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RESUME

Education

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Juris Doctorate, 2016

Specialization in Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Joyce A. Kelly Memorial Scholarship, American Association of University Women
- Suzanne Schmidt Scholarship, SIU School of Law
- Rosemary Bickett Memorial Scholarship (Elderlaw)
- Achievement Scholarship, SIU School of Law
- CALI Award for Excellence, Trial Advocacy
- High Honors, Lawyering Skills II Oral Argument, May, 2014
- PSA Project Winner, Preventing Legal Problems Through Public Awareness
- Teaching Assistant, Trial Advocacy Program, Negotiation, and Public Interest Programs,
- Teacher, Upward Bound Work-Study, Mock Trial
- Student Advocate, Trial Team
- Women in Law Leadership Forum, Treasurer, 2014-2015
- Student Worker, Special Projects, Office of the Dean
- Student Leader, Illinois Law and Leadership Institute, 2014, 2015
- Member, American Bar Association, Student Division
- Member, National Bar Association, Student Division
- Member, Illinois Bar Association, Student Division
- Student Member, Southern Illinois Inns of Court

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Master of Social Work, Emphasis area:

Child Welfare, 1995

- Roby Award for Academic Achievement
- Graduate Dean's Fellowship

Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, B.A., Liberal Arts 1988

- Emphasis area: Social Service Delivery and Administration

Leadership Development and Training

- Authentic Leadership: Delta Leadership Institute, Kennedy School of Government, Executive Education, Harvard University, 2017
- Graduate, Delta Leadership Institute, Executive Academy, Class of 2013
- Member, Illinois Chapter, Delta Leadership Network
- Fellow, National African American Women's Leadership Program, Class of 2001
- Graduate, Carbondale Police Dept. Citizens Academy, 2019

Employment

Owner/Attorney, Chambers and Associates, Grand Chain, Illinois
Licensed Attorney, Missouri Bar #70639
Special Public Defender, Missouri State Public Defender's Office

Consulting & Professional Services – Meeting Facilitation, Technical Writing, Research, Non-profit capacity building

Law Clerk, Bigler Law Office, Anna, Illinois, August, 2016 to November, 2018

- Legal research
- Client intake
- Drafting and filing of legal documents
- Case management
- Interact with court personnel i.e. attorneys, clerks, reporters, probation officers, etc.

Co-Founder/Executive Director, Legacy Training, Inc., Grand Chain, IL 2009 - present

- recruited, oriented, trained Board of Directors
- established Community Advisory Board
- prepared and submitted applications with local, state and federal authorities to be awarded recognition as a non-profit organization
- procured state funding to administrate a mobile public health program
- developed board manual, employee handbook, and volunteer policies
- procured and implemented an intergenerational obesity prevention initiative
- procured funding and implemented community based arts programs including public art installations, educational workshops, and performances
- established an art ambassador program in schools
- serve as conference convener for annual women's health conference
- hired, trained, and supervised staff, contractors and volunteers
- directed Increasing Access to Health through Mobile Unit project
- community lead for Southern Cares Innovative Readiness Training Mission, Cairo

Principal/Founder, Chambers & Associates, LLC, Grand Chain, IL 2001-2013

- Grant Reviewer, United States Dept. of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) Health Resource Services Administration
- Senior Consultant, USDHHS/Substance Abuse, Mental Health Services Administration
- Consultant, Illinois Resource Network, National Minority AIDS Council, and the Missouri Foundation for Health
- facilitated conferences, meetings, and retreats for public and private sector clients
- developed and implemented the Crossing Freedom from Addiction Training Institute
- Certified to provide HIV testing and Prevention Counseling
- Certified in grantsmanship by the National Grantsmanship Training Center
- Produced African American Women's Health Conference and Intergenerational HIV Prevention Pilot Program under contract with USDHHS/Office of Women's Health

Master Trainer, Foster Parent Training Project, Southern Illinois University
Division of Continuing Education, Carbondale, IL 1999-2012

- trained and evaluated Foster Parent Trainers
- provided pre-service and in-service training for prospective and licensed foster parents

Education Counselor, Bootheel GEAR-UP, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, MO 2000-2001

- served as interim director and successfully managed start-up phase of initiative that included the development of initial linkages with partner schools, recruitment, orientation and assessment of students, public relations, etc.
- developed summer academy program to expose students to college campus, and for academic enrichment and support
- assisted parents in learning how to finance college

Leadership Training Specialist, Bootheel Initiative, Southeast Missouri
State University, Cape Girardeau, MO 2000

- conducted community needs assessment
- developed leadership network
- designed and implemented leadership training
- coordinated training conferences and workshops

Project Director, Community Health and Emergency Services, Inc., Cairo, IL
with Ounce of Prevention Fund/Parents Too Soon Initiative 1993-2000

- recruiting, hiring, training, supervising staff
- marketing and community relations
- participated on management team for the agency
- collected, analyzed and reported data
- certified as supervisor for Denver Developmental Screening
- certified as facilitator for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Project

Instructor, Shawnee Community College, (SCC) Ullin, IL 1990-1999, 2018 to present
Southeast Missouri State University, (SEMO) Cape Girardeau, MO, 2001, 2018 to present

- Courses: SCC: Intro to Soc. Work, Intro to Sociology, Intro to Social Problems, Government
- SEMO: Introduction to Service Agencies, Social Justice, Social Welfare Policy

Foster Parent Recruitment Specialist, Community Health and Emergency Services, Inc. Cairo, IL 1992-1993

- developed and implemented demonstration project that included outreach, training, and support of kinship care and non-traditional foster parents

Maternal/Child Health Coordinator, Community Health and Emergency Services, Cairo, IL 1986-1993

- initiated and served as instructor for prepared childbirth classes
- initiated and facilitated support group for bereaved parents
- developed the “Healthy Kids” annual community health fair
- initiated and coordinated breast feeding campaign and peer support network
- initiated and managed prenatal emergency transport system
- initiated and implemented teen pregnancy prevention initiatives
- developed and distributed monthly parenting newsletter
- certified Prepared Childbirth Instructor
- certified Freedom from Smoking (for teens and adults) Workshop Leader

Voice Talent, WKRO - Radio, Cairo, IL 1992-94

WRIK - Radio, Metropolis, IL 1999-2002

- produced broadcast
- recorded commercials, wrote and recorded public service announcements

Case Manager, Shawnee Alliance for Seniors in Collaboration with Community Health Services, Cairo, IL 1983-1986

- assessed frail elderly and developed care plans with the goal of avoiding premature or unnecessary institutionalization
- community relations and advocated for the elderly

Volunteer Work

- Court Appointed Special Advocate, CASA of Southeast Missouri
- Client Advisory Council, Land of Lincoln Legal Services
- Board of Directors: Cairo Women’s Shelter, Women for Health and Wellness, Pulaski County Development Association, Shawnee Community College Foundation, Ohio River Scenic Byway Commission, Perinatal Association of Illinois, Illinois Caucus on Adolescent Health, Carbondale Community Arts
- Delta Center, Cairo, Illinois, Mental Health Crisis Line Worker

- Overnight volunteer, Cairo Women's Shelter
- St. John Praise and Worship Center, Pulaski, Illinois, Communications, Culinary Arts, Prison and Addiction Ministries
- Medical Reserve Corps, Southern Seven Health Dept.
- Art Ambassador, Carbondale Community Arts

Awards and Recognition

- Roby Award for Academic Achievement, Southern Illinois University
- Graduate Dean's Fellowship, Southern Illinois University
- Living Legend Award, First Missionary Baptist Church
- Community Service Award, Alexander/Pulaski County Branch NAACP
- Minority Business of the Year Award, Alexander/Pulaski County Branch NAACP
- Friend of the Young Child, Little Egypt Chapter of Education of the Young Child Association.

Other Skills

Certified Trainer:

- Mental Health First Aid USA
- Operation Jumpstart Entrepreneurship Curricula, Delta Regional Authority
- Lifeskills Training Program, National Health Promotion Associates, Inc.
- Certified Meeting Planner and Facilitator, Effective Leadership Strategies, Inc.
- Certified in Grantsmanship, National Grantsmanship Training Center

References (Available upon request)