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### CITIZENSHIP

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United States Citizen (since 2018); also hold Irish and United Kingdom citizenship

### EDUCATION

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2005 Bar Vocational Course – qualified to practice as a barrister in England & Wales  
*Nottingham Law School*

2003 LL.M (Master of Laws) - Human Rights Law  
*University of Nottingham 2002 – 2003*

2002 LL.B (Bachelor of Laws) – graduated with honors in Law with Politics  
*Queen's University of Belfast 1999 – 2002*

### BAR ADMISSIONS

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2013 State of Maryland

2011 State of New York (also admitted in Federal Court - New York, Northern District)

2005 Called to the Bar of England and Wales as Barrister

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2023 - Clinical Teaching Fellow – Criminal Defense & Advocacy Clinic  
University of Baltimore School of Law

2013-2022 *Assistant Public Defender*  
Maryland Office of the Public Defender - Baltimore City

- Representing clients in felony and misdemeanor criminal proceedings in Baltimore City District and Circuit Court including bail reviews, motions hearings, trials, sentencing hearings and violation of probation hearings
- Trial experience includes approximately 60 bench trials before both District and Circuit Court Judges and 35 jury trials including serious felony charges such as arson, rape and murder
- Representing clients in parole revocation hearings before the Maryland Parole Commission

2010-2013 *Associate, Roemer Wallens Gold & Mineaux LLP*  
Albany, New York

- Practice focused on Labor and Employment Law and Civil Litigation
- Represented municipal employees in various proceedings including arbitration, civil service disciplinary and unemployment hearings

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- Trained large groups of municipal employees on New York state and federal law regarding discrimination and harassment
- Conducted depositions and court hearings in civil litigation matters
- Drafted appellate pleadings for cases in both State and Federal Court

2009-2010 *Law Clerk, Schaffer Firm*  
Houston, Texas

- Clerked for attorneys in criminal defense firm specializing in appellate and habeas corpus work, including in capital cases
- Conducted legal research, prepared motions and drafts of habeas corpus petitions

2006-2009 *Barrister* (lawyer specializing in court room advocacy)  
London, U.K.

- Practiced as self-employed barrister with an exclusively criminal defense practice
- Represented clients charged with offences of violence, fraud, distribution of drugs, possession of firearms and sexual assault at all stages of criminal cases
- Assisted senior lawyers defending cases of murder, fraud and drug importation

2005-2006 Investigator with *Reprieve UK*  
Houston, Texas

- Assisted *Baker Botts LLP* in the post-conviction mitigation investigation for a female British national on Texas death row
- Located and interviewed numerous witnesses in Texas and the Caribbean, obtaining material for use in client's federal habeas petition

2004 Intern with *Texas Defender Service*  
Houston, Texas

- Worked with attorneys at non-profit office dedicated to representing clients facing the death penalty in Texas
- Assisted attorneys in numerous duties including collecting records of clients' life history, interviewing clients, legal research, motion drafting and investigation
- Authored a chapter of an International Human Rights report on the death penalty in the USA for British Foreign & Commonwealth Office

2003 Intern at *U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia*  
The Hague, Netherlands

- Internship (funded by the University of Nottingham) in trial chamber II assisting staff in conducting legal research and drafting judgments, working on various cases including that of Slobodan Milosevic

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Maryland Criminal Defense Attorneys' Association

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

**POSITIONS HELD / AWARDS**

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| 2020      | Member of Organizing Committee and Labor Management Committee for Maryland Defenders Union   |
| 2018-2020 | Tutor for Goucher College's Prison Education Partnership in Writing/Critical Reading for students incarcerated at Maryland Correctional Institution for Women and Maryland Correctional Institution - Jessup |
| 2003      | Member of Editorial Board for Nottingham Human Rights Law Review (Student Supplement)  |
| 2003      | Runner up 'Best Advocate' Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, UK qualifying round   |