and the use of DNA in those cases.
- **Faculty Instructor for office-wide Trial Advocacy Program, 2007-present.**
- **Judge and advisor** for office trial advocacy programs, summer intern and student mock trials and hearings