

VALENA BEETY

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law *Professor of Law (tenured)* 2019 – Present

Academy for Justice, Deputy Director 2019 – Present

- Lead criminal justice center on enacting policy reform, working with law enforcement, prosecutors, and prisons across Arizona

Courses: Amicus Lab, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I, Legal Causes of Wrongful Conviction, Women Gender & the Law

Harvard Law School, Criminal Justice Policy Program *Visiting Senior Fellow* Spring 2019

West Virginia University *Associate Professor, Professor of Law (tenured)* 2012 – 2019

West Virginia Innocence Project *Founding Director* 2012 – 2019

- Freed clients based on DNA, faulty forensic evidence
- Obtained Presidential clemency for clients as part of Clemency Project 2014
- Established *coram nobis* as a post-conviction remedy for criminal defendants in W. Va. in *West Virginia v. Orville Hutton*, 776 S.E.2d 621 (W.Va. S.Ct. 2015)
- Drafted H.B. 2758 Eyewitness Identification Act WV § 62-1E-1 (2013)

Courses: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure I, Post-Conviction Remedies, Forensic Justice Seminar, Forensic Justice Online, Innocence Project

Mississippi Innocence Project *Senior Attorney* 2009 – 2012

Adjunct Professor, University of Mississippi 2010 – 2012

- Exonerated clients on faulty forensic evidence and *Brady* evidence
- Drafted H.B. 992 and H.B. 1466 to standardize forensic pathologists

Courses: Identity and Criminality, Civil Rights and Prisons, Innocence Project

Awards: BLSA Faculty Member of the Year (2012)

U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, Assistant U.S. Attorney 2008 – 2009

- Represented the United States in criminal matters
- First-chaired seventeen jury and bench trials

Miner, Barnhill, & Galland, PC, Summer Associate Summer 2006

American Civil Liberties Union Women's Rights Project, Summer Associate Summer 2005

United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, Arusha, Tanzania
Legal Intern in the Office of the Prosecutor Summer 2004

CLERKSHIPS

The Hon. Martha Craig Daughtrey, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit 2007 – 2008

The Hon. Chief Judge James G. Carr, Northern District of Ohio 2006 – 2007

SELECTED SCHOLARSHIP: BOOKS AND TREATISES

MANIFESTING JUSTICE: WRONGLY CONVICTED WOMEN RECLAIM THEIR RIGHTS (Kensington Press, Citadel, forthcoming 2022).

SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE (LexisNexis 6th ed., 2021) (3 vols.) (with Paul C. Giannelli, Edward J. Imwinkelried, Jane Campbell Moriarty & Andrea Roth).

THE WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS READER (Carolina Academic Press, 2nd ed., forthcoming 2022) (with Russell Covey).

AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, AND SERVICE

Member, *Vital Strategies and Institute for Innovation in Prosecution Working Group on Public Health Innovation and Action Guide for Prosecutors* (2021).

Member, *NACDL Scholarship in the Courtroom Committee* (2021-2024).

Appointed member, *Arizona Bar Association Batson Working Group* (2020-2021).

Executive Board Member, *Innocence Network* (2014-2017; 2017-2019).

Member, *Northern District of West Virginia U.S. District Court Drug Court Team* (2017-2019).

Co-Founder, *Appalachian Justice Initiative* (2016 – 2019).

Volunteer, *Legal Education and Outreach for Veteran Prisoners*, Federal Correctional Center-Hazleton (2016 – 2019).

Member, *University of Chicago Law School Visiting Committee* (2014-2017).

Member, *University of Chicago Law School Public Interest Advisory Board* (2014-15).

Appointed Commissioner, *West Virginia Governor's Indigent Defense Commission* (2014-2019).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Bar Admissions: Arizona (pending character & fitness); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit; U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; N.D.W.V.; S.D.W.V.; West Virginia; N.D.M.S.; S.D.M.S.; Mississippi; Washington D.C.

EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D. 2006

Staff Member, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW REVIEW
Fellow, *University of Chicago Law School Stonewall Fellowship*
Fellow, *The Alfred B. Teton Civil and Human Rights Scholarship*

University of Chicago, the College, B.A., Anthropology, with Honors 2002

Richter Grant for Undergraduate Research, *Chicago Legal Aid for Incarcerated Mothers*
Metcalf Fellow, *Governor's Commission on the Status of Women in Illinois*
Fulbright Scholar, *Lycee Darchicourt, Henin-Beaumont, France*