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**EDUCATION:** **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SCHOOL OF LAW**, Austin, Texas J. D. degree received May 1984

Admitted to Bar, State of Mississippi  
Admission to practice before U. S. Court of Appeals for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Circuits.

**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY**, Atlanta, Georgia B. A. degree in Political Science, June 1981.

**WORK  
EXPERIENCE:**

**FOREVER FAMILY, INC**, Atlanta, Georgia  
*Formerly Aid to Children of Imprisoned Mothers, Inc. (AIM)*  
Founder & National President  
6/87 to present, on leave 1/97 to 12/97  
Created a nonprofit, tax-exempt advocacy organization for inmate parents and their children which is nationally headquartered in Atlanta and has affiliates in Atlanta and Louisville, Kentucky. Developed programs and coordinated services via a family systems approach which provided monthly prison transportation to children and family members, counseling for caretakers, access to public resources to foster the mother-child relationship during imprisonment. Co-authored two self-help manuals for incarcerated women organization created to deal with the critical needs of the children of incarcerated mothers. Oversee day-to-day operation of office and raise annual operating budget.

**ANNIE E. CASEY FOUNDATION**, Baltimore, Maryland  
Children and Family Fellowship  
1/97 to 12/97  
Eleven month fellowship for mid-to senior level professionals who have exhibited leadership in the field of children and families. Casey fellows, who were selected through a competitive process, have the ability to assume leadership in promoting cooperation across disciplines on youth and family issues; have a theory of change related to improving outcomes for disadvantaged children and families; are risk takers and innovators willing to challenge the status quo; and are capable of bringing together people with diverse interests to build a consensus for change.

**SOUTHERN PRISONERS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE**, Atlanta, Georgia  
Staff Attorney

1983-1987

Represented indigent prisoners in class action challenges to prison conditions and in post-conviction challenges on capital convictions. Advised Georgia lawyers in their representation of individuals charged with capital crimes both during the trial and appellate stages. Co-authored a manual for use by Georgia lawyers in trying capital cases.

**ACTIVITIES:**

Member, Board of Visitors, College of Arts & Science, Georgia State University  
Member, Advisory Board, Children of Incarcerated Parents, the Council of State Governments Justice Center  
Chair, Research & Vision Subcommittee, ABA Commission on At Risk Youth  
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Co-Chair, Research and Vision Committee, ABA Commission on At Risk Youth  
Member, Board of Directors, Women In Fatherhood Movement, Inc.  
Member, Advisory Board, Atlanta Reentry Mapping Network  
Volunteer, United Way Community Investment Process  
Member, Advisory Board, Federal Resource Center for Children of Incarcerated Parents, Child Welfare League of America, 2004-2005  
Moderator, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Georgia, 2001-2003  
Thought Leader, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Initiative on Improving Outcomes for Children, Youth and Families with Incarcerated Parents, 2000-2003  
Member, Board of Directors, Feminist Women's Health Center, 2000  
Member, Board of Directors, Family and Corrections Network, 1997-1999  
Member, Planning Committee, National Symposium on Women Offenders, Department of Justice, 1999  
Faculty, Critical Issues on Women Offenders, National Institute of Corrections, 1997-2005  
Member, Board of Directors, Men Stopping Violence, Inc., 1995-1997  
Member, Leadership Atlanta, Class of 1993

**AWARDS/  
HONORS:**

Recipient, R. Prudent Herndon Service Award, Gate City Bar Association, 2012  
Recipient, Mentor Award, Spelman College, Daughters of the Covenant Program, 2010  
Selected One of Atlanta's Top 100 Black Women of Influence by the Atlanta Business League, 2009  
Recipient, Profiles of Prominence Award, Atlanta Metro Chapter, National Women of Achievement, Inc., 2007  
Recipient, Community Leadership In Social Work Award, Georgia State University, School of Social work & College of Health & Human, 2006 Services  
Recipient, Ford Foundation, Leadership for a Changing World Award, 2004

Woman of the Year, 2004, Atlanta Chapter, National Council of Negro Women  
Recipient, 2002 Beacons of Light: Women in Public Service Award, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
Recipient, Black Law Students Association Community Recognition Award, Georgia State University, 1998  
Recipient, Georgia State University Alumni Award, Office of Minority Students, 1997  
Recipient, Outstanding Atlanta, 1993  
Featured in Barrister Magazine article, "Twenty Lawyers Who Make a Difference", October, 1993  
Recipient, 1993 Walter Chivers Family Service Award, Morehouse College, Department of Sociology  
Recipient, 1993 Torchbearer Award, Fund for Southern Communities  
Recipient, 1992 Women of Vision Award, Ms. Foundation for Women  
Selected "One of Forty Women under Forty to Watch" by Savvy Magazine, June, 1990

**PUBLICATIONS:**

"Residential and Institutional Services: Visitation and Cohabitation Strategies". GAINS, September 02.

Co-author, "Mothers Behind Bars: Incarcerating Increasing Numbers of Mothers has Severe Implications for Families & Society". Corrections Today, 60:90-94

Co-author, "The Special Situation of Incarcerated Parents (To Grandmother's House We Go & Stay)", C. Cox (ed.). Springer, Forthcoming

Co-author, "Grandmothers with Daughters in Prison: a Case for Reframing Gerontological Thought & Practice." The Gerontologist, 34:685-691.

"Childbearing in Prison" (with Paula Dressel). Barbara Catz Rothman (ed.) Encyclopedia of Childbearing. Oryx Press.

"Jail and Justice: A Handbook for Incarcerated Women." Atlanta, Georgia: Aid to Imprisoned Mothers, Inc., N.D.

"Parenting from Prison: A Handbook for Incarcerated Mothers. Atlanta, Georgia: Aid to Imprisoned Mothers, Inc., N.D.