

MARLYSHA MYRTHIL LIDDELL

8631 Signal Hill Road, Manassas, VA 20110 · [REDACTED]

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

Notre Dame, IN

Juris Doctor, May 2007

Honors: Notre Dame Law School Fellowship

BARNARD COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science – Human Rights Studies; Minor in Economics, May 2004

Honors: Graduated *cum laude*

EXPERIENCE

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

Washington, D.C.

Senior Trial Attorney, Special Litigation Section

September 2010 – Present

Pursue institutional reform litigation across the United States to correct pervasive violations of federal constitutional and civil rights law, with a focus on conditions of confinement in correctional facilities. Investigate state and local governmental institutions. Issue and litigate investigative subpoenas. Issue letters of investigative findings revealing a “pattern or practice” of civil rights violations. Negotiate court-enforceable remedies to correct federal civil rights violations. Monitor compliance with consent decrees and other court-enforceable remedies and bring enforcement actions when necessary.

HOLLAND & KNIGHT LLP

Jacksonville, FL

Chesterfield Smith Fellow, Litigation Associate

September 2008 – September 2010

Represented indigent clients *pro bono* in civil rights impact litigation in federal and state courts in the areas of prisoners’ rights, juvenile justice, education, and immigration. Drafted pleadings, discovery, motions, and memoranda of law. Took and defended depositions. Argued motions. Negotiated consent decrees in federal civil rights class action litigation to improve educational programming and conditions of confinement for minors in pretrial detention. Monitored defendants’ compliance with the terms of consent decrees. Authored briefs filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth and Eleventh Circuits. Argued civil rights appeal before the Eleventh Circuit.

HON. CHARLES R. WILSON, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS, ELEVENTH CIRCUIT

Tampa, FL

Law Clerk

September 2007 – August 2008

Drafted opinions and orders in a variety of civil and criminal appeals involving issues of federal subject matter jurisdiction, procedure, evidence, constitutional and statutory interpretation such as the application of the United States Sentencing Guidelines, the Medicare Act, the Immigration and Naturalization Act, and federal civil rights and *habeas corpus* statutes. Drafted bench memoranda in preparation for oral argument.

PUBLIC DEFENDER LEGAL EXTERNSHIP, NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL

Notre Dame, IN

Law Student Advocate

August 2006 – May 2007

Represented indigent clients and minors in the Trial and Misdemeanor Division of the St. Joseph County Courthouse. Handled pre-trial hearings and proceedings. Negotiated plea bargains.

HON. RONALD L. ELLIS, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

New York, NY

Judicial Intern

June – August 2006

Drafted reports and recommendations for *habeas corpus* petitions. Prepared opinion in a civil rights case under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Wrote legal memoranda for discovery hearings and settlement conferences.

MARLYSHA MYRTHIL LIDDELL

8631 Signal Hill Road, Manassas, Virginia 20110 · [REDACTED]

October 11, 2021

Via Electronic Mail

Alba Garza
Clerk
School Board of the City of Manassas
8700 Centreville Road, Suite 400
Manassas, VA 20110
agarza@mcpsva.org

Re: Application for Appointment to the Manassas School Board

Dear Ms. Garza:

I write to express my interest in serving my community by joining the City of Manassas School Board. As a daughter of Haitian immigrants and civil rights lawyer, I know that I could not have attained my goals and reached my full potential without having an excellent education. All my life, my parents stressed the importance of education as the key out of poverty, to combat discrimination, and to being a well-rounded citizen who contributes towards the advancement of our society. During my career, I have taken advantage of opportunities to give back the gift of education through mentoring programs, coaching high school mock trial, and teaching Street Law. While all these endeavors have been rewarding, I still see gaps in my ability to reach students who are living with the daily realities of life, including those formed by school policies. I seek this opportunity to serve my community by bringing my talents, skills, and love of learning to the Manassas School Board and make our educational system stronger for the 21st century.

I am the oldest of eight children, with a 16-year gap between my youngest sibling and me. Through my siblings, I have seen how much our educational system has changed. How we teach and learn is different—from e-books and tablets to remote learning. Outside of school, Saturday mornings that used to be filled by cartoons and *School House Rock* have been replaced with watching YouTube and spending hours on social media. While the internet and social media tools have increased our ability to access information and connect with each other, there are serious and growing risks posed by disinformation that especially hurts young people. As an older millennial who has experienced the advancement from AOL.com to Facebook, Twitter, and TikTok, I want to bring my expertise and understanding of the benefits and challenges of the internet and social media to help advance our youths' media literacy, critical thinking, and analytical skills.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I enclose my résumé for your review. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Marlysha Myrthil Liddell, Esq.

Enclosure