

HON. KIMBERLEY BAKER GUILLEMET (RET.)

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law

Associate Professor of Legal Research and Writing

Co-Director of Appellate Advocacy Program for Internal Competitions

Currently teaching Legal Research and Writing I and II. Serve as faculty advisor to the law school's moot court team. Organize and manage three moot court competitions per year, including 1L competition involving more than 200 students.

Malibu, CA

July 2026-Present

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Judicial Education Seminar (JES)

Certified Instructor/ Faculty

Instructed bench officers in various jurisdictions throughout California. Developed curriculum in multiple legal disciplines including mental health, diversion, restorative justice, implicit bias, appellate law and practice, and judicial ethics, among others.

Los Angeles, CA

May 2020 – June 2026

Southwestern Law School

Adjunct Professor of Law

Lectured law school graduates on subjects tested on the California State Bar Examination. Reviewed, graded and critiqued students' essays. Held semi-weekly office hours. Worked with students individually and in a classroom setting to deepen their level of preparation for the California State Bar Examination. Assisted students in honing test-taking skills.

Los Angeles, CA

January 2011 – January 2012

University of Phoenix

Associate Faculty/Instructor

Certified to teach undergraduate courses in the fields of *Legal Ethics* and *Advocacy and Mediation*. Developed and tailored lesson plans, facilitated lectures and classroom discussions and conducted assessments. Guided students in developing presentation, verbal communication and college-level writing skills.

Los Angeles, CA

November 2006 – November 2007

Upward Bound Program

Teacher

Taught the fundamentals of English grammar, literary development and writing to 9th, 10th and 11th grade students. Developed curriculum to cater to the students' areas of academic need and educational interest. Administered assessments to chart students' academic progress in literacy, reading comprehension and writing. Tutored 9th through 12th grade students in English, social studies and test-taking skills.

Los Angeles, CA

January 2004 - May 2005

Sixth Avenue Elementary School

Teacher/Program Coordinator

Instructed 5th grade students in language arts, math, social studies and science. Administered lessons in both English and Spanish (for English learners and dual language learners). Served as Coordinator of Proficiency-in-English Speech and Oratorical Program and coordinated the African-American History, Latino History and Career Day programs.

Los Angeles, CA

August 2000 – August 2002

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles Superior Court

Judge

Appellate Division

As a member of a three-judge panel, preside over countywide appeals filed in misdemeanor, traffic, and limited civil cases, as well as petitions for extraordinary relief filed in the same cases and in certain small claims actions. Decide motions, requests, and applications related to appeals and writs. Preside over bi-monthly oral argument hearings and writ hearings. Author and publish opinions.

Los Angeles, CA

March 2018- June 2026

May 2024 – June 2026

Criminal Division

Presided over high-volume felony community collaborative behavioral health treatment courts, felony arraignment

March 2018 – May 2024

courts, preliminary hearing courts, misdemeanor trial courts, and traffic courts. Managed high-volume calendars in an efficient and priority-centered manner. Presided over various types of hearings pertaining to bail and custody determinations, diversion suitability, *Pitchess* motions, *Faretta* motions, *Marsden* motions, probation violations, motions to suppress, motions to dismiss, and victim restitution, among others. Presided over extraditions and preliminary hearings. Responsible for determining treatment suitability and appropriate sentencing terms for defendants with severe mental illness and substance abuse needs convicted of felonies. Through court committee leadership roles, advised court leadership as to judicial recruitment and retention efforts, mental health-related matters and research attorney and law clerk hiring decisions.

Assistant Supervising Judge, Limited Jurisdiction, Criminal Division

January 2022 – December 2022

Supervised bench officers assigned to misdemeanor trial, misdemeanor arraignment, felony arraignment and preliminary hearing assignments. Collaborated with administrative team to streamline court application processes and update forms to improve and expand their accessibility to the public. Presided over the misdemeanor master calendar court. Responsible for assigning cases out for trial, facilitating resolution of cases, sentencing defendants and hearing various pretrial motions, including motions to continue, motions to dismiss, judicial diversion motions, and protective order modification petitions, among others. Presided over and issued rulings for all misdemeanor writ of habeas corpus petitions filed in Los Angeles Superior Court. Presided over all hearings pertaining to misdemeanor petitions and motions for vacatur, expungement, factual innocence, arrest record sealing, return of property, requests to quash search warrants (pre-filing) and property inspection warrants, among others. Managed unit scheduling and coverage matters, conducted performance evaluations and managed search warrant, arrest warrant, emergency protective order and other rotational duties. Assisted the supervising judge with other administrative duties as assigned.

Office of Mayor Eric Garcetti

Los Angeles, CA

Director, Office of Reentry

August 2015 – March 2018

Served as the director and chief administrator of Mayor Eric Garcetti's Office of Reentry. Developed and implemented innovative multi-million-dollar, city-wide programs and policies to remove barriers to reentry faced by formerly incarcerated Angelenos. Served on intergovernmental task forces and committees, and managed public engagement related to reentry for the Mayor's Office. Met and collaborated with public and private stakeholders to develop well-rounded and inclusive programming and policies that supported formerly incarcerated individuals in finding stability, resources and employment, while improving the city's public safety and enhancing the city's economic development. Appointed as the city's policy lead for equity and access issues pertaining to boys and men of color. Served as a subject matter expert in the areas of criminal justice policy.

California Department of Justice

Los Angeles, CA

Deputy Attorney General

March 2008 – August 2015

Criminal Division-Appeals, Writs & Trials Section

July 2012 – August 2015

Represented the people of California in criminal appellate actions. Handled felony criminal appeals and related writs before the California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court. Responded to habeas corpus litigation in the United States District Court and Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Participated in statewide Hague Child Abduction meetings and trainings. Served as a member of the Attorney General's ***Division of Recidivism Reduction and Reentry*** (DR3), an initiative designed to curb recidivism in California through the utilization of best practices and policy initiatives. Executed DR3 work that included identifying grants to fund the creation and expansion of innovative anti-recidivism programs, drafting grant applications, liaising with local law enforcement, governmental and educational entities, and researching best practices in the area of recidivism reduction.

Civil Division-Licensing Litigation Section

March 2008 – July 2012

Represented several state client agencies in various phases of civil and administrative consumer protection litigation, including proceedings for injunctive relief, license application cases, prosecution of disciplinary actions against current licensees, license suspension cases, reinstatement cases and probation modification and termination cases against medical professionals, behavioral science professionals, contractors, security guards and several other classes of state licensees. Prepared a variety of legal documents for trials and hearings, including, but not limited to, general civil and administrative pleadings, complaints for injunctive relief, applications for temporary restraining orders and memoranda of points and authorities. Advised investigators and representatives of state regulatory agencies on legal issues. Prepared a variety of legal research assignments in the areas of criminal law, licensing law, civil procedure and administrative procedure.

Disability Rights California (formerly Protection & Advocacy, Inc.)

Los Angeles, CA

Staff Attorney/Equal Justice Works Law Fellow/Facilitator

September 2005 – February 2008

Developed, facilitated, managed and secured grant funding for novel legal service project targeting underrepresented youth with behavioral health needs. Provided legal representation to youth with disabilities and their parents at resolution sessions, mediations, administrative hearings, in court and in Special Education Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) meetings. Served as counsel on class action litigation teams. Developed and conducted trainings for youth, families and organizations serving underserved communities in the areas of education, mental health and criminal justice. Held intake hours where I provided counsel and advice to callers regarding their disability-related legal matters. Conducted legal research and analysis and authored due process complaints, compliance complaints, correspondence to opposing counsel, legal memoranda, briefs, motions and other court-related documents. Wrote opinion and advice letters to families, school district representatives and other agency officials. Provided technical assistance to practitioners in other fields. Served on statewide and citywide committees and task forces focused on issues impacting youth. Handled policy work through analysis of pending state legislation impacting persons with disabilities. Served as law clerk program coordinator and supervisor. Handled personnel related issues, including approval of work accommodations, scheduling and work assignments. Developed and managed timelines and budgets in connection with fellowship and grant applications for the organization's various projects.

Disability Rights California

Los Angeles, CA

Law Clerk/ Legal Assistant

May 2004 – April 2005

Researched and wrote memoranda on a variety of legal issues including accommodations for disabled individuals, Social Security entitlements, liability insurance with regard to Medicare beneficiaries and federal, state and local compliance with Special Education laws. Assisted in drafting a compliance complaint with regard to "least restrictive environment" violations. Served as a liaison between clients and legal staff. Wrote letters and made phone calls to various entities on behalf of clients. Attended Special Education Individualized Education Plan (I.E.P.) meetings.

Chambers of the Honorable Patrick J. Walsh, United States Magistrate Judge

Los Angeles, CA

Judicial Extern

January 2004 – April 2004

Assisted in preparing and writing decisions for cases involving appeals of Social Security benefit denials and state and federal habeas corpus petitions. Conducted legal research on pertinent areas of administrative, state and federal law. Observed pre-trial proceedings in civil and criminal federal cases, including discovery disputes, settlement conferences, bail hearings and warrant disputes.

University of Southern California Gould School of Law Post-Conviction Justice Project

Los Angeles, CA

Certified Law Student Intern

August 2003 – May 2004

Completed an intensive year-long clinical course that examined the penal system and issues of social justice built upon fundamentals of substantive areas of the law such as Criminal Procedure and Evidence. Interviewed and represented state inmates at parole hearings and for related post-conviction matters before Commissioners of the Board of Prison Terms as a certified law student intern. Drafted and filed administrative parole suitability appeals.

The Alliance for Children's Rights

Los Angeles, CA

Legal Intern

June 2003 – August 2003

Researched and wrote memoranda and briefs centered on children's rights, juvenile dependency, juvenile delinquency and special education. Interviewed clients for Adoptions Backlog Project and for Guardianship Project. Interviewed clients for declarations and drafted declarations in both English and Spanish. Translated for Spanish-speaking clients. Served as a courtroom assistant during "Adoptions Saturday."

EDUCATION

University of Southern California Gould School of Law

Juris Doctor Degree

Honors Journal: Review of Law and Women's Studies, Editor-in-Chief

Honors: Shattuck Public Service Award Recipient

Foundation of the California State Bar Scholarship Recipient

Bergstrom Child Welfare Law Fellow

National Black Law Students Association, Sandy Brown Scholarship Recipient

Adam Freeman Scott Memorial Grant Recipient

Stanford University

Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature

Bachelor of Arts Degree in History with High Honors

Honors Thesis: *Racial Discrimination in the Women's Army Corps During World War II*

University of the Americas, Puebla, Mexico

Performed and published research on the Mexican education system.

BOOKS

Guillemet, K. B. (2021). *Black Prep: Life Lessons of a Perpetual Outsider*. Los Angeles: Ransom & Baker Publishing House.

EDUCATIONAL PUBLICATIONS/ TRAINING MATERIALS AUTHORED

- (2021) "Balanced Justice: Exploring Misdemeanor Diversion and Sentencing Alternatives in 2021" Training Materials, Co-author.
- (2020) "Mental Health Diversion: What Options Are Available to Help You Do the Right Thing?" Training Materials, Co-author.
- (2019) "Rehabilitation and Restoration: Effective Correctional Approaches for Recidivism Reduction and Their Application in Los Angeles County" UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review, available at: <https://escholarship.org/uc/item/3k70n0xs>.
- (2008) "How to Obtain an Independent Educational Evaluation at Public Expense" Publication, Outreach Materials of Disability Rights California (formerly Protection & Advocacy, Inc.), Contributing Author, available at: <http://www.disabilityrightsca.org/pubs/547601.htm>.
- (2006) "Compliance Complaint Training Manual" for Pro Bono Attorneys.
- (2006) "School Behavior Modification and School Discipline" Publication, Outreach Materials of Disability Rights California, (formerly Protection & Advocacy, Inc.).
- (2006) "Know Your Rights" Four Part Training Series for Youth in Foster Care, Co-author.

FEATURED SPEAKER/FACILITATOR

- Implicit Bias, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles (CAALA) Conference, Sept. 2026
- Use of Court-Appointed Neutrals in Criminal Cases, Annual Meeting of the Association of Court-Appointed Neutrals (ACAN), Mar. 2026
- "Making an Effective Record" Judicial Training, Mar. 2026
- Resilience Training for High School Students, Feb. 2026
- Constitutional Law Training, Feb. 2026
- Strength-Based Mindset Training for High School Students, Marymount High School, Nov. 2025
- California Lawyers Association Pathways to the Bench Panel, Loyola Law School, Nov. 2025
- Resilience Training for High School Students, Nov. 2025
- Lessons in Resilience Panel, Stanford University, Oct. 2025
- Los Angeles Judicial Mentor Program Panel, Sept. 2025
- Resilience Training for High School Students, Aug. 2025
- "A View from Appellate" Judicial Education Training, Jul. 2025
- Resilience Symposium, Keynote Speaker, Jul. 2025
- Resilience Training for High School Students, Jun. 2025
- "Judges in the Classroom" Presentation, Mar. 2025
- Black Pre-law Society Panel, University of Southern California, Feb. 2025
- Careers in Law and Education Panel, Caroline D. Bradley Seminar, Feb. 2025
- "Judges in the Community" Presentation, Nov. 2024

- Los Angeles Judicial Mentor Program Panel, Oct. 2024
- Los Angeles Judicial Mentor Program Panel, Apr. 2024
- New Judges Orientation, Instructor, Mar. 2024
- “Judges in the Classroom” Presentation, Mar. 2024
- “Family and Youth-Focused Practitioners: The Los Angeles Superior Court Wants You!” Panel, Judicial Mentor Program, Jul. 2023.
- “Demystifying the Department of Mental Health” Training, Mental Health Committee Presentation, Apr. 2023.
- “Judges in the Classroom” Presentation, Juarez Elementary School, Apr. 2023.
- “What’s Really Stopping You From Applying?” Panel, Judicial Mentor Program, Mar. 2023.
- “Justice & Feminism” Presentation, Feminist Book Club, Feb. 2023.
- Pre-Teen Empowerment Presentation, American Youth Soccer Organization, Jan. 2023.
- *Black Prep* Interview, “The Only One in the Room” Podcast, Dec. 2022.
- *Black Prep* Book Club Presentation, Marlborough School Parents’ Association Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Nov. 2022.
- “Pathways to Law” Panel, American Bar Association Litigation Section, Oct. 2022.
- Judicial Mentor Program Presentation, Multicultural Bar Association Reception, Aug. 2022.
- Women Lawyers of Los Angeles, Career Development & Life Balance Committee Presentation, Mar. 2022
- Private School Axis Student Equity and Inclusion Conference, Mar. 2022.
- Inclusion Presentation, Adult Learning Academy, California State University Dominguez Hills, Feb. 2022.
- Reed Smith Black History Month Event, Feb. 2022.
- “Pathways to the Bench” Panel, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Jan. 2022.
- “Navigating Bias in the Courtroom Setting” Presentation, Consumer Attorneys Association of Los Angeles, Sep. 2021.
- Misdemeanor Diversion and Sentencing Alternatives Judicial Training, Jul. 2021.
- Los Angeles Superior Court Judicial Mentor Program Workshops, Nov. 2020, Jan. 2021, Apr. 2021, Jul. 2021, Oct. 2021, Jan. 2022, Apr. 2022., Oct. 2022.
- Mental Health Diversion Judicial Training, Jul. 2020.
- Solar Jobs & Second Chances Event, Sept. 2017.
- Annual Global Homeboy Network Gathering Fireside Chat, Aug. 2017.
- Housing Advocacy Event, Aug. 2017.
- Human Justice Launch Event, Jul. 2017.
- Coro Fellow Presentation, Jul. 2017.
- Juvenile Justice Roundtable with Congressman Cardenas, Jul. 2017.
- City of Los Angeles Fair Chance Job Fair, Jun. 2017.
- Temple Israel Social Justice Presentation, Jun. 2017.
- University of Southern California Gould School of Law Women in the Law Panel, May 2017.
- Fair Chance Ordinance Trainings, Apr. 2017 – Mar. 2018.
- Collateral Consequences of Conviction Trainings, April 2017 – Mar. 2018.
- City of Los Angeles Human Trafficking Summit, Jan. 2017.
- California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation Job Fair Program, Oct. 2016.
- Fair Chance Hiring Toolkit Trainings, Sept. 2016.
- California Institution for Women Graduation Ceremony, Aug. 2016.
- UCLA VIP Scholars Program, Jun. 2016, Jun. 2017, Jun. 2018, Jun. 2019, Jun. 2021, Jun. 2022.
- Higher Education Access Challenge at University of Southern California, Jun. 2016.
- Black Probation Officers Association Annual Training, Feb. 2016.
- Proposition 47 Panels, Dec. 2015 – Mar. 2018.
- Reentry Informational Panels and Trainings, Aug. 2015.
- A Place Called Home, Multicultural Leadership Program for At-Risk Youth, “Effective Conflict Resolution and Conflict Management” Presentation, Jul. 2007.
- McDermott, Will & Emery, LLP, “Compliance Complaint Representation for Pro Bono Attorneys” Training, Oct. 2006.
- Partnership Conference, School Truancy Panel, Sep. 2006.
- Five Acres Group Home, “Know Your Rights” Training Series for Youth in Foster Care, Jun. 2006.
- Equal Justice Works 2006 Southern California Reception, Jun. 2006.
- Westside Children’s Center, “Advocacy Skills 101-Parents of Special Education Eligible Children” Training, Mar. 2006.
- Loyola Law School, Externship Conference, Jan. 2006.

- Disability Rights Law Center, IDEIA 2004 Commemoration Panel, Nov. 2005.
- Community Advocates Series, “Mental Health Services Available through Special Education and Medi-Cal for Children and Youth” Training, Sep. 2005.

SECOND LANGUAGE

Proficient in spoken and written Spanish. Extensive experience utilizing Spanish language skills in a variety of professional environments, including with witnesses and clients as an attorney and service provider, and with students as an instructor and facilitator.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- **All Thrive Collective, Founder** (2026 – Present)
- **Board of Directors, Member, Goodwill** of Southern California (2026 – Present)
- **Board of Directors, Ex Officio Member**, Stanford Black Alumni Association of Southern California (2026 – Present)
- **Board Advisor**, Los Angeles Christian Academy (2026 – Present)
- **Judicial Ethics Committee, Member**, Los Angeles Superior Court (2025 – 2026)
- **Board of Trustees, Officer/Member**, Marlborough School (2024 – Present)
- **Judicial Mentor Program, Chair**, Los Angeles Superior Court (2023 – 2026)
- **Community Outreach Committee, Vice-Chair**, Los Angeles Superior Court (2023 – 2026)
- **Ad Hoc Research Attorney Committee, Member**, Los Angeles Superior Court (2023 – 2025)
- **Mental Health Committee, Member**, California Judges Association (2022 – 2024)
- **Parents’ Association, Executive Committee Member**, Marlborough School (2021 – 2024)
- **Board of Trustees, Ex Officio Member**, Marlborough School (2021 – 2024)
- **Mental Health Committee, Chair**, Los Angeles Superior Court (2021 – 2024)
- **Black Prep, Founder** (2021 – Present) (<https://www.theblackprep.com/>)
- **Judicial Mentor Program, Outreach Committee Co-Chair**, Los Angeles Superior Court (2020 – 2023)
- **Teen Court, Instructor**, Los Angeles High School (2018 – 2021)
- **American Youth Soccer Organization**, Team Manager (2014 – 2023)
- **Escuela PLUS Parent Organization (EPPO), Board Member**, Escuela PLUS School (2013 – 2025)
- **Knox Preschool Parent Advisory Council, Board Member**, Knox Presbyterian Preschool (2011 – 2017)
- **Board of Directors, President**, Women Alive Coalition (AIDS and HIV Support, Education, Treatment and Health Advocacy Organization for Women of Color) (2004 – 2009)