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EDUCATION:

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

J.D., 1991

Academic Activities: Dunmore Moot Court

Competition, Barrister's Club

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

B.A. in English Literature, 1986

Academic Distinction: Dean's List - 1985, 1986

**COURTS ADMITTED
TO PRACTICE:**

All Courts in the State of Ohio, May 18, 1992

United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio,
February 6, 1996

United States Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit,
June 15, 2009

EMPLOYMENT:

February, 1996 - Present

EDWARD R. LA RUE - ATTORNEY AT LAW

Sole Practitioner - Defended over 1,000 clients accused in federal, state and local municipal courts of charges ranging from capital murder to minor misdemeanor traffic offenses. Tried over 50 jury trials, in excess of 100 bench trials, and argued regularly at the Eighth District Court of Appeals of Ohio on behalf of the criminally accused. I have lectured to colleagues on behalf of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, to Cleveland City Council subcommittees, and to practicing attorneys on criminal law topics ranging from arrest, search, and seizure issues, and interrogation procedures, to stalking, domestic violence, and DUI law developments. I have defended those accused in numerous "high profile" cases garnering daily media attention, as well as defended prominent local area businessmen, doctors, lawyers and other professionals. I am currently a member of the Criminal Justice Act Panel list of lawyers for federal appointments by the Federal Judiciary. I am past President, and continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Cuyahoga County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.

July, 1990 - February, 1996 CITY OF CLEVELAND - OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR

Assistant City Prosecutor - Prosecuted entire criminal docket for individual municipal judges. Tried over 250 bench trials, 10 jury trials and regularly argued at the Eighth District Court of Appeals of Ohio. Researched and wrote §627.02(A) of the City of Cleveland Codified Ordinances and testified before the Ohio General Assembly on a related Ohio bill. Appointed instructor at the Cleveland Police Academy on domestic violence issues. Presenter at the Ohio Attorney General's 1994 Conference on Law Enforcement.

Legal Intern - Assistant to Chief Prosecutor on toxic waste dumping cases. Acting assistant prosecutor at pretrial hearings, and at temporary protection order hearings.

Law Clerk - Duties included drafting of motions and briefs, witness interviews, second chair at trials, and case preparation.

Summer, 1990

LEWIS R. KATZ - Case Western Reserve University of Law
Research Assistant - Assisted the professor in the research and writing of his third edition of Ohio Arrest, Search and Seizure.

June - July, 1990

THE CUYAHOGA PLAN - Cleveland, Ohio

Investigator - Duties included the intake and analysis of fair housing complaints and audits to determine if probable cause existed to support the filing of Title VIII actions.

Summer, 1989

JOSEPH W. DEIMERT & ASSOCIATES - Cleveland, Ohio

Law Clerk - Duties included researching and writing interrogatories, motions, memoranda, briefs, and assisting at trials.

1986 - 1988

JONES, DAY, REAVIS & POGUE - Cleveland, Ohio

Corporate Paralegal - Extensive experience in drafting corporate documents, venture capital partnership start-ups, and corporate closings.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Federal Criminal Justice Act Panel
Federal Bar Association
Ohio State Bar Association
Cuyahoga County Criminal Defense Lawyers Association
President

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW:

State of Ohio v. Nicholas Grubach, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-97-357702 before the Honorable Judge Brian J. Corrigan, commonly referred to as the "Bachelor Party Slaying". Obtained **Not Guilty** verdicts on charges of Murder, Attempted Murder, and other associated accounts.

State of Ohio v. John W. Adamini, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-98-369679, before the Honorable Judge Daniel O. Corrigan. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on two counts of Felonious Assault and six related felony counts.

State of Ohio v. Donald Domke, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-99-381456, before the Honorable Judge Patricia A. Cleary. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on felony charges of Domestic Violence with a Prior Conviction.

State of Ohio in State of Ohio v. Eleanor Taylor, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case Number CR-377192, before the Honorable Judge Timothy McGinty. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on one count of Aggravated Burglary and one count of Felonious Assault.

City of Cleveland v. Patrick Petranek, Cleveland Municipal Court Case No. 99-CRB-002318, before the Honorable Judge Gerald Francis Sweeney. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on charges of Aggravated Menacing and Stalking of a fellow Cleveland Police Officer.

State of Ohio v. Harvey Suggs, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-398216, before the Honorable Judge Mary Jane Boyle. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on multiple charges of Felonious Assault.

State of Ohio v. Anthony Shelton, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-01-401969, before the Honorable Judge Bridget M. McCafferty. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on life without parole child rape charges and all lesser charges of a thirteen count indictment.

State of Ohio v. Antonio Scott, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-01-414211, before the Honorable Judge Timothy J. McGinty. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on charges of Attempted Murder and Felonious Assault, both with Firearm Specifications.

City of Cleveland v. Jose Torres, Cleveland Municipal Court Case No. 2001-CRB-052495, before the Honorable Judge Robert J. Triozzi. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict for a Cleveland Police Academy Cadet on charges of Aggravated Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest. Defendant was later commissioned as a Cleveland Police Officer with back pay.

State of Ohio v. Jerome Pursley, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-02-419034, before the Honorable Judge William J. Coyne. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on two counts of Arson for this Cleveland Municipal School District Teacher.

State of Ohio v. Blake Cruz, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-02-422743, before the Honorable Judge Christine McMonagle. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on charges of two counts of Gross Sexual Imposition and two counts of Unlawful Sexual Conduct with a Minor.

State of Ohio v. Donald McMahan, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-02-430711, before the Honorable Judge David T. Matia. Charges of Receiving Stolen Property and Fraudulent Act Concerning a VIN number were **Dismissed** by the Court upon written motion by the Defense.

State of Ohio v. Anthony Fore, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-437936, before the Honorable Judge Robert J. Glickman. Charges of Rape, Kidnapping, and Gross Sexual Imposition were all **Dismissed** on the day of trial by the State of Ohio.

State of Ohio v. Victor Keshishian, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-03-434070, before the Honorable Christine McMonagle. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on charges of Rape, Kidnapping with Sexual Motivation Specifications, and two counts of Gross Sexual Imposition.

State of Ohio v. Alexis Quinones, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-03-440195, before the Honorable Judge Daniel Gaul. Indictment **Dismissed** based on a defense motion. Two counts of Drug Trafficking, one count of Possession of Drugs, two counts of Drug Trafficking with Firearm and Juvenile Specifications, one count of Possession of Drugs with Firearm Specifications, and one count of Possession of Drugs with Firearm and Juvenile Specifications were all dismissed on statutory grounds. The Eighth District Court of Appeals **Affirmed** the trial court's dismissal of these charges. See: *State v. Quinones* (2006), 168 Ohio App. 3d 425.

State of Ohio v. Donald Robinson, Eighth District Court of Appeals for the State of Ohio Case No. CA-04-085149. Appeal resulted in vacation of plea and of a twenty year sentence as being in violation of Mr. Robinson's constitutional rights. Case remanded to the trial court for further proceedings.

In The Matter Of: C.S., a Minor, Eighth District Court of Appeals for the State of Ohio Case No. CA-04-85561. Conviction of charges of Sexual Battery were **Dismissed** and case was remanded to the trial court. Charges have not been pursued by the State of Ohio since this result.

State of Ohio v. Richard Herschbach, Jr., Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-04-453326 before the Honorable Judge Carolyn B. Friedland. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on charges of Domestic Violence, Disrupting Public Service and Menacing By Stalking. (Rule 29 Dismissal granted on all nineteen other counts.)

State of Ohio v. Jerry Young, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-06-473956 before the Honorable Judge Shirley Strickland Saffold. Obtained a misdemeanor assault plea for defendant on a two count Felonious Assault indictment based on allegations that the defendant took part in the beating of the victim with a baseball bat resulting in serious physical injuries.

State of Ohio v. Jose Rodriguez, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case Nos. CR-483633 and CR-487888 before the Honorable Judge Joan Synenberg. The Court, after hearing the State's case alleging Defendant Rodriguez possessed stolen motor vehicles on the premises of his business known as "M & M Auto Body and Towing", **Dismissed** all charges, upon defense motion, and discharged Defendant Rodriguez. All property, valued in excess of \$250,000.00, was ordered to be returned to Defendant Rodriguez.

State of Ohio v. Philip Hammons, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-491641 before the Honorable Shirley Strickland Saffold. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on charges of Aggravated Robbery and Robbery based upon charges brought by a certified public accountant against the accused.

City of Cleveland v. Ronald Townsend, Cleveland Municipal Court Case No. 2007-CRB-13853 before the Honorable Kathleen Ann Keough. **Dismissed** on all charges of Domestic Violence and Child Endangering upon the close of the City of Cleveland's case in chief by the Court.

City of Cleveland v. Leigh Bodden, Cleveland Municipal Court Case No. 2007-CRB-031069 before the Honorable Anita Laster Mays. Obtained verdicts of **Not Guilty** on all counts for Leigh Bodden of the Cleveland Browns on charges alleging Aggravated Disorderly Conduct, Resisting Arrest, Failure to Comply and additional traffic violations in an incident which involved a confrontation between Mr. Bodden and the Cleveland Police at Hopkins International Airport. (February 2008).

State of Ohio v. Joan Kelly, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-496736 before the Honorable Dick Ambrose. Defendant's Motion to Suppress Evidence was granted in a case involving hundreds of prescription pain killers and marijuana trafficking allegations upon the execution of a Cuyahoga County Search Warrant. As a result, all charges were **Dismissed**. The Eighth District Court of Appeals unanimously **Affirmed** the trial court's decision in granting the Motion. See: *State v. Kelly*, 2009 Ohio 957.

State of Ohio v. Zafer Yousef, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-08-506850 before the Honorable Steven J. Terry. Obtained jury verdicts of **Not Guilty** on all charges including Felonious Assault and Aggravated Assault for a Syrian-born naturalized United States citizen.

State of Ohio v. Erick Mitchell, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-516703 before the Honorable Nancy A. Fuerst. Charges of Kidnapping, Aggravated Robbery and Having Weapons While Under Disability were all **Dismissed** on the day of trial by the State of Ohio.

State of Ohio v. A.O., Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-517465 before the Honorable Nancy Margaret Russo. Charges of Drug Possession and Aggravated Theft against a Cleveland Emergency Medical Services Ambulance Carrier were all **Dismissed** by the State of Ohio.

City of Cleveland v. Eddie Humphrey, Cleveland Municipal Court Case No. 2008-CRB-32006 before the Honorable Pauline H. Tarver. Obtained a **Not Guilty** verdict on the charge of Child Endangering.

State of Ohio v. S.L., Case No. CR-536877 before the Honorable Daniel Gaul. An *Indictment* charging multiple counts of Tampering With Records, Money Laundering and Telecommunications Fraud was **Dismissed** in its entirety after the completion of pretrial discovery, and defense counsel's proof of Defendant's innocence.

State of Ohio v. Rasmieh Salti, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-523777 before the Honorable Timothy J. McGinty. Twenty-three felony charges that held the potential for life sentences of incarceration (without parole) including 8 counts of Rape, 7 counts of Child Endangering, 1 count of Gross Sexual Imposition and 7 counts of Kidnapping alleged by a minor child against her stepmother were all **Dismissed** by the State of Ohio with the Defendant's plea of guilty to one misdemeanor count of Child Endangering.

State of Ohio v. Kristopher King, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-10-545928 before the Honorable Janet R. Burnside. **Dismissed** on all charges of Felonious Assault, Kidnapping, Criminal Damaging and Improperly Handling Firearms, upon the close of the State of Ohio's case in chief by the Court on Defendant's Motion.

State of Ohio v. C.H., Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Case No. CR-11-556842 before the Honorable Shirley Strickland Saffold. Multiple charges of Kidnapping, Felonious Assault and Aggravated Riot were amended to a misdemeanor charge of Aggravated Trespassing arising out of a confrontation between local college football and baseball players at a party.

State of Ohio v. Dale M. Pratt, Summit County Court of Common Pleas Case No.: 2012-12-3475, before the Honorable Thomas Parker. Multiple charges of Aggravated Robbery of a local bank were resolved with a plea resulting in probation.

State of Ohio v. S.G.; L.K., Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas – Defended two (2) separate defendants in individual cases in 2013 alleging Rape and a multitude of other sex offenses resulting in the return of a "No True Bill" by the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury in each instance and no charges ultimately being brought against either client.

PERSONAL:

Married to Beth Zanelli La Rue - May, 1993.

Mrs. La Rue is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Class of 1993, and currently assists me on most major trials and projects.

Children: Elizabeth La Rue and Olivia La Rue, both attend school in the Shaker Heights community school system.