

SHA-SHANA CRICHTON

EXPERIENCE:

Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC

August 2007 to present

Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills and Director of Legal Writing Program (Interim Director 2009-2014)

Teach Legal Reasoning, Research and Writing and Appellate Advocacy to first and second year law students, supervise notes and comments for second and third year law students, evaluate and assist students with evaluating their legal writing skills, counsel students during weekly office hours, give students written and oral feedback, and monitor students' learning outcomes and academic performance.

Interim Director/Director Responsibilities. Organize Legal Writing Orientation for incoming students, design and implement the first and second year curriculum, develop or supervise the development of the first year legal writing course problems and assignments, write the problems and assignment for my Appellate Advocacy class, supervise a faculty of five and six Dean's Fellows, train Dean's Fellows, organize and supervise the Grammar Workshop, organize other programs hosted by the Legal Writing Program, liaise with the Dean and the Dean of Academic Affairs to ensure that the Legal Writing Program is in keeping with the mission of the law school, and attend and present and legal writing conferences.

EREN LAW, Washington, DC

September 2006 to 2008

Senior Associate (Part Time)

Researched law in the areas of Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, General Commercial Litigation, wrote memoranda, edit legal documents.

LAWCORPS., Legal Agency, Washington, DC

April 2004 to February 2005

Contract Attorney – Sherman & Sterling

Review English and Spanish documents in international arbitration case. Translate core Spanish documents into English. Prepare fact chronologies, and witness and trial binders. Edit legal documents.

UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE SCHOOL OF LAW, Cape Town, South Africa July 2002

Guest Lecturer at Howard University/ UWC School of Law Summer Abroad Program

Taught international business practices, compliance with the Export Administration Act, Anti-Boycott Act and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, sales and distribution law, agency law, and export/import law.

CRICHTON & ASSOCIATES, INC., Literary Agency, Takoma Pk, MD

March 2002 to present

President

Represent writers of fiction and nonfiction works in finding publishers and licensing subsidiary rights, negotiate publishing and licensing agreements. Lecture and present on publishing law.

CLIFFORD CHANCE ROGERS & WELLS LLP, Washington, DC September 1999 – February 2002

Litigation Associate

Represented commercial clients on a range of international and domestic issues, including breach of contract cases, false advertising and unfair competition, data privacy laws, copyrights, "framing" on the Internet, bifurcation of trials in patent litigation, broker-dealer fraud, NASD regulations, and government contracts. Drafted briefs and pleadings, including motions to dismiss, discovery requests, motions for summary judgment, settlement agreements, and motions to quash subpoena. Prepared depositions, fact outlines, and jury instructions. Managed discovery, interviewed witnesses, prepared privilege logs, witness outlines, fact summaries and exhibits in international arbitration cases. Conducted witness direct examination and cross-examination at trial. Negotiated settlement agreements. Pro bono experience included representation of plaintiff in child custody cases and defending tenants in landlord tenant cases.

ROGERS & WELLS LLP, now CLIFFORD CHANCE ROGERS & WELLS LLP, Washington, D.C. 1998

Summer Associate

Researched and wrote memoranda on issues involving international trade, cross border finance, project finance, securities litigation, First Amendment, defamation, bankruptcy, banking and credit regulations. Conducted due diligence analyses for mergers and project financing. Participated in negotiations.

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Washington, D.C.

March 1997 - July 1999

Research Assistant, Professor Ziyad Motala, Director of International and Graduate Studies

Researched, wrote and edited, memoranda, articles and comments on international law, international trade and intellectual property for publication. Topics included gray market goods in South Africa, South Africa's compliance with the TRIPS Agreement, and "The Banana Regime and the WTO." Researched information for, and edited textbook on South African Constitutional law (ZIYAD MOTALA & CYRIL RAMPAPHOSA, CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: ANALYSIS AND CASES, (Oxford University Press, 2002)).

FIMAT FUTURES USA, INC., New York, NY

1995- 1996

Assistant to the General Counsel

Monitored commodities trades and traders to ensure that they complied with CFTC rules. Proofed commodities trading list daily. Maintained compliance records and legal files.

EDUCATION:

HOWARD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Washington, D.C.

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, 1999

HONORS: National Dean's List; Recipient, Howard Merit Scholarship (1997, 1998, 1999); Managing Editor, *Howard Law Journal*; Honoree, Phillip C. Jessup Competition, (International Moot Court); *CALI Award* (Highest Grade in Class): Legal Writing, Torts, International Business Transactions, International Economic Law, Estate Gift and Tax, and Advanced Legal Research; *Phi Alpha Delta*

UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES, Mona, Jamaica (W.I.)

Bachelor of Arts, *Upper Class Honors*, Languages and International Relations, May, 1994

Foreign Study: *Instituto Benjamin de Tudela*, Navarra, Spain (August 1988 – July 1989)

ADMISSIONS:

District of Columbia, New York, and New Jersey

CERTIFICATES:

Certified Mediator, MACMC (2004); Certificate of Participation - Howard University Leadership Institute: Managerial Development Series – Level 1

ASSOCIATIONS:

Member (Master) Giles S. Rich American Inn of Court; Member of the American Bar Association; Former Volunteer Mediator Silver Spring District Court, Conflict Resolution Center of Montgomery County; President University of the West Indies Alumni Association Washington DC Metro Chapter "UWIAADC" (2007 – 2014); Immediate Past President UWIAADC 2014 to present; Mentor, The Women in Public Service Project (2014- present)

LANGUAGES:

Fluent in Spanish, Proficient in French

PUBLICATION:

Distinguishing Between Direct and Consequential Damages Under New York law in Breach of Service Contract Cases, *Howard Law Journal*, Volume 45 (2002).

The Incomplete Revolution: Women Journalists - 50 Years After Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, We've Come A Long Way Baby, But Are We There Yet? *Howard Law Journal*, Volume 58 (2014).

AWARDS:

Selected as one of the African Leadership Magazine's 100 Outstanding Leaders for 2015

LECTURES AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

List will be made available upon request.

SHA-SHANA N.L. CRICHTON

Selected Conference Presentations

- *Using Fiction to Teach Advocacy* (Sixth Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, Scholarly Workshop, Baltimore March 11-12, 2016.)
- *Leading from the Inside Out: Strategies for Being the Best Leader and Maintaining a Balanced Life* 2015 Legal Writing and Leadership Conference Oregon Law School (April 2015)
- *LRW Professor Plus: the LRW Professor as Teacher, Mentor, Coach, and Role Model* (Fifth Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, William & Mary, March 6-7, 2015.)
- *Using Literary Classics to Teach Students How to Write the Fact Statement* (Central States Legal Writing Conference Sept. 27-29 2013.)
- *The Scholarly Way The Nuts & Bolts of Getting your Book Published – Creating a Platform, Writing a Proposal, and Finding a Publisher*, GW Law School, LWI One Day Conference, November 30, 2012.
- *Women in the Media: Are we there yet?* (International Law and Gender Conference at the University of Lucerne, Switzerland, Nov. 16-18, 2012)
- *Finding The Calm in the Storm: Strategies On Keeping The Storm At Bay When Grading* (The Second Capital Area Legal Writing Conference, Georgetown University Law Center on March 9-10, 2012.)
- *Using the Draft Brief Conference to Teach Professionalism* (The LWI One Day Workshop, at George Mason University, December 1, 2011.)
- *"I Did Not Mean To": Helping Our Students To Avoid Plagiarism In This Digital Age* Second Annual Empire State Legal Writing Conference, Empire State Legal Writing Conference, May 13, 2011.
- *"I Did Not Mean To": Helping Our Students To Avoid Plagiarism In This Digital Age*. Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, March 24 - 26, 2011.
- *Cyber-bullying – A School's Obligation to Protect its Students at a Crossroad*, Legal Writing Institute Writers Workshop, June 2010.

Other Presentations

- Presented at the Howard Caribbean Law Association Alternative Careers and Networking Panel - February 17, 2016
- Conducted Workshop on *The Nuts and Bolts of the Book Publishing Contract* (Howard University School of Medicine Louis Stokes Health Science Library, April 17, 2014)
- (Co-host and panelist) Panel discussion *UWI A First-Rate Institution*, Panelists Included: Dame Deborah-Mae Lovell, Ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda to the United States; Mr. Richard Fletcher, former principal advisor for strategic planning and budget of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and former Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance (Jamaica); Sha-Shana Crichton, Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills at Howard University School of Law and former President UWIAA DC Metro Area Chapter; and Malene Alleyne, Consultant, Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, **Moderator**: His Excellency Professor Stephen Vasciannie, Ambassador of Jamaica; **Welcome** Sir George Alleyne, Chancellor of the University of the West Indies (April 3, 2014)
- Facilitated and Moderated Panel Discussion with Brian Banks (a football linebacker, who was accused without cause and wrongfully convicted, leading to more than five years in prison his denial of football scholarship to the University of Southern California.) Worked with SESLA. (Worked with Linda Anderson and Angelyn Frazer of NACDL) (February 27, 2014)
- *Should You Get an LL.M. from the United States? A Practical Discussion (in Spanish) for Costa Rican Law Students*, (moderator) featured presenters Lourdes Marshall, Associate Director of Graduate Affairs at NYU School of Law and Fernando Villareal Gonda of Facultad Libre de Derecho de Monterrey, Mexico (Global Legal Skills Conference in Costa Rica on March 12 -14, 2012.)

- *"Multitasking" versus "Focus": Which is the Essential Legal Skill for Lawyers and Law Students?"* (**moderator**) panelist Anne Enquist (Global Legal Skills Conference in Costa Rica on March 12 -14, 2012.)
- Small group facilitator the Critiquing Conference at the AALS beginning Legal Writing Teacher's section in Washington DC (June 23, 2011.)
- Keynote Speaker National Black Book Conference, Houston Texas, 2010.

Conference Planning and Program Support

- Co-chaired Panel Presentation at the Giles Rich Inn of Courts. “Imitation is the In-Sincerest Form of Flattery” Program Chairs Terrence Brown of Shlesinger, Arkwright & Garvey, LLP, and Sha-Shana Crichton, Assistant Professor of Lawyering Skills at Howard University School of Law (April. 2, 2014.)
- Co-hosted Fourth Annual Capital Area Legal Writing Conference with UDC Law School (March 1, 2014.)

Committees

Law School Committees

- Curriculum Committee.2015-present
- Admissions and Financial Aid 2012- present.
- Student Affairs 2007-2012

Other Law School Service

- HUSL Dean Search Committee 2014.
- Faculty Advisor to the Association of Caribbean Law Students.
- Advisor to the HUSL Students on the Giles Rich Inn of Courts.

Other Committees / Associations

- SPRC (Staff Parish Relations Committee) Silver Spring United Methodist Church (2016 – present)
- Mentor, The Women in Public Service Project (2014- present.)
- Past President, UWI Alumni Association Washington DC Metro Chapter and member of the Vice Chancellor's Presidents Club (VCPC) June 2014 to present.
- President, UWI Alumni Association Washington DC Metro Chapter and member of the Vice Chancellor's Presidents Club (VCPC) 2007- June 2014.
- Giles Rich Inn American Inn of Court, September 2014 Master.
- Giles Rich Inn American Inn of Court, 2008-2014 Barrister.

LRRW Committees /Membership

- Legal Writing Institute Diversity and Initiatives Committee (Chair – term begins June 2016)
- Faces of LWI (Legal Writing Institute) 2014 to June 2016.
- Deputy Editor, International Law Year In Review, ABA Section of International Law
- AWLD Association of Legal Writing Directors. (Member Leadership and Development Committee) 2015 - present