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- Experience:**
- Office of the Cook County Public Defender** **May, 1997 – Present**
Chief, Forensic Science Division **Dec, 2013 – Present**
- Supervise attorneys who specialize in litigating DNA and forensic evidence
 - Litigate forensic science cases, including DNA and fingerprint cases
 - Plan for and conduct training for attorneys on forensic science topics
- Attorney, Homicide Task Force **Feb, 2010 – Dec, 2013**
- Lead litigation teams in complex homicide cases
 - Draft and litigate all pre-trial motions
 - Litigate forensic science cases, including DNA, ballistics, and other areas
- Attorney, Forensic Science Division **May, 2000 – February, 2010**
- Litigated criminal cases as lead counsel and co-counsel
 - Special focus on the litigation of scientific evidence, including forensic DNA, Pathology, Chemistry, and Statistics
 - Extensive experience with expert witnesses and scientific evidence
 - Drafted substantive legal motions, as well as briefs to the Illinois Supreme Court and Appellate Court
 - Selected to testify on behalf of the Office before the Illinois General Assembly on legislative matters, including testimony before House and Senate subcommittees
 - Frequently lectured and trained peers on the litigation of scientific evidence
- Illinois State Bar Association, Criminal Justice Newsletter**
Editor-in-chief **June, 2005 – Dec, 2006**
- Produced state-wide legal publication for largest attorney association in Illinois
 - Wrote and edited articles on criminal law topics
 - Recruited peers across Illinois to volunteer as authors
- Loyola University School of Law** **Chicago, Illinois**
Adjunct Professor of Legal Writing **Aug, 1998 - May, 2000**
- Taught year-long course in Legal Writing **Aug, 2001- May, 2003**

Katz, Friedman, Schur & Eagle

Attorney

Student Intern

- Investigated, filed, and litigated complaints before the National Labor Relations Board
- Researched and drafted legal memoranda and motions in areas of federal Labor Law and Disability Law
- Drafted two Seventh Circuit appellate briefs

Chicago, Illinois

Nov, 1996 – May, 1997

Feb, 1996 – Nov, 1996

Mercy Home for Boys and Girls

Youth Advocate

- Provided mentorship and life-skills training to at-risk teens in residential treatment setting

Chicago, Illinois

Jan, 1991 – June, 1993

Education: The John Marshall Law School

Juris Doctor

- Graduated *Cum Laude*
- Class Rank: Top 5% of class
- John Marshall Law Review, Staff Editor

Chicago, Illinois

June, 1996

The University of Notre Dame

Bachelor of Arts Degree

- Major of Government and International Studies

Notre Dame, Indiana

May, 1990

Publications: *Ending the One-Man Show-up*

Illinois Bar Journal Volume 103 (December 2015)

The Duty to Disclose Exculpatory Evidence Discovered After Trial

Illinois Bar Journal Volume 91 (March 2006)

Admitting Other-Crimes Evidence: A Call For Change

Illinois Bar Journal Volume 91 (March 2003)

Criminal Accountability and “Mere Presence” in Illinois

Illinois Bar Journal Volume 89 (May 2001)

*Cited by Illinois Appellate Court, First District (753 N.E.2d 1089)

Running From The Cops: Flight and Reasonable Suspicion

Under the Fourth Amendment

Loyola Public Interest Law Reporter Volume 2 (Fall 1997)

Lectures:	Illinois Institute for Continuing Legal Education <i>Litigating Forensic Fingerprint Evidence</i>	Chicago, IL October, 2017
	International Conference on Forensic Statistics <i>Reforming Forensics: What are the odds we get it right?</i>	Minneapolis, MN September, 2017
	Orlando Public Defender Office Training <i>Litigating Forensic Fingerprints</i>	Orlando, FL April, 2017
	Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys <i>Litigating Forensic Fingerprint Evidence</i>	East St. Louis, IL March, 2017
	American Academy of Forensic Science <i>Behind the Curtain: Understanding Latent Prints</i>	New Orleans, LA February, 2017
	CACJ Capital Case Defense Seminar <i>Strategies for Investigating Bad Forensic Science</i>	San Diego, CA February, 2017
	CACJ Capital Case Defense Seminar <i>Litigating the Strength of Forensic Opinions</i>	San Diego, CA February, 2017
	Minnesota Statewide Latent Print Meeting <i>Prints: A View from the Defense</i>	October, 2015 Minneapolis, MN
	Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Elite Training by the Experts <i>Hot Topics in Forensic Science</i>	Chicago, IL November, 2014
	Forensic DNA for Trial Attorneys <i>DNA: Basics You Need To Know</i>	Chicago, IL May, 2014
	National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers <i>Persuading with Science</i>	Chicago, IL October, 2011
	IICLE Defending Death Penalty Cases <i>Challenging the Science in Capital Cases</i>	Springfield, IL November, 2008
	Cook County Indigent Defense Training <i>Crossing the Chemist in Drug Cases</i>	Chicago, IL March, 2008
	IICLE Defending Drug Cases <i>Forensic Drug Identification</i>	Springfield, IL August, 2007
	D.C. Defender 5 th Annual Forensic Conference <i>Forensic Drug Identification</i>	Washington, D.C. June, 2007

American Academy of Forensic Sciences <i>Ethics in Forensic Report Writing</i>	Seattle, Washington February, 2006
Northwestern Univ. Law School Short Course for Defense Attorneys <i>Reliability of Forensic Evidence</i>	Chicago, Illinois July, 2005
National Defender Investigator Assoc. Conference <i>Investigating DNA Cases</i>	Chicago, Illinois April, 2005
The DePaul University Center for Law and Science <i>Forensic Discovery and Disclosure</i>	Chicago, Illinois May, 2004
John Marshall Law School Criminal Justice Clinic <i>Litigating Wrongful Conviction Claims</i>	Chicago, Illinois 2001 – 2004
The Office of the State Appellate Defender <i>Advocacy Through Technology</i>	St. Charles, Illinois September, 2003
The Office of the State Appellate Defender <i>Advocacy Through Technology</i>	Springfield, Illinois May, 2003
American Academy of Forensic Sciences <i>Ethics for the Forensic Scientist</i>	Chicago, Illinois February, 2003