

## **LORY BARSDATE EASTON**

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### **EDUCATION**

Institute for the Psychological Sciences, Divine Mercy University, Arlington, Virginia: Psy. D. candidate, Clinical Psychology (August 2017-present).

Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut: J.D. 1988 (Yale Law Journal Managing Editor, Volume 97 (1987-1988); author of Note, Attorney-Client Privilege for the Government Entity, 97 *Yale Law Journal* 1725 (1988)).

Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut: B.A. 1983 (Summa cum Laude; Distinction in the Linguistics Major; Phi Beta Kappa). Senior Thesis in Linguistics topic: Comprehensibility of Jury Instructions.

University of Alaska, Fairbanks, Alaska: September 1979-December 1980, transferred to Yale College January 1981 (Outstanding Freshman Chemist Award; Chancellor's List - 4.0 GPA).

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Admitted to practice law: Connecticut (retired) (1990), Pennsylvania (inactive) (1990), Illinois (retired) (1991), District of Columbia (2007).

Sidley Austin LLP, 1990-2016 (Partner, 1996-2016). Litigator specializing in complex multi-district litigation, defending product liability claims in both federal and state courts. Served as national coordinating counsel and directed the defense of hundreds of lawsuits alleging personal injury and wrongful death. Managed defense in high-profile mass torts including aviation and railroad disasters, toxic exposure cases, and pharmaceutical and medical device matters. Advised corporate clients on torts liability issues, including litigation overseas. Counseled clients on litigation avoidance and mitigation strategies.

Law firm leader on diversity and professional development committees: Co-chaired Washington, DC, office Diversity Committee (2011-2016); chaired Washington, DC, office Lawyer Training Committee (2007-2010); team leader for Chicago and DC offices recruiting at Yale Law School (1997-2015); member, firmwide Diversity Committee (2002-2016); member, firmwide E-Discovery Committee (2006-2016).

Seminar speaker on professional development, diversity, and litigation topics: Interrupting unconscious bias in formal and informal performance reviews, mentoring across differences, providing effective feedback, career planning for law students, attorney-client privilege and work product protections, multidistrict litigation procedures, jurisdictional issues in transnational torts litigation, discovery issues for multinational corporate entities, defending wrongful death actions,

forum non conveniens, mold litigation trends, punitive damages, the “second injury” rule, revival of statutes of limitations, e-discovery, and legal ethics issues.

### **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES AND POSITIONS**

Certified in Adult Mental Health First Aid (February 2017).

Principal author of “Giving Feedback Across Differences: How to Minimize Implicit Bias (and Maximize Your Team’s Legal Talent),” 58 *For the Defense* 9:80 (Sept. 2016).

Author of “Getting Out of Dodge: Defense Pointers on Jurisdictional Issues in Aviation Torts Litigation,” 20 *Air & Space Lawyer* 3:9 (2006); co-author of a book chapter on jurisdictional issues in *Litigating the Aviation Case – The Legal Issues, 3d Edition* (2008).

Legal professional associations including Seventh Circuit Bar Association (Northern District of Illinois Liaison Representative, Rules and Practice Committee Chairman, and Seventh Circuit Pattern Civil Jury Instructions Committee member); Defense Research Institute; International Aviation Women’s Association.

Law Clerk, The Honorable Ralph K. Winter, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (August 1989 - August 1990).

Law Clerk, The Honorable José A. Cabranes, United States District Court, District of Connecticut (August 1988 - August 1989).

Ombudsman Assistant II, State of Alaska (June 1983 - August 1985): Performed all aspects of investigation of citizen complaints against Alaska state agencies, including on-site inspections of state facilities, use of subpoenas and depositions, and preparation of formal reports of findings and recommendations. Also conducted outreach visits to rural communities, led staff orientation on state personnel procedures and computer research, and supervised the Fairbanks Regional Office during the absence of the Regional Manager.

Board Member, FOCUS North America (2009 - present): Founding board member of Fellowship of Orthodox Christians United to Serve, a new faith-based non-profit organization that provides sustainable services (including Food, Occupation, Clothing, Understanding, and Shelter) to the homeless and working poor in multiple communities nationwide.

City committee leader, International Orthodox Christian Charities (“IOCC”): Chairman, IOCC Chicago Annual Banquet Committee, (2000, 2001); IOCC Chicago Metropolitan Committee (1995-2006); IOCC Washington DC Metropolitan Committee (2007-2011).

Choir member and parish lay leader in multiple Orthodox Christian parishes (Fairbanks, AK; New Haven, CT; Windber, PA; Chicago, IL; Cicero, IL; Washington, DC; Alexandria, VA).