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## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

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### **(I) JUDICIARY**

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- A) New Jersey Superior Court Judge (2010-2017); President, N.J. Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NJCJFCJ) (2014-15)
- B) Judicial Author: 60 judicial opinions on novel issues of law; (two resulted in supporting recommendations by New Jersey Law Revision Commission for N.J. State Legislature to amend present statutory law)
- C) Judicial Educator/ Faculty: N.J. Judicial College (2010-17) (created/presented/taught judicial education programs to judges)
- D) Co-Author: Judicial Bench Guides for Family Part Judges on child custody, domestic violence, child support, children with special needs (2010-16)
- E) Author: Point C (Judicial education tool for judges, lawyers and law students) (2014; 2020)

F) New Jersey Law Journal Triennial Judicial Survey: Highest Rated Judge (tie) in State (2010-12)

F1) New Jersey Law Journal “Distinguished Leader of the Bar” Award (2017)

## **(II) UNIVERSITY FACULTY/ACADEMIA**

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G) University of New Mexico (Albuquerque N.M.); Adjunct Professor (political science).  
Developed courses on Constitutional Law (2023- present); presenter on issues of student transition to law school, misc.

G1) Faculty: UNM Law Advisory Council (2024-present)

G2) National Student Constitutional Convention (ASU) (May 23-26 2024)

G3) UNM News Articles about Professor Lawrence Jones’ works (2024)

G3(1) National Constitutional Convention (June 26, 2024)

G3(2) Prof. Jones’ Con Law Students Study “Bridgagate” Case, with Bridget Kelly (July 23, 2024)

G3(3) Professor Jones’ “Law and Society” Students and Work Featured on ESPN (August 15, 2024)

G3(4) C4) Point C: Professor Jones Creates Educational Tool for Parents and Professionals Involved in Contentious Divorces (September 24, 2024)

G3(5) UNM Students Take on the Academy Awards (November 21, 2024)

H) Monmouth University (Long Branch, N.J.); Adjunct Professor (political science/sociology). Developed/taught courses on multiple pre-law subjects including Law and Society, Constitutional Law, Domestic Violence Law and Social Policy, Honors/Capstone (2019-23)

### *Educational Achievements at Monmouth University*

H1) Member: University President’s Council on Diversity and Inclusion, appointed by University President Patrick Leahy (2020-22); Diversity Innovation Grants (DIG) Committee

H2) Founder, MADI (Monmouth Artists for Diversity and Inclusion) (grant-funded collaboration between political science/sociology departments of Monmouth University for development of original music based upon present social themes of diversity, inclusion, and belonging. Work honored by Official Proclamation by New Jersey Governor/Lieutenant Governor and by Official Resolution by N.J. Legislature (2021); referenced in Billboard Magazine (2022)

- H3) Creator/Moderator: “Tomorrow’s Lawyers and Leaders” (2022): Collaboration between New Jersey State Bar Association’s Legal Education Committee, Rutgers Law School, Seton Hall Law School and Monmouth University; The High Court and High School: 20 Landmark U.S. Supreme Court cases Impacting Students' Rights (2022)
- H4) Supervising Professor/Editor/Author: Presentation and Proposal to Major League Baseball by Law and Society class (Reconsidering Armando Galarraga’s Perfect Game) (Fall 2021)
- H4(1): Program Creator: Major League Baseball: A Discussion of Legal and Social Issues with Rob Manfred. Commissioner, MLB (February 21, 2023)
- H4(2) ESPN Special Program on Students’ Work (“28 Outs: An Imperfect Story”)
- H5) Creator/Editor of NJAPM Monthly Column: “Future Professionals” (NJAPM website section for essays and articles by graduate and undergraduate students focusing on mediation and alternative dispute resolution) (2021)
- H6) Supervising Professor/Author: Confronting Covid: Research and Reflections of Monmouth University Students at the Start of the Pandemic (first book in the U.S on Covid-19 authored by university students in real time; available on *Worldcat* and in multiple libraries throughout nation) (2020)
- H7) New Jersey Senate Resolution: Recognized by N.J. State Legislature for creation of first of its kind undergraduate course on Domestic Violence Law and Policy (2019)
- I) Montclair University (Montclair, N.J.); Adjunct Professor, graduate and undergraduate (pre-law) studies. Developed/taught courses in Legal Information Management and Legal Writing (2019-2021)
- J) New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (Montclair, N.J.) faculty member in court-approved 40-hour mediation training program under N.J. Court Rule 1:40 et al. (2018- present)
- K) Presenter: Continuing Legal Education Developed and presented multiple training courses for attorneys, judges and support staff on a myriad of diverse and relevant legal issues (2018-present)
- L) Founder: “From Classroom to Courtroom: Lessons in Life and Professionalism,” presented at New Jersey State Bar Association (2019-present), New Jersey Institute of Continuing Legal Education 2018), Seton Hall Law School (2016), Harvard Law School (2012, 2013)
- M) Presenter: Domestic Violence on College Campuses and in Dating Relationships (Monmouth University, 2019)

M1) Presenter: History and Contemporary Perspectives on the Constitution: A Virtual Monmouth Scholars Panel (Monmouth University, September 16, 2022)

N) Moot Court/Mock Trial Judge, Rutgers University School of Law (2013, 2020-21)

### **(III) OTHER SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS/WORKS**

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O) Author: Platonic Parenting: An Emerging Social Concept (4-part series), New Jersey Law Journal (2021); NJSBA/NJICLE Legal Forum/NJ State Library

P) Author: Autism and the Law (4-part series), New Jersey Law Journal (2019)

Q) Author: The Settlement Series (10-part series on ADR), New Jersey Law Journal (2017)

R) Author: "Relocating a Child with Developmental Disabilities (2021), New Jersey Law Journal

S) Chairman/Special Editor: New Jersey Lawyer Magazine (official publication of the New Jersey Bar Association) (Chairman 2007-09, Special editor 2000-09); oversaw development of statewide association publications on "Making New Law," "Election Law," "Class Actions," "Special Education Law," "Criminal Law," "Animal Law," "Expert Witnesses," "Military Law," "Local Government Law," "Homeland Security," "Privacy Law," and "Family Law"

T) Author: 55 published articles on socially significant legal issues (1992-2009)

### **IV) DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION**

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#### *WORK IN DIVERSITY/INCLUSION/CULTURAL COMPETENCY:\**

U) Inaugural Chairperson, New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators (NJAPM) Committee on Diversity, Inclusion and Cultural Competency; Chair, NJAPM annual Cultural Competency Conference (2021-present)

V) Co-Author, "Basic Principles of Cultural Competency (BPCC); A Starting Point for New Mediators" (published by the New Jersey Association for Justice; presented at educational conferences hosted by New Jersey State Bar Association; New Jersey State Public Library, Academy of Professional Mediators, NJAPM (2021)

W) Creator/Moderator of NJAPM "Diversity and Inclusion in Mediation Forum" with Rutgers University Law School

X) Program Developer and Coordinator: "Memories of the Greatest: Muhammad Ali" (May 2022) (New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Conference, presented with Khaliah Ali)

- X1) Co-Chairperson: National Cultural Competency Forum 2022 (presented jointly by organizations in multiple states, with several Universities as honorary sponsors (October 2022; October 2023)
- X2) Program Developer and Coordinator: “Improving Mediation Outcomes Through Cultural Competency”, presented before the Maryland Judiciary Court of Special Appeals, ADR section, by the NJAPM Diversity/Inclusion Committee (October 2022).
- X3) Co-Chairperson of NJAPM Joint Program with Kean University: “2023 Central Office Administrators Forum: Tools and Techniques to Address Interpersonal and Intercultural Conflict Management in Public Schools”; Conflict and Culture Training Series for New Jersey Administrators and Educators
- X3A) Chair, development of “5 Pillars Program with NJAPM and Kean University, supported by the National Education Association
- X4) Program Co-developer and Co-Coordinator/Moderator: “Cultural Competency in Family Mediation and Settlement Conferences” (May 2023) New Jersey State Bar Association Annual Conference

*\*See also “H1” and “H2” supra, (Member, Monmouth University President’s Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion; Founder, Co-Executive Producer, “MADI”)*

## **(V) OTHER PUBLIC AND/OR NON-PROFIT SERVICE**

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- Y) New Jersey State Bar Association Dispute Resolution Committee Board of Directors (Vice-President, 2022-present; Chair, Legislation Committee (2020-2022)
- Y1) New Mexico Supreme Court Statewide Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission Vice-Chair (2023)
- Z) New Jersey Association of Professional Mediators Board of Directors (2020-present)
- AA) N.J. Governor’s Transition Committee: Appointed by Governor Phil Murphy to serve on gubernatorial committee on issues of law and social policy; co-contributor to final transition report (2017-18)
- BB) N.J. Governor’s Transition Committee: Appointed by Governor Jon Corzine to serve on gubernatorial committee on issues of human services and policy (2005-06)
- CC) N.J. Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities: Appointed by Governor Corzine (2007-09)
- DD) NJ Governor’s Task Force on Adults with Autism Issues: Appointed by Governor Corzine; Chair, Legal Issues; co-author of final report resulting in (1) change in legislation on discrimination and (2) education of Judiciary (2008-09)

EE) Parents of Autistic Children (POAC): Co-founder (2000-2005)

FF) Guest Presenter: New Mexico in Focus: “Domestic Violence and VAWA 2022” (October 6, 2022).

FF1) Guest Presenter: National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence: "Domestic Violence and Pet Abuse" (April 2021)

## VI) EDUCATION AND HONORS

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GG) Hofstra University Law School: (Juris Doctor, 1987) Academic Honors: Criminal Law Award/Citation of Excellence

HH) New York University: (B.A., Economics 1984): Graduate with Honors (Founders Day Award for Academic Excellence); (Economics Honor Society/Omicron Delta Epsilon )

## VII) BAR ADMISSION AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

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II) Bar Admission

New Jersey (1987-present)

New York (1987-present)

New Mexico (2022-present)

JJ) Mediator: Lawrence R. Jones NM LLC (2022-present) ; Lawrence R. Jones., LLC (2017-2022)

KK) NJ Superior Court Judge (2010-2017) (*See Note “A”, supra*)

LL) Attorney: Law Office of Lawrence R. Jones (1996-2009), Toms River, N.J. Handled civil litigation, primarily matters in Family Part, Law Division, and Probate Part

MM) Attorney: Keith, Winters & Wenning (1987-1995), Bradley Beach, N.J. Handled civil litigation, family court matters and defense in municipal court matters.

## (VIII) MISCELLANEOUS

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NN) Ocean County Bar Association Citizenship Award (2008)

OO) Court Mediator (2001-2009)

PP) On-Air Legal Analyst (Point Radio, 1998-2000)

QQ) Co-Founder, Baseball For Autism Awareness (2003-07) Honored by *New York Yankees* and *Florida Marlins*

RR) Retired Boxing judge: Officiated in over 500 amateur boxing contests including the New Jersey Golden Gloves and New York Golden Gloves.

SS) Letters Of Reference

TT) Biographical Abstracts: Public Educator in Specific Areas of Law

- a. Legal Issues Involving Autism and Children with Special Needs
- b. Legal Issues Involving Domestic Violence/IPV
- c. Cultural Competency and Sensitivity
- d. Mediation and Alternative Dispute Resolution
- e. Legal Issues Involving Animals/Pets

## **(IX) PUBLIC SERVICE AND ADVOCACY**

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UU) Vice Chair, New Mexico Supreme Court Statewide Commission on Alternative Dispute Resolution (2023-present)

VV) Adjunct Professor, University of New Mexico, (Constitutional Law) (2023-present)

WW) New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence (pro bono educational program) (Sept. 2023)

XX) State Bar New Mexico: Presenter, Separation and Divorce Involving Children with Special Needs (pro bono educational program) (June 2023)

YY) New Mexico in Focus (television program) : Guest Presenter: Domestic Violence and VAWA (October 2022)

ZZ) Co-Chair, National Cultural Competency Forum (NCCF), including participation of University of New Mexico as Honorary Sponsor (2022-23)

ZZ1) Chair, Democratic Party of New Mexico Committee on Discipline (2023-present)

ZZ2) Member, Democratic Party of New Mexico Judicial Council (2023-present)