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## **WORK HISTORY**

- 2012 to present**      **Illinois Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission**  
**Co-Chair, Mediation Committee**  
Leading effort to expand use of mediation in Illinois Courts to improve access to justice
- 2013 to Present**      **Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law**  
**Senior Fellow**  
Consulting on Lawyers' Committee's Voting Rights Project
- 2007-2012**      **Legal Assistance Foundation (LAF)**  
**Director, Immigrant and Workers' Rights Practice Group**  
Oversight of LAF's Employment, Immigration and Migrant Worker Practice Group  
**Deputy Director**  
Oversight of LAF's Housing, Employment, Domestic Violence, Consumer, Elder Abuse, Children's Law, HIV/AIDS, Public Benefits, Matrimonial Law, Education, and Immigration Projects
- 1976-2007**      **Partner, Sachnoff & Weaver (merged with Reed Smith in 2007)**
- 1973-1975**      **Law Clerk, Judge Hubert L. Will, Federal District Judge**  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2007 to present**      **Distinguished Practitioner in Residence**  
School of Law, Loyola University, Chicago  
Courses: Mediation Advocacy; Mediation Court Practicum; Advanced Mediation
- 1982 - 1997**      **Adjunct Professor**  
Northwestern University School of Law  
Courses: Trial Practice, Advanced Trial Practice
- 1981**      **Faculty Member**  
National Institute for Trial Advocacy

## REPRESENTATIVE CIVIL RIGHTS AND *PRO BONO* MATTERS

Represented associations of African-American, Hispanic, Asian, and women contractors at trial in a case challenging the City of Chicago's affirmative action program for construction contracts

Co-lead counsel in a series of class action lawsuits on behalf of consumers charged usurious interest by pay-day lenders

Represented a group of Chicago Aldermen alleging the unconstitutional remap of the City's wards

Obtained a \$500,000 judgment for an African-American child who was the victim of a brutal racial attack

Represented an African-American high school student who was attacked with a crowbar as part of a hate crime, resulting in a \$180,000 jury verdict

Recovered \$300,000 for an African-American woman whose home was fire-bombed after she moved into a changing neighborhood

One of the lawyers representing a class of women who were subject to illegal strip searches by City of Chicago police

## EDUCATION

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| <b>1972</b> | <b>Legal Education</b><br>JD, Georgetown University Law Center         |
| <b>1968</b> | <b>Graduate Education</b><br>MBA, Washington University, St Louis      |
| <b>1967</b> | <b>Undergraduate Education</b><br>BA, Washington University, St. Louis |

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| <b>2011 - 2012</b>     | <b>Chairman</b><br>Legal Aid Committee of the Chicago Bar Association   |
| <b>2001 to present</b> | <b>Midwest Co-Chairman and Member, Board of Directors</b><br>National Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law |
| <b>1979 - 2007</b>     | <b>Chairman (1991) and Member, Board of Directors</b><br>Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law      |

## AWARDS

- 2007**      **Public Interest Convocation Award**  
**School of Law, Loyola University, Chicago**  
For outstanding achievements in public service and *pro bono* service
- 2004**      **ACLU Edwin A. Rothschild Civil Liberties Award**  
For contributions to the cause of civil liberties and social justice
- 2003**      **President's Award, Black Contractors United**  
For representation of minority and women contractors in a lawsuit opposing a challenge to the City of Chicago's affirmative action program

## PUBLICATIONS

Co-Author, *Challenges, Opportunities and Lessons from One Important Advocacy Partnership*, MIE Journal, Vol. XXV, No. 2, 2011

Co-Author, Chapter 14, *The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005*, IICLE Publication on Class Actions, 2007

Co-Author, Chapter 13, *Class Actions*, IICLE Publication on Federal Civil Procedure, 2006

Co-Author, *The Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, A Brave New World of Jurisdiction*, Class Action Reports, Vol. 26, No. 3, May-June 2005

Co-Author, Chapter 24, *Settling a Class Action*, Settlement Agreements in Commercial Disputes, Aspen Law and Business, 2000