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## EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

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**Moritz College of Law,** Columbus, OH  
*Juris Doctor*, with Certificate in Children's Studies May 2005

**The Ohio State University,** Columbus, OH  
*Bachelor of Arts, English*, cum laude and with Honors in the Liberal Arts June 2002

Supreme Court of Ohio 2006  
Supreme Court of the United States 2011  
USDC, Southern District of Ohio 2012  
US Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit 2013

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**The Office of the Ohio Public Defender**  
*Chief Counsel, Juvenile Department* Dec. 2015 – Present

- Manage department attorneys and administrative staff in day-to-day responsibilities, litigation projects, reviewing pleadings, and reform initiatives
- Engage with juvenile justice stakeholders to impact policy and positive reform in juvenile justice
- Coordinate annual training for members of Ohio's juvenile defense bar
- Present as faculty at other state and national trainings focused on delinquency representation
- Represent children and teenagers following adjudication or criminal conviction in appeals and post-conviction, including drafting legal pleadings and memoranda and presenting oral argument
- Chair various working groups within the agency

**The Office of the Ohio Public Defender**  
*Assistant State Public Defender, Juvenile Department* Nov. 2006 – Present

- Represented children and teenagers following adjudication or criminal conviction in post-disposition proceedings
- Litigated six cases in the Supreme Court of Ohio, more than 85 cases in the courts of appeals throughout the state, and successfully defended a Supreme Court win against cert
- Fielded duty questions for local attorneys and provide research support and consultation
- Interviewed juveniles and their families
- Corresponded with clients, their families, opposing counsel, and courts
- Maintained file organization and timely client billing

**Capital University Law School,**  
*Adjunct Professor, Juvenile Law* Dec. 2013 – Present

- Instruct second- and third-year law school students in juvenile law, with an emphasis on delinquency
- Compile a syllabus from U.S. Supreme Court precedent, Supreme Court of Ohio and intermediate court decisions, treatises, law review articles and juvenile justice and adolescent development research
- Draft, proctor, and grade a final examination
- Comply with administrative requirements at the University

## TRAINING EXPERIENCE

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| <b>National Juvenile Defender Center, <i>JTip Trainer</i></b> , St. Paul, MN, Cincinnati, OH  | 2018, 2019 |
| <b>National Juvenile Defender Center Leadership Summit, <i>Co-Presenter and Panelist</i></b> , 2010, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 |            |
| <b>Ohio Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, <i>Organizer, Co-Presenter, Presenter, Trainer</i></b>                                     | 2010-2019  |
| <b>Department of Youth Services, <i>Co-Presenter</i></b> , Columbus Ohio  | 2017       |
| <b>Tennessee Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers Training, <i>Presenter</i></b> , Memphis, TN                                      | 2015       |
| <b>Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections Conference, <i>Co-presenter</i></b> , Columbus, OH                                   | 2015       |
| <b>Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Conference, <i>Presenter</i></b> , Columbus, OH   | 2015       |
| <b>Ohio Association of Treatment of Sexual Abusers Conference, <i>Presenter</i></b> , Columbus, OH                                      | 2014       |
| <b>Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association Conference, <i>Co-presenter</i></b> , Columbus, OH   | 2013-14    |
| <b>Correctional Ministries and Chaplain Association Conference, <i>Presenter</i></b> , Wheaton, IL                                      | 2013       |
| <b>Christian Community Development Association Conference, <i>Co-presenter</i></b> , Minneapolis, MN                                    | 2012       |

## COMMITTEE, BOARDS, AND CERTIFICATIONS

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- Governor's Council on Juvenile Justice
- Columbus City Schools Safe Schools Working Group
- Columbus Community Safety Advisory Commission
- State Executive Steering Committee, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative
- Criminal Sentencing Commission
- Central Region Advisory Board Member, National Juvenile Defender Center
- Certified J-Tip Trainer, National Juvenile Defender Center
- Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections, Juvenile Subcommittee Chair

## RECOGNITION

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| <b>Robert E. Shepard Jr. Award for Excellence in Juvenile Justice, <i>Co-recipient</i></b> , Seattle, WA   | 2011 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ For outstanding dedication and advocacy in the field of juvenile defense and commitment to fulfilling the promise of <i>In re Gault</i>.</li></ul> |      |
| <b>Noel E. Kaech Juvenile Defender Award, <i>Inaugural Recipient</i></b> , Columbus, OH  | 2014 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ For contributions in the field of juvenile justice</li></ul>   |      |