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Top Skills

Litigation

Legal Research

Legal Writing

Certifications

Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)

Senior Executive Fellow

Connecticut Bar (inactive)

Trini E. R.

United States Attorney

Buffalo, New York, United States

Summary

Dynamic leader and crisis manager. Experience in the field of criminal justice and civil investigations. Background in corporate law, whistleblower claims, False Claims Act, Qui Tam, complex white collar, immigration and violent crime cases. Extensive experience in human trafficking, criminal civil rights investigations and prosecutions, and all aspects of courtroom litigation. Skilled in leading a multimillion dollar office with over a hundred employees. Advance degrees include a Juris Doctor (with honors) and a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice. Teaching experience at the undergraduate, graduate and professional school levels, including on-line teaching. Presenter at numerous presentations on a variety of legal topics. Certified Fraud Examiner and ACFE member.

Experience

U.S. Department of Justice

United States Attorney for the Western District of New York

October 2021 - Present (2 years 1 month)

National Science Foundation (NSF), Office of Inspector General
Director, Office of Investigations (Legal)

August 2018 - October 2021 (3 years 3 months)

Oversight and management of attorney investigators and an investigative analyst. Manage and handle investigations regarding allegations of fraud, waste, abuse and national security concerns of NSF programs. Oversight of outreach to the agency, universities and grantees. Establish office policies and priorities in conjunction with OIG managers and the Inspector General. Fostering virtuous communication and a mutually respectful, inclusive work environment which promotes each employee's strengths and provides opportunities for all; promotion of a collaborative atmosphere; ensuring compliance with administrative requirements, timeframes and policies.

United States Attorneys' Offices

Assistant United States Attorney

March 1995 - August 2018 (23 years 6 months)

Conducted investigations with federal, state and local law enforcement. Led multiple inter-agency task forces. Prosecuted violations of federal statutes and tried cases in federal district courts. Argued cases and appeals in federal district court and the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Represented the USAO at meetings with international delegations of criminal justice officials and dignitaries from foreign countries.

Leadership positions include Senior Litigation Counsel to the United States Attorney, Chief of the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Section and Deputy Chief of the White Collar and General Crime Section.

Department of Justice

Assistant Counsel, Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR)

October 2007 - December 2009 (2 years 3 months)

Investigated allegations of misconduct by Department of Justice attorneys. Conducted interviews, researched and prepared written reports.

Hiscock & Barclay, LLP

Civil Litigation Associate

August 1994 - March 1995 (8 months)

Conducted legal research and drafted legal documents. Handled depositions and represented clients in New York State Supreme Court. Practice areas included corporate litigation, tax and banking litigation, real property, surplus money proceedings and personal injury litigation.

New York State Unified Court System

Appellate Court Attorney, NYS Appellate Division, Fourth Department

August 1992 - July 1994 (2 years)

Former Appellate Court Attorney for the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, Fourth Department. Researched legal issues, reviewed and summarized legal briefs and trial transcripts, wrote legal memoranda and opinions, attended oral arguments and orally briefed Appellate Court Justices.

Education

Harvard Kennedy School

Senior Executive Fellow (SEF) · (2020)

University at Buffalo School of Law

Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, Law · (1989 - 1992)

Rutgers University - Newark

Masters of Arts, Criminal Justice · (1988 - 1990)

State University of New York at Fredonia

Bachelor of Arts - BA, Sociology and Anthropology · (1984 - 1988)