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EDUCATION:

University of Arizona College of Law, Tucson, AZ - Juris Doctorate, May 1990

University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA - Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology,
December 1986

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

Position: Judge Pro Tempore
City of Surprise, Arizona
December 2008 to Present

Duties: As a Pro Tempore Judge I handle civil traffic hearings and misdemeanor cases that arise in the City of Surprise, Arizona.

Position: 413 Sports & Entertainment
Glendale, Arizona
October 2008 to Present

Duties: I provide contract negotiation, marketing services, financial planning and legal services to professional athletes and entertainment clients.

Position: Law Office of Tamika Cheatham
Glendale, Arizona
October 2008 to Present

Duties: I provide legal representation in Driving Under the Influence (DUI) cases, misdemeanor and felony criminal matters, as well as civil and criminal traffic violations.

Position: City Prosecutor
City of Glendale
September 2003 to October 2008

Duties: I prosecuted misdemeanor cases that occurred in the City of Glendale; provided direction and oversaw the work performed by legal staff and the Assistant City Prosecutors; developed and implemented office policies, procedures and/or practices;

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coordinated policies and procedures with the Glendale Police Department and the Glendale City Court; represented the City Prosecutor's Office at City Council meetings, boards and commissions and provided advice and legal interpretation; answered questions from the Glendale Police Department, Code Enforcement and the general public; reviewed proposed city and state legislation for its impact; performed employee reviews and appraisals; prepared budget and grant fund documents; and performed other related duties as assigned.

Position: Assistant City Attorney

City of Glendale

May 2000 to September 2003

Duties: I represented the City of Glendale in litigation involving civil rights, excessive force, airport issues, public housing and personal injury matters, including negotiating with adverse parties, conducting discovery, preparing disclosures, preparation of witnesses and exhibits, and writing dispositive memoranda; provided legal services to the Police and Fire Departments; prepared legal opinions for departments, including investigation of facts, legal research and the preparation of memoranda; attended meetings of the City Council, boards, commissions and committees and provided advice and legal interpretation; prepared, reviewed and negotiated contracts, deeds, leases and prepared draft ordinances, resolutions and other legal documents; and performed other related duties as assigned.

Position: Assistant City Prosecutor

City of Glendale

August 1994 to May, 2000

Duties: I prosecuted misdemeanor cases such as driving under the influence, assault, and theft; appeared at arraignments; conducted pretrial conferences; wrote appellate memoranda, reviewed police reports to determine whether to prosecute; consulted with victims; and maintained the daily operation of the City Prosecutor's Office in the absence of the City Prosecutor.

Position: Assistant City Prosecutor

City of Tucson

July 1991 to August 1994

Duties: I prosecuted misdemeanor cases involving drugs, driving under the influence, assault, prostitution and various other misdemeanor charges; conducted pretrial conferences and arraignments.

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HONORS AND ACTIVITIES:

Professional:

NFLPA Certified Contract Advisor - 2008
Graduate – Executive Leadership Institute - 2006
Nominee - Misdemeanor Prosecutor of the Year - 7/05
Co-Creator - City of Glendale’s Treatment Court Program
Initiated the City of Glendale’s participation in www.stopduiaz.com
Chair - City of Glendale Diversity Committee - November 2002 to 2005
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State Bar of Arizona Member - May 18, 1991 to present
U.S. District Court Member- July 27, 1994 to present
Maricopa County Bar Member - 1994 to present
Hayzel B. Daniels Member - 1997, 2002 to present
Young Lawyers Association - Pima County Chairperson, 1994
Young Lawyers Association - Minority High School Outreach Program,
1993 & 1994
Panelist on Continuing Legal Education Seminar “Small Courts = Bigger
Opportunities”, 1996
Attorney/Coach - Arizona High School Mock Trial Program, 1999
Panelist on Continuing Legal Education Seminar “DUI XIV”, 1999

Civic:

Speaker - Glendale University, 2002 – 2007
Guest Lecturer – Glendale Community College – DV class - 2006
Keynote Speaker – Luke Air Force Base “50th Anniversary of Brown v. Board
of Education” - 2004
Speaker - “School to Career Night” at Independence High School, 1997
Speaker - Glendale/Peoria YMCA “Youth & Government” Program, 1995
Speaker - Glendale/Peoria YMCA Teen Court Program at Independence High
School, 1995
Speaker - Glendale American Elementary School ‘DARE’ Graduation, 1994

Law School:

Law Women’s Association - Third Year Representative, 1989 & 1990
Dean Search Committee, 1989
Minority Admission Subcommittee, 1989
Law Women’s Association – Co-Chair, 1988 & 1989
Student Bar Association - Second Year Representative 1988 & 1989
Council on Legal Education Opportunity - Moot Court Winner, 1987
Black Law Student’s Association

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Undergraduate:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Student Education Exposure Project
United Negro College Fund
Washington Preparatory High School Tutorial Program
Black Student Alliance Big Sister/Little Sister Program
Sunshine Manor Retirement Home
Meeting of the Minds

Recommendations available upon request