

ANDREA L. DENNIS
University of Georgia School of Law
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA Fall 2010-Present
Associate Professor (with tenure)

Research Interests: Criminal Defense Lawyering
Informants
Juvenile Advocacy
Cradle-to-Prison Pathways

Courses Taught: Criminal Law
Criminal Procedure II
Evidence
Family Law
Children in the Legal System
Lawyering for Children (seminar)

Law School Service: Academic Affairs Committee (2013-present)
Faculty Recruitment Committee (2012-2013)
Promotion Committee (2012)
Faculty Colloquium Committee (2010-2013)
Black Law Students Association Academic Advisor (2011-present)
Phi Alpha Delta Advisor (2012-present)

University Service: Member, Conduct Advisory Committee (2013-present)

Professional Service: External Reviewer, *American Music* (Spring 2013)
Member, New Scholars Committee, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (2008-2013)
Member, Scholarly Research Committee, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (2012-present)
Co-Chair, Inclusiveness Committee, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (2013-present)

Community Service: Member, Board of Directors, Athens Area Homeless Shelter (2011-present)
Member, Board of Directors, Athens Neighborhood Health Center (2013-present)

University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY
Assistant Professor

Fall 2006-Spring 2010

Courses Taught: Criminal Law
Criminal Trial Process
Criminal Law and Procedure Seminar
Children and the Law
Family Law

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Collateral Damage? Juvenile Snitches in America's "Wars" on Drugs, Crime, and Gangs, 46 American Criminal Law Review 1145 (2009).

Cited by: *State v. Monday*, 257 P.3d 551 (Wash. 2011) (in dissent).

Reprinted in ADAM M. GERSHOWITZ, *THE WIRE: CRIME, LAW, AND POLICY* 372 (Carolina Acad. Press 2013).

Poetic (In)Justice? Rap Music Lyrics as Art, Life, and Criminal Evidence, 31 Columbia Journal of Law and the Arts 1 (2007).

Reprinted in *HIP HOP AND THE LAW: THE KEY WRITINGS THAT FORMED THE MOVEMENT* (Pamela Bridgewater, andre douglas pond cummings, & Donald Tibbs eds., Carolina Acad. Press forthcoming 2014).

Cited by:

- *State v. Leslie*, 2014 WL 70259 (Iowa Ct. App. Jan. 9, 2014).
- *Lane v. State*, -- So.3d --, 2013 WL 5966905 (Ala. Crim. App. Nov. 8, 2013) (in dissent).
- *Holmes v. State*, 306 P.3d 415 (Nev. 2013).
- *State v. Skinner*, 2012 WL 3762431 (N.J. Super. Ct. App. Div. Aug. 31, 2012) (appeal pending before the N.J. Supreme Court).
- *Commonwealth v. Gray*, 978 N.E.2d 543 (Mass. 2012).
- *Hannah v. State*, 23 A.3d 192 (Md. 2011).
- Erik Nielson and Charis Kubrin, A new California trend -- prosecuting rap, Los Angeles Times (Apr. 7, 2014), available at <http://articles.latimes.com/2014/apr/07/opinion/la-oe-kubrin-and-nielson-rap-prosecution-20140408>

Note, *Because I am Black, Because I am Woman: Remediating the Sexual Harassment Experience of Black Women*, 1996 N.Y.U. Annual Survey of American Law 555.

CONSULTING

<http://democrats.oversight.house.gov/press-releases/twenty-five-independent-legal-experts-now-agree-that-issa-botched-contempt/>

MEDIA

Lorne Manley, Legal Debate on Using Boastful Raps as a Smoking Gun, The New York Times (Mar. 26, 2014), available at <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/03/27/arts/music/using-rap-lyrics-as-damning-evidence-stirs-legal-debate.html?hpw&rref=arts&r=1> (quoted regarding use of rap lyrics in criminal trials)

Erik Nielson, Arab Rappers Are Landing in Jail for Lyrics – Kind of Like American Rappers, The Atlantic (July 1, 2013), available at <http://www.theatlantic.com/entertainment/archive/2013/07/arab-rappers-are-landing-in-jail-for-lyrics-kind-of-like-american-rappers/277448/> (citation of article regarding use of rap lyrics in criminal trials)

Erik Nielson, Prosecuting Rap Music, Huffington Post (March 26, 2013), available at http://www.huffingtonpost.com/erik-nielson/prosecuting-rap-music_b_2956658.html?utm_hp_ref=crime (citation of article regarding use of rap lyrics in criminal trials)

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The Mo Ivory Show, CBS Atlanta (July 7, 2012), available at <http://atlanta.cbslocal.com/2012/07/10/the-mo-ivory-show-71012-the-stream-cant-keep-us-down/> (special guest providing insight on how hip hop artists' lyrics are used as evidence in criminal trials)

Erik Nielson, When Rap Lyrics Stand Trial, The Root (July 3, 2012), available at <http://www.theroot.com/views/rap-lyrics-and-crime> (quoted regarding use of rap lyrics in criminal trials)

Alexandra Natapoff, Miami New Times series on juvenile informant, Snitching Blog (Mar. 23, 2012), available at <http://www.snitching.org/2012/03/miami-new-times-series-on-juve.html> (citation of article regarding juvenile informants)

Ryan Schill, *Advocates Hopeful, Want Supreme Court to Reject Life Without Parole for Juveniles*, Juvenile Justice Information Exchange (Mar. 7, 2012), available at <http://jjie.org/advocates-hopeful-want-supreme-court-reject-life-without-parole-for-juveniles/77085> (quoted regarding pending Supreme Court cases on constitutionality of juvenile life without parole statutes)

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Encouraging Victims: Responding to a Recent Study of Battered Women who Commit Crimes, Seattle University School of Law (Mar. 2014)

Teaching "The Wire": Fiction as Pedagogical Tool, Discussion Group, Annual Meeting, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, FL (August 2013)

Law Enforcement Witnesses (Work-in-Progress), Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, University of Maryland School of Law (May 2013)

Black Informants during Slavery (Work-in-Progress), Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, Yale University School of Law (May 2012)

Intimate Partner Violence, Criminal History, and Future Offending (Work-in-Progress), Annual Meeting, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Hilton Head, SC (July 2011)

Intimate Partner Violence, Criminal History, and Future Offending (Work-in-Progress), Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD (May 2011)

Connecting the Government's Snitch Network, Lutie A. Lytle Black Women Faculty Writing Workshop, University of Kentucky College of Law, Lexington, KY (June 2010)

Beyond Victims of Sexual Perverts: Expanding Shielding to All Juvenile Witnesses (Work-in-Progress), Social Justice Workshop, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC (Oct. 2009)

Representing Juveniles Who Make Ill-Advised Choices, Annual Meeting, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, FL (Aug. 2009)

Bearing Witness: Confronting the Need to Expand Shielding Protections to All Juvenile Witnesses (Work-in-Progress), Junior Faculty Regional Workshop, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO (Feb. 2009)

Collateral Damage? Juvenile Snitches in America's "Wars" on Drugs, Crime, and Gangs (Work-in-Progress), Annual Meeting, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, Palm Beach, FL (July 2008)

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Juvenile Snitches as Collateral Damage in America's "Wars" on Drugs, Crime, and Gangs (Work-in-Progress), Jurisgenesis 2008, Washington University School of Law/St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, MO (June 2008)

Stop Snitching: A Comparative Examination of Codes of Silence (Work-in-Progress), Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD (May 2008)

The Propriety of Child Informants in America's Domestic "Wars" (Work-in-Progress), Samford University Cumberland School of Law, Birmingham, AL (Apr. 2008)

"Where's Wallace?" – *The Propriety of Juvenile Informants* (Work-in-Progress), Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, George Washington University School of Law, Washington, DC (Dec. 2007)
Biennial Caselaw and Legislative Update, University of Kentucky College of Law Office of Continuing Legal Education 16th Biennial Family Law Institute, Lexington, KY (Nov. 2007)

Innovative Mental Assessments for Family Court: Legal and Clinical Perspectives, Kentucky Summit on Children, Louisville, KY (Aug. 2007)

Poetic (In)justice? (Work-in-Progress), Mid-Atlantic Criminal Law Research Collective, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC (May 2007)

Public Schools and the Juvenile Justice System: [N]Ever the Twain Shall Meet?, University of Kentucky College of Education, Lexington, KY (Mar. 2007)

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
J.D., May 1997

Activities: *Annual Survey of American Law*, 1995-1997
Chair, Black Allied Law Students Association, 1995-1996
Student Attorney, Civil Rights Clinic, 1996-1997
Research Assistant, Professor Ronald K. Noble, 1996

Awards: NAACP Legal Defense Fund/Shearman & Sterling Scholar, 1994-1997
Anne Petluck Poses Memorial Prize for Outstanding Student Clinical Work, 1997

University of Maryland, College Park, MD
B.S. Engineering (Concentration: Psychology), May 1994

LEGAL PRACTICE POSITIONS

Office of the Federal Public Defender, District of Maryland Jan. 2001-Mar. 2004
Assistant Federal Public Defender. Represented over four hundred indigent individuals under investigation for and charged with a variety of federal misdemeanor and felony crimes. Defended clients in federal court at detention hearings, motions hearings, arraignments, guilty pleas, trials, and violation hearings. Interviewed and counseled clients. Managed investigations. Researched caselaw. Developed litigation strategies. Estimated sentences under federal sentencing guidelines. Negotiated plea agreements. Interviewed witnesses. Requested subpoenas. Wrote pre-trial briefs and sentencing memos. Researched, wrote, and argued appeals. Researched and wrote petitions for writ of certiorari.

Office of the Corporation Counsel, Washington, DC Dec. 1999-May 2000
Special Assistant Corporation Counsel, Abuse & Neglect Section. Civilly prosecuted child abuse and neglect cases on behalf of the District of Columbia. Managed caseload of approximately sixty families. Petitioned cases. Conducted initial hearings, probable cause hearings, status hearings, trials, dispositions, and review hearings. Responded to discovery requests and defense motions. Recommended closure of cases.

Covington & Burling, Washington, DC Oct. 1998-Nov. 1999, June 2000-Jan. 2001
Associate. Practice areas: corporate and patent litigation, antitrust, white collar. Defended depositions, reviewed documents, selected trial exhibits, drafted pleadings, consulted with expert witnesses, and memorialized witness interviews. Represented individual charged with misdemeanor assault and participated on team representing individual appealing Florida death sentence.

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk, VA Aug. 1997-Aug. 1998
Law Clerk to The Honorable Raymond A. Jackson

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

Maryland (1998)
District of Columbia (1999) (inactive)
United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2001)
United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2001)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC Mar. 2004-June 2006
Senior Associate, National Office of Job Corps – Division of Program Planning and Development.
Engaged in long-range, strategic analysis and planning for national vocational training programs. Participated in management and evaluation of pilot programs and special initiatives. Researched, drafted, and edited briefing memos, reports, presentations, and position papers for managerial-level audiences. Facilitated workgroup and training sessions for staff. Researched, designed, and developed informational materials for students. Participated on committee planning and implementing year-long campaign to celebrate 40th Anniversary of Job Corps.