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EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii Admission, 9th Circuit Admission 2/2022
Hawai'i Bar Admission (HI State Bar #11541) 12/2021

North Carolina Bar Admi

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Owner, Law Office of Caroline M. Elliot, Honolulu, HI 8/2023 - present

- Represent clients in criminal matters in both state and federal court.
- Meet with potential clients and answer legal questions.
- Write and edit briefs and motions for filing in federal district court and the Ninth Circuit.
- Assist clients in civil matters, such as Temporary Restraining Orders, and other general civil litigation.

Associate, Attorneys For Freedom Law Firm, Honolulu, HI 6/2022 - present

Associate Counsel, USA v. Michael Miske, Jr., Honolulu, HI 11/2020 - 9/2021

Assistant Public Defender, Wake County Public Defender's Office, Raleigh, NC 9/2008 - 9/2020

- Assigned to handle all classes of felony offenses and managed a caseload of approximately 150 felony offenses in district and superior courts.
- Was lead counsel in 8 felony jury trials in Wake County Superior Court.
- Was lead counsel in 4 First Degree Murder cases and 2 Second Degree Murder cases that resolved prior to trial..
- Handled several high level sex offenses and negotiated pleas for reduced sentences.
- Sat 2nd chair in three First Degree Murder trials and one Second Degree Murder trial.
- Served as 2nd chair in the trial of Jonathan Broyhill in high-profile First Degree Murder case in 2013.
- Assisted as 3rd chair in both trials of Jason Young in high-profile First Degree Murder case in 2011-2012.
- Managed case load of approximately 250 misdemeanor offenses in district and superior courts.
- Tried dozens of cases in front of district court judges.

Wake County Public Defender's Office, Raleigh, NC Summer 2007
Intern

Prof. Daniel H. Pollitt, Chapel Hill, NC 8/2006 - 5/2008
Research Assistant

Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Durham, NC Summer 2006

Legal Intern

Miller, Balis & O’Neil, PC, Washington, DC

6/2004 - 5/2005

Legal Assistant

Mann, VonKallist & Young, PA, Charlotte, NC

Summer 2003

Legal Assistant

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Board Member, Criminal Justice Alternatives, Inc. of Wake County, NC

Jan. 2013 - Jan. 2022

President, 2020

Treasurer, 2019

Secretary, 2013 - 2019

Annual Guest Lecturer: “Sexual Violence & the Law” course, UNC Chapel Hill School of Law, Spring 2016 - present, Chapel Hill, NC.

Developed and presented Ethics seminar: “Attorney-Client Privilege and the Rule of Confidentiality” for 500 attendees at the annual Public Defender Conference in May 2018, Charlotte NC.

Taught small group workshops to 10-15 attendees at New Felony Defender Training in February 2018 and February 2019, Chapel Hill, NC.

Chapter Editor, *Klinkosum on Criminal Defense Motions, 3d Edition (2014)*. Sarah Jessica Farber, Editor. Chapter 8, Motions to Suppress Evidence.