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EDUCATION

University of California, Davis School of Law, Davis, CA 2019–Present

J.D. Candidate, 2022

Witkin Award for Academic Excellence: Judicial Process (Fall 2020)

UC Davis Law Review, Articles Editor

Trial Practice Honors Board, Member

Criminal Law Association, Vice President

Students Against Mass Incarceration, Vice President

Adams State University, Alamosa, CO 2013–2019

Master of Business Administration, Business, Leadership Studies GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration, Legal Studies

GPA: 3.96, *summa cum laude*

Certifications: Advanced Certificate in Paralegal Studies

Certificate in Paralegal Studies

Certificate in Employment Law

Blackstone Career Institute, Allentown, PA 2009–2013

Diploma in Paralegal Studies

Advanced Certificates: Civil Litigation

Business & Corporate Law

Criminal Law & Procedure

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CHARLES BONNEAU, JR, Attorney at Law, Sacramento, CA 2020

Legal Intern

- Responsible for researching and drafting appellate reply briefs primarily in first- and second-degree murder cases. Briefs filed in various California courts of appeal.

BRANDON SAMPLE, Attorney at Law, Rutland, VT 2018–2019

Marketing Director

- Responsible for all marketing strategies and related activities, including developing websites and publications, performing all search engine optimization tasks, overseeing a team of writers who write content for the firm, developing strategic goals, and designing a roadmap for achieving these objectives.

ZOUKIS CONSULTING GROUP, Davis, CA 2018–Present

Managing Director

- Responsible for business operations, marketing, and consulting on federal prison matters. National firm specializing in federal prison preparation, resolution of in-prison matters, and reentry success. Provided services to federal criminal defendants, federal prisoners, and federal criminal defense attorneys.

Middle Street Publishing, Sullivan's Island, SC 2010–Present

Managing Director

- Publishing and media company in the criminal justice reform sector. Responsible for developing strategic direction, operations management, leading a diverse team of staff, and media outreach resulting in quotes in CNN, Fox News, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *The Guardian*, *The Hill*, *WSJ Market Watch*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Vice News*, and other national and international magazines and radio programs.

NEWS REPORTING EXPERIENCE

Huffington Post, New York, NY 2017-2018

Contributing Writer, Crime Blog

Criminal Legal News, Lake Worth, FL 2017-Present

Contributing Writer

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<i>New York Journal of Books</i> , New York, NY <i>Criminal Justice and Law Book Reviewer</i>	2016-2018
<i>New York Daily News</i> , New York, NY <i>Contributing Writer</i>	2016-2017
<i>Blog Critics</i> , San Francisco, CA <i>Contributing Writer</i>	2014-Present
<i>Prison Legal News</i> , Lake Worth, FL <i>Contributing Writer, Book Author</i>	2013-Present

AWARDS AND HONORS

- **Society of Professional Journalists** (2018): Mark of Excellence finalist
- **Foreword Reviews Book Awards** (2018): Indie Book of the Year finalist, for FEDERAL PRISON HANDBOOK
- **Eric Hoffer Book Awards** (2018): Montaigne Medal finalist, for FEDERAL PRISON HANDBOOK
- **Next Generation Indie Book Awards** (2018): Nonfiction award, for FEDERAL PRISON HANDBOOK
- **Feathered Quill Book Awards** (2018): Nonfiction award, for FEDERAL PRISON HANDBOOK
- **Indie Reader Discovery Award** (2017): Nonfiction award, for FEDERAL PRISON HANDBOOK
- **Readers' Favorite Book Awards** (2017): Gold medal, general nonfiction, for FEDERAL PRISON HANDBOOK
- **American Bar Association's Top 100 Law Blawgs** (2016): for *Prison Law Blog*
- **Eric Hoffer Book Awards** (2015): Montaigne Medal, for COLLEGE FOR CONVICTS
- **Pen America Center**, Writing Awards (2012): Fiction and Drama

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- THE HABEAS CITEBOOK (3rd Edition) with Brandon Sample & Alissa Hull (Prison Legal News, forthcoming 2021)
- FEDERAL CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS HANDBOOK (Middle Street Publishing, forthcoming 2021)
- DIRECTORY OF FEDERAL PRISONS (Middle Street Publishing, 2020)
- FEDERAL PRISON HANDBOOK (Middle Street Publishing, 2017)
- PRISON EDUCATION GUIDE (Prison Legal News Publishing, 2016)
- COLLEGE FOR CONVICTS (McFarland & Company, 2014)
- EDUCATION BEHIND BARS (Sunbury Press, 2012)

SELECT ARTICLES

- Trump v. Biden on Criminal Justice, *Prison Legal News* (October 2020)
- Coronavirus in Prison: The Cruel Reality, *Prison Legal News* (August 2020)
- Silence: The Bureau of Prisons' Pathetic Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic, *Prison Legal News* (June 2020)
- A Nation on the Brink, *Criminal Legal News* (May 2020)
- Coronavirus: A Nationwide Survey of the Push for Early Release as Pandemic Fears Grow, *Prison Legal News* (May 2020)
- Prosecutorial Misconduct: Justice Denied as the System Turns a Blind Eye, *Criminal Legal News* (March 2020)
- Partial Justice: How a Judiciary Poisoned by Politics, Ideology, and Unaccountability Contributes to the Wrongful Convictions of Innocent Men and Women, *Criminal Legal News* (October 2019)
- The Second Step: Invest in Prison Education Programs, Reinstatement Pell Grants, *Prison Legal News* (July 2019)
- Former Prisoners Become Attorneys: From Breaking the Law to Practicing Law, *Prison Legal News* (February 2019)
- Censorship in Prisons and Jails: A War on the Written Word, *Prison Legal News* (December 2018)
- Eyewitness (Mis)Identification in the Criminal Justice System, *Criminal Legal News* (December 2018)
- From Abuse of the Body to Abuse of the Mind: Police Use Psychologically Coercive Interrogation Techniques to Produce False Confessions, *Criminal Legal News* (October 2018)
- Secondary DNA Transfer: The Rarely Discussed Phenomenon That Can Place the Innocent (and the Dead) at a Crime Scene They've Never Been To, *Criminal Legal News* (September 2018)
- Cell-Cite Stimulators: Police Use Military Technology to Reach Out and Spy on You, *Criminal Legal News* (July 2018)
- Sex Offender Registries: Common Sense or Nonsense?, *Criminal Legal News* (June 2018)

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- Indigent Defense in America: An Affront to Justice, *Criminal Legal News* (April 2018)
- Civil Asset Forfeiture: Unfair, Unjust, Un-American, *Criminal Legal News* (March 2018)
- From Cages to the Community: Prison Profiteers and the Treatment Industrial Complex, *Prison Legal News* (March 2018)
- Absurd, Abusive, and Outrageous: The Creation of Crime and Criminals in America, *Criminal Legal News* (January 2018)
- Governor Sends Texas Rangers to Probe Abuse of Young Offenders, *HuffPo* (January 2018)
- Latest Louisiana Public Defenders Funding Problem: No Lawyers for Death Penalty Defendants, *HuffPo* (December 2017)
- Bureau of Prisons Cuts Halfway House Availability, *HuffPo* (November 2017)
- Shon Hopwood: From Bank Robber to Georgetown Law Professor, *HuffPo* (November 2017)
- Senators Ask BOP to Consider Wider Release for Older Inmates, *HuffPo* (October 2017)
- Firm, Judge, Sheriff Accused of Bail Fee Extortion, *HuffPo* (August 2017)
- DOJ Surveys Mental Health Among Prison and Jail Inmates, *HuffPo* (July 2017)
- Litigation Heats Up Over Extreme Temperatures in Prisons, Jails, *Prison Legal News* (June 2017)
- BOP Education Program Revamp in Doubt as Chief Sacked, *HuffPo* (June 2017)
- Why Families Should Step in to Help as Inmates Step Out of Prison, *New York Daily News* (February 2017)
- Culture of Abuse and Corruption Plagues Jail in Denver, *Prison Legal News* (January 2017)
- Are Children of Prisoners Doomed to Make the Same Mistakes?, *HuffPo* (July 2016)
- Prison Publication Provides a Voice for Those Behind Bars, *New York Daily News* (July 2016)
- Why the U.S. Needs to Reexamine How it Uses Sex-Offender Registries, *New York Daily News* (June 2016)
- Prison Inmates Urge Society to Embrace Education for Prisoners, *New York Daily News* (May 2016)
- Aramark's Correctional Food Services: Meals, Maggots, and Misconduct, *Prison Legal News* (December 2015)
- Prosecutorial Misconduct: Taking the Justice Out of Criminal Justice, *Prison Legal News* (November 2014)

SELECT LAW JOURNAL CITATIONS

- Shon Hopwood, The Misplaced Trust in the DOJ's Expertise on Criminal Justice Policy, *Michigan Law Review*, 118 Mich. L. Rev. 1181 (2020)
- Avlana K. Eisenberg, The Prisoner and the Polity, *New York University Law Review*, 95 N.Y.U. L. Rev. 1 (2020)
- Jamila S. Cambridge, Land of the Free?: An Examination of the Constitutionality of Forced Labor in U.S. Immigrant Detention Centers, 63 How. L.J. 405 (2020)
- Beth A. Colgan, Beyond Graduation: Economic Sanctions and Structural Reform, *Duke Law Journal*, 69 Duke L.J. 1529 (2020)
- Amy Fettig, How Do We Reach a National Tipping Point to Stop Solitary?, *Northwestern University Law Review*, 115 Nw. U. L. Rev. 311 (2020)
- Dana Kramer, Bail Reform: A Possible Solution to Missouri's Broken Public Defender System?, *Missouri Law Review*, 85 Mo. K. Rev. 297 (2020)
- Christine S. Scott-Hayward, Correctional and Sentencing Law Commentary: Why is Prison Food Still So Bad?, *Correctional Law Bulletin*, 56 No. 5 Crim. Law Bulletin (2020).
- Mary E. Adair, Beat the Heat: Texas's Need to Reduce Summer Temperatures in Offender Housing, *Saint Mary's Law Review*, 51 St. Mary's L.J. 707 (2020)
- Bailey Betz, Innocent But Incarcerated: Reforming Oklahoma's Criminal Pretrial Procedures to Combat Discrimination Against Indigent Defendants, *Oklahoma Law Review*, 72 Okla. L. Rev. 923 (2020)
- Shon Hopwood, The Effort to Reform the Federal Criminal Justice System, *The Yale Law Journal*, 128 Yale L.J. F. 791 (2019)
- James E. Robertson, Correctional Law Commentary: The Prison Case Law of the U.S. Courts of Appeals 2018, *Criminal Law Bulletin*, 55 No. 5 Crim. Law Bulletin (2019)
- Quiana D. Harris, A Plea to Federal Judges: Combatting Prosecutorial Misconduct in the Cliven Bundy Era, *Howard Law Journal*, 62 How. L.J. 605 (2019)
- Mariah Woodson, The Best We Can Be: How Toxic Masculinity Creates a Second Inescapable Situation for Inmates, *Public Interest Law Reporter*, 24 Pub. Int. L. Rep. 124 (2019)
- Amy F. Kimpel, Coordinating Community Reintegration Services for "Deportable Alien" Defendants: A Moral and Financial Imperative, *Florida Law Review*, 70 Fla. L. Rev. 1019 (2019)
- Shon Hopwood, Beyond First Steps: Reforming the Federal Bureau of Prisons, *Federal Sentencing Reporter*, 31 Fed. Sent. R. 119 (2018)
- Emily Bauer, Infant Inmates: An Analysis of International Policy on Children Accompanying Parents to Prison, *Michigan State Law Review*, 27 Mich. St. Int'l L. Rev. 93 (2018)
- Laura Appleman, Cashing in on Convicts: Privatization, Punishment, and the People, *Utah Law Review*, 2018 Utah L. Rev. 579 (2018)

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- Amanda Dick, The Immature State of Our Union: Lack of Legal Entitlement to Prison Programming in the United States as Compared to European Countries, *Arizona Journal of International and Comparative Law*, 35 Ariz. J. Int'l Comp. L. (2018)
- Justin DiCharia, The Plight of the Unpopular: Sex Offender Registration and Notification Costs to Indigent Offenders in Louisiana, 79 La. L. Rev. 519 (2018)
- Amy F. Kimpel, Coordinating Community Reintegration Services for “Deportable Alien” Defendants: A Moral and Financial Imperative, *Florida Law Review*, 70 Fla. L. Rev. 1019 (2018)
- John Dunnigan, Bargaining Towards Equality: The Effect of Implicit Bias Training on Plea-Bargaining, *Richmond Public Interest Law Review*, 21 Rich. Pub. Int. L. Rev. 341 (2018)
- Aliza B. Kaplan, It’s Not a Match: Why the Law Can’t Let Go of Junk Science, *Albany Law Review*, 81 Alb. L. Rev. 895 (2017-2018)
- Judge Lisa Foster (Ret.), Injustice Under Law: Perpetuating and Criminalizing Poverty Through the Courts, *Georgia State University Law Review*, 33 Ga. St. U. L. Rev. 695 (2017)
- Michele C. Nielsen, Beyond PREA: An Interdisciplinary Framework for Evaluating Sexual Violence in Prisons, *UCLA Law Review & Discourse*, 64 UCLA L. Rev. 230 (2017)
- Avlana K. Eisenberg, Mass Monitoring, *Southern California Law Review*, 90 S. Cal. L. Rev. 123 (2017)
- Emily Katz, Using Crisis Negotiation Team Methods to Decrease Violence in Prisons, *Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 18 Cardozo J. Conflict Resol. 883 (2017)
- Charles Tarwater, Jr., The Mind Oppressed: Recidivism as a Learned Behavior, 6 *Wake Forest J.L. & Pol’y* 357 (2016)
- Lara Bazelon, For Shame: The Public Humiliation of Prosecutors by Judges to Correct Wrongful Convictions, *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*, 29 Geo. J. Legal Ethics 305 (2016)
- Sydney Wright-Schaner, The Immoral Character of “Good Moral Character,” *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*, 29 Geo. J. Legal Ethics 1427 (2016)
- Abbe Smith, Representing Rapists: The Cruelty of Cross-Examination and Other Challenges for a Feminist Criminal Defense Lawyer, *American Criminal Law Review*, 53 Am. Crim. L. Rev. 255 (2016)
- Dan Weiss, Privatization and its Discontents: The Troubling Record of Privatized Prison Healthcare, *University of Colorado Law Review*, 86 U. Colo. L. Rev. 725 (2015)
- Amelia H. Barry, Inmates’ E-Mails with Their Attorneys: Off-Limits for the Government?, *Catholic University Law Review*, 64 Cath. U. L. Rev. 753 (2015)

SELECT MEDIA EXPERIENCE

- Lori Loughlin Expected to be Released from Prison by Christmas, *Yahoo News* (November 2020)
- Harvey Weinstein is Said to Have Hired One – But What is a Prison Consultant?, *The Guardian* (February 2020)
- Federal Bureau of Prisons Guilty of Deliberate Indifference in Failing to Protect Healthy Prisoners From COVID-19, *San Francisco Bay View* (August 2020)
- Coronavirus Wreaks Havoc on U.S. Prison Populations as More At-Risk Inmates Seek Early Release, *Fox News* (May 2020)
- Very Important Prisoner: ces coachs qui préparent les stars à l'enfermement, *Elle* (French Edition) (May 2020)
- Prison Consultants: Helping Harvey Weinstein and Other Criminals Manage Their Jail Experience, *CNN* (March 2020)
- Inside the World of Prison Consultants Who Prepare White Collar Criminals to Do Time, *Town & Country* (January 2020)
- Invest in Census Outreach for the Sake of All Kindergarteners, *The Hill* (August 2019)
- Financier Jeffrey Epstein Dead in Suspected Jail Cell Suicide; FBI to Investigate, *United Press International* (August 2019)
- Michigan’s Failed Effort to Privatize Prison Kitchens and the Future of Institutional Food, *Salon* (August 2019)
- The Best Part of the FIRST STEP Act that Everybody Misses, *The Washington Examiner* (December 2018)
- California Leads the Nation in Sending Former Inmates to College. Will Other States Follow?, *Yahoo News* (April 2018)
- Trans Woman Who Reported Her Rape in Men’s Prison Wins Historic \$100,000 Settlement, *Yahoo News UK* (April 2018)
- Expert: In Federal Prison, Larry Nassar is “Going to Have to Watch His Back,” *Detroit Free Press* (February 2018)
- How Tablets Are Helping Us Clean Up Our Prison, *The Washington Examiner* (September 2017)
- From Gang Life to College, One Paycheck at a Time, *The Christian Science Monitor* (May 2017)
- A Mother, Serving 15 Years for Marijuana, Makes Last-Minute Plea for Freedom, *Vice News* (January 2017)
- “Had to Hit Him”: Jared Fogle, Imprisoned Ex-Subway Guy, Reportedly Beaten by Inmate, *The Washington Post* (March 2016)
- What Crime Victims Really Think About Prison Sentences, *Ozy* (September 2016)
- “My Words Are Dangerous”: An Interview with Christopher Zoukis, *In These Times* (January 2016)
- The Uphill Battle to Make Prison Safer for Trans Women, *Vice News* (April 2015)
- How Prison Inmates Learn About Money, *WSJ Market Watch* (July 2014)
- White House: Pardons are Us, *San Francisco Gate* (January 2014)
- Why *US v. Blewett* is the Obama Justice Department’s Greatest Shame, *The Guardian* (July 2013)
- Immigration Enforcement Put American Citizens in Immigrant Detention, Lawsuit Alleges, *Think Progress* (June 2013)