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## professional summary

- Tried more than 40 cases as first chair Assistant District Attorney in New York City, resulting in convictions for homicides, sex crimes, robberies, burglaries and other serious felonies
- Conceived, created, delivered and ran the litigation practice of 15+ popular courses at the Practising Law Institute (PLI)
- Appeared on live television for 10 years as a legal analyst on Court TV and local and national media to comment on current legal cases and translate complicated legal concepts into understandable terms

## experience

### TRIBECA BLUE CONSULTING, LLC, DENVER, CO

FOUNDER & CEO, JULY 2017 TO PRESENT

- Founded and run a business to train professionals in presentation skills, public speaking and on-camera work
- Coach and teach individuals and groups to give powerful and creative presentations so they can communicate effectively with their clients and audiences

### PRACTISING LAW INSTITUTE (PLI), NEW YORK, NY

PROGRAM ATTORNEY, OCT. 2006 TO FEB. 2015

- Researched relevant case law and current legal developments to create and produce timely, practical and relevant continuing legal education (CLE) programs
- Recruited faculty of industry-leading litigators and federal and state judges and collaborated with them to provide high level instruction on legal topics including trial advocacy, white collar crime, class action litigation and securities litigation
- Counseled practitioners on intellectual property implications of program content
- Reviewed potential presentations and helped guide and focus panel discussions
- Conducted on-camera interviews of speakers across multiple program sectors (litigation, corporate, securities, intellectual property) for inclusion in PLI and law firm marketing materials

### NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECURITIES DEALERS (NASD), NEW YORK, NY

STAFF ATTORNEY, ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, OCT. 2004 TO JAN. 2006

- Investigated and litigated securities and white collar criminal actions, including money laundering, fraud, trading violations and other financial crimes committed by and against stock exchange members
- Took and defended depositions, prepared witnesses, devised and implemented case strategy, conducted legal research and successfully mediated disputes and negotiated settlements

### QUEENS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, KEW GARDENS, NY

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY, AUG. 1994 TO OCT. 2004

#### TRIALS:

- Litigated more than 40 felony cases to verdict as the first chair prosecutor
- Prosecuted crimes ranging from charges of murder, attempted murder, assault, robbery and burglary to possession and sale of narcotics and weapons and enterprise corruption
- Devised case strategy for investigation and trial, conducted extensive legal research, analyzed evidence and crafted and delivered creative and persuasive opening and closing arguments
- Prepared and examined law enforcement, civilian and expert witnesses in areas including ballistics, fingerprint analysis, eyewitness identification, crime scene preservation, evidence collection, neurology, emergency medicine and trauma surgery
- Researched, analyzed and argued evidentiary and other legal issues that arose at trial, on two occasions proposing novel theories later adopted into regular practice by the Court and the DA's office

#### APPEALS:

- Successfully briefed and argued ten appeals in six months, all resulting in affirmations of the underlying felony convictions

#### PRE-TRIAL AND INVESTIGATIVE EXPERIENCE:

- Presented thousands of cases to the Grand Jury and obtained indictments for homicides, robberies, sex crimes, burglaries and assaults
- Litigated hundreds of contested evidentiary hearings involving legal questions of search and seizure, right to counsel, voluntariness of defendants' statements and propriety of identification procedures
- Obtained search warrants and eavesdropping warrants in organized crime and rackets cases
- Negotiated thousands of plea agreements

#### HONORS:

- Selected in second year for the Special Victims Bureau to handle grand jury investigations and presentations of sex crimes and crimes against children and the elderly
- Selected for the Career Criminals and Major Crimes Bureau to handle high-profile cases involving defendants with felonious criminal histories and cases involving multiple offense, county-wide robbery, burglary and assault charges
- Selected for the Organized Crime and Rackets Bureau to handle complex cases of enterprise corruption, money laundering, embezzlement and insurance fraud
- Selected to teach trial advocacy skills to other attorneys, supervise evidentiary hearings and trials and serve as an instructor in the office's National Institute of Trial Advocacy (NITA) training program

#### FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC), WASHINGTON, D.C.

##### JUDICIAL CLERK, SEPT. 1992 TO JULY 1994

- Assisted two federal administrative law judges in resolving the legal disputes before them
- Conducted extensive legal research in preparation for hearings, wrote draft decisions, facilitated communications with all parties to cases and supported judges in conducting hearings, mediating disputes and negotiating settlements

## education

### AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, WASHINGTON, D.C.

J.D., *cum laude*, June 1992

Top 10% of graduating class; Moot Court, Criminal Justice Clinic

### CORNELL UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, ITHACA, NY

B.A., Government, June 1989

On-air reporter, WVBR Radio; Features reporter, *Cornell Daily Sun*

## bar admissions

Admitted to the Bars of the States of Colorado, Maryland and New York

Admitted to the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court

## interests

Avid reader of first novels and newly discovered authors; interior design; figure skating; photography