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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Ross Legal Practice**

*Attorney*

**Philadelphia, PA**

Mar. 2013 – Present

Areas of Practice: Civil Rights Litigation; Criminal Defense; Employment Discrimination; Internal Investigations; Personal Injury

Primary Responsibilities: Solo practitioner conducting all aspects of representation in civil and criminal cases in the above-stated areas of practice.

**Tucker Law Group**

*Attorney*

**Philadelphia, PA**

Oct. 2009 – Feb. 2013

Areas of Practice: White Collar Defense; Corporate Governance; Civil Rights Litigation; Higher Education Litigation; Personal Injury; Employment Litigation; Complex Civil Litigation

Primary Responsibilities: Coordinated and led internal and external investigations of claims on behalf of clients involving discrimination charges and allegations of criminal conduct; advised clients regarding governmental compliance; prosecuted and defended §1983 civil rights actions; served as primary and secondary attorney on a variety of litigation matters including the following: served as lead attorney representing college charged with due process violations in relation to student expelled from school; successfully investigated and litigated claim of company-wide age-based discrimination for major international chemical company; successfully defended claims of false arrest and false imprisonment against university police officers before federal jury; successfully defended claims of negligence against area hospital for injuries sustained in a premises liability matter before a state jury

**Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP\***

*Attorney*

**Philadelphia, PA**

Jan. 2008 – Sept. 2009

(\*Joined the firm through merger with Gregory Miller of Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, P.C.)

Areas of Practice: Commercial Litigation, White Collar Defense, Corporate Governance, Civil and Criminal Health Care Fraud

Primary Responsibilities: Conducted internal investigation of corporations; interviewed employees regarding compliance of corporations; supervise internal audit of corporation; drafted briefs, motions and memoranda regarding injunctive relief, discovery disputes, internal interviews, third-party subpoenas, notices of deposition and requests for government to produce material; represented criminal defendants through Criminal Justice Act appointments

**Miller, Alfano & Raspanti, P.C.**

*Attorney*

**Philadelphia, PA**

Aug. 2006 - Dec. 2007

Areas of Practice: Commercial Litigation, White Collar Defense, Civil and Criminal Health Care Fraud, Corporate Governance

Primary Responsibilities: Drafted briefs, motions and memoranda regarding internal interviews, federal RICO claims, federal sentencing, federal jury instructions and Medicare appeals; assisted in trial and acquittal of doctor facing federal fraud charges; drafted compliance policy for health care provider; counseled clients regarding federal sentencing, Medicare billing, contract disputes and grand jury proceedings

**Office of the Federal Public Defender**

*Assistant Federal Public Defender*

**Norfolk, VA**

Nov. 2003 - July 2006

Areas of Practice: Federal Criminal Defense

Primary Responsibilities: Represented indigent criminal defendants facing federal charges; participated in numerous trials and hearings ranging from sexual assault and DUI to bank fraud and cocaine distribution; drafted pretrial, trial, sentencing and appellate motions; conducted annual seminars for local attorneys regarding federal criminal practice

**Williams & Connolly LLP**

*Attorney*

**Washington, DC**

Oct. 2000 - Nov. 2003

*Summer Associate*

Summer 1998

Areas of Practice: Commercial Litigation, Antitrust, Complex Civil Litigation, Criminal Litigation, First Amendment

Primary Responsibilities: Drafted briefs, motions and memoranda regarding antitrust litigation, contract disputes, corporate fraud, injunctive relief and class certification; conducted and defended numerous depositions in shareholder derivative action; represented individuals facing state criminal charges; vetted potential articles for celebrity magazine to avoid libel charges; argued motions in Virginia, Maryland and District of Columbia state and federal courts

Primary Responsibilities: Authored bench memoranda and drafted opinions in criminal and civil matters ranging from drug distribution and robbery to employment discrimination and bankruptcy appeals; reviewed and made recommendations for 28 U.S.C. § 2255 petitions; worked closely with Judge Cacheris to manage court calendar and trial procedures

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AWARDS

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- Pennsylvania Innocence Project, Board of Directors Vice President (Jan. 2016 – present), Member (Feb. 2009 – present),
- Defender’s Association of Philadelphia, Board of Directors (Sept. 2013 – present)
- The Barristers’ Association of Philadelphia, Advisory Board Member (2015 – present), Member (2010 – present)
- Federal Bar Association Criminal Law Committee, Secretary (2015 – present), Member of Executive Committee (2012 – present)
- U.S. Sentencing Commission Practitioner’s Advisory Group, Third Circuit Representative (Oct. 2009 – 2014), Member (2014 – present)
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Member
- National Police Accountability Project, Member
- Member of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington D.C. and Philadelphia Bar Associations
- Recipient – Super Lawyers Award 2014, 2015, 2016
- Recipient – Pennsylvania Rising Stars Award 2010, 2011, sponsored by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers
- Recipient – Lawyers on The Fast Track Award 2009, sponsored by The Legal Intelligencer and Pennsylvania Law Weekly

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## PRESENTATIONS AND SCHOLARLY WORK

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- 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Seminar: Civil Litigation Update - Encore: *Ethical Issues in a Litigation Practice*, July 27, 2015
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual PBA Minority Attorney Conference: *The Ethical Guide for Attorneys Using Social Media*, April 9-10, 2015
- 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Seminar: Civil Litigation Update: *Ethical Issues in a Litigation Practice*, March 03, 2015
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Seminar: Civil Litigation Update - Encore: *Ethical Issues in a Litigation Practice*, July 15, 2014
- 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Seminar: Civil Litigation Update: *Ethical Issues in a Litigation Practice*, March 06, 2014
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Seminar: Pretrial Practice Series B: Discovery Strategy: *The Ethics of Discovery*, October 28, 2013
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, Federal Bar Association and The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers: *Health Care Fraud*, May 22-24, 2013
- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Seminar: Civil Litigation Update: *Ethical Issues in a Litigation Practice*, March 21, 2013
- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual PBA Minority Attorney Conference: *Social Media: What You Don’t Know Could Hurt You*, March 14-15, 2013
- 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Seminar: Civil Litigation Update - Encore: *Ethical Issues in a Litigation Practice*, July 17, 2012
- 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Seminar: Civil Litigation Update: *The Use of Social Media in Litigation*, July 20, 2011
- Pennsylvania Bar Institute CLE Seminar: *Fraud: Most Used and Least Understood Action*, April 12, 2011
- Delaware Valley Association of Corporate Counsel In-House Counsel Conference CLE Seminar: *How to Ethically Prepare a Witness for Deposition and Trial*, April 7, 2011
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual PBA Minority Attorney Conference: *Understanding the Impact of Social Media*, March 17-18, 2011
- U.S. Sentencing Commission’s Annual National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines: *Fraud and Theft Offenses*, June 16-18, 2010
- 18<sup>th</sup> Annual National Seminar on the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, Federal Bar Association and The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers: *Chapter 3: Adjustments*, May 21-22, 2009
- Recent Developments in Federal Sentencing, Seminar by Office of the Federal Public Defender for CJA Panel Members, Fall 2005

- Recent Developments in Federal Sentencing, Seminar by Office of the Federal Public Defender for CJA Panel Members, Fall 2004
- Riley H. Ross III & A. Kristina Littman, *White-Collar Defendants Find Benefits in Supreme Court's Sentencing Decisions*, The Legal Intelligencer, May 23, 2008.
- Riley H. Ross III, *The Effects of Race and Evidence on Jury Decision-Making in Sexual Harassment Cases* (1995) (unpublished M.A. thesis, Western Kentucky University) (on file with Cravens Library, Western Kentucky University)

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Virginia School of Law

Juris Doctorate

Charlottesville, VA

May 1999

- *Member*, Raven Society (Local Leadership Honorary)
- *Vice President of Membership*, Student Legal Forum, 1997-1999
- *Member*, Black Law Students Association 1996-1999

### Western Kentucky University

Master of Arts, Experimental Psychology

Bowling Green, KY

May 1995

- Best Graduate Paper Award - Sigma Xi Research Conference

### Longwood College

Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Farmville, VA

May 1993

- National Dean's List, 1992-1993
- *Member*, Order of Omega (National Honor Society)