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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To appoint Ms. Meridel J. Bulle-Vu to the Child Support Guideline Commission.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this resolution may be cited as the “Child Support Guideline Commission Meridel Bulle-Vu Appointment Resolution of 2017”.

Sec. 2. The Council of the District of Columbia appoints:

Ms. Meridel J. Bulle-Vu
3816 Military Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20015
(Ward 3)

as a member of the Child Support Guideline Commission, established by section 3 of the Child Support Guideline Amendment Act of 1990, effective July 25, 1990 (D.C. Law 8-150; D.C. Official Code § 16-916.02), to serve a 4-year term to end December 17, 2018.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia shall transmit a copy of this resolution, upon its adoption, to the appointee, the chairperson of the Commission, and to the Office of the Mayor.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon the first date of publication in the District of Columbia Register.

Meridel J. Bulle-Vu

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EXPERIENCE

Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

June 2011 – present

Senior Staff Attorney, Domestic Violence/Family Unit

Represent low-income clients – predominantly domestic violence survivors – in child custody and civil protection order cases, and custodial and non-custodial parents in child support and paternity cases. Staff a court-based legal services office at the Paternity and Support Branch of the D.C. Superior Court, providing same-day advice and temporary representation to parents. Provide extended representation in complex paternity, support, and custody proceedings and in motions for review. Supervise post-graduate fellows, junior attorneys, and legal interns. Supervise intake interviews across practice areas. Engage in systemic advocacy to improve the D.C. child support system, including testifying before the D.C. Council, drafting proposed legislation, and commenting on federal regulations. Lead internal and external trainings and outreach on the substance and practice of family law. Mentor *pro bono* attorneys in family law.

Georgetown/Howrey Pro Bono Fellowship, Washington, DC

September 2010 – March 2011

Represented low-income clients exclusively on *pro bono* matters. Independently managed diverse caseload. Drafted writ of *certiorari*, related motions and briefs for appeal from denial of *habeas corpus*. Interviewed clients, prepared affidavits and applications for asylum; successfully defended against removal of asylum clients in immigration court. Prepared for remanded third party custody trial. Successfully litigated police complaint for civil rights violation before administrative examiner. Represented juvenile clients committed to DYRS. Coordinated volunteer reading program at local school.

Georgetown Juvenile Justice Clinic, Washington, DC

Academic Year 2009 – 2010

Student Attorney

Independently represented adolescents charged with misdemeanor and felony crimes in D.C. Responsible for all stages of clients' cases, including initial client interview, development of a defense theory, investigation of evidence and witnesses, counseling client about plea offers, negotiation with prosecutors, and preparing for trial, disposition, and review hearings. Zealously addressed clients' tangential social and educational issues pre- and post- disposition.

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, DC

May – Aug 2009

Legal Intern, Community Development Project

Investigated potential racial discrimination in the unequal provision of municipal services and prepared memoranda analyzing merits under Civil Right statutes. Drafted legal agreements for community organizations in the Gulf Coast. Researched affordable housing and mobility opportunities under federal statutes.

National Health Law Program, Washington, DC

Sept 2008 – April 2009

Legal Intern

Researched health care issues facing low-income, minority, and elderly populations, focusing on language access barriers to quality care. Analyzed provisions of the Affordable Health Act for impact on minority health. Developed consumer education campaign on access to care and coverage and dealing with medical debt.

The Door - Legal Services Center, New York, NY

June – Aug 2008

Law Clerk

Interviewed clients and prepared petitions, affidavits and memoranda of law for Family Court and Immigration Court proceedings related to Special Immigrant Juvenile Status applications for undocumented youth, U-Visas for victims of crime, and T-Visas for victims of trafficking. Coordinated and led summer workshop for youth on "Street Law".

Center for Research on Child Wellbeing, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Sept 2005 – Aug 2007

Research Specialist

Researched topics including juvenile justice, education, poverty, and race for articles, policy briefs, course planning, and fundraising for *The Future of Children*, a journal promoting best practices in child policy. Drafted and edited reports, letters, papers, and website copy for use in advocacy and outreach. Created and maintained journal websites. Statistically analyzed data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study and wrote briefs on vulnerable children and families.

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BAR ADMISSIONS

State of New York, January 20, 2011 – present
District of Columbia, September 9, 2011 – present

PUBLICATIONS

District of Columbia Practice Manual, 2016 Edition, “Parentage”, “Child Support”, “UIFSA” (with Ashley McDowell et al).
District of Columbia Practice Manual, 2015 Edition, “Parentage” and “Child Support” (with Ashley McDowell et al).

Developments in Family Law in the District of Columbia: Three Significant Legislative Changes for Child Support, 18 UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAW REVIEW, 201-209 (2015) (with Tianna Gibbs and Ashley McDowell).

Strategic Intent: A Post-Sandoval Litigation Strategy for Title VI ‘Impact’ Cases, 18 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW AND POLICY, 461-486 (2010).

Review of What Youth Programs Do to Increase the Connectedness of Youth With Adults, 39 JOURNAL OF ADOLESCENT HEALTH, 788-799 (2006) (with Jean B. Grossman).

SELECT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Guest clinical lecturer at University of the District of Columbia General Practice Clinic (May 2017), Catholic University of America Columbus Community Legal Services Clinic (February 2016), and George Washington University Family Justice Clinic (January 2012).

Presenter, CCAN Brown Bag: *Paternity Issues from the Parents’ Perspective*, August 2015.

Presenter, *Multijurisdictional Issues in Family Court*, D.C. Superior Court quarterly judicial training, September 2014.

Presenter, *Navigating Child Support in Family Court Proceedings*, D.C. Bar Pro Bono Program training, June 2015.

Panelist, Roundtable Conference: *Strengthening the Link Between Child Support Enforcement and Employment Assistance*, Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, June 2012.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center

J.D. *cum laude*, May 2010

Honors: Juvenile Justice Clinic Public Service Award, May 2010
International Academy of Trial Lawyers Student Advocacy Award, May 2010
Pro Bono Pledge Award, May 2010
Equal Justice Foundation Ricci Fellowship

Activities: GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON POVERTY LAW AND POLICY, *Note and Comment Editor*
Georgetown Youth Advocacy
Educational Surrogate Parent Program, *Volunteer with D.C. Public Schools*

Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs

A.B. *cum laude*, May 2005

Honors: Priscilla Glickman ’92 Memorial Prize for Community Service, May 2005
Dean Hank Dobin Prize for Community Based Independent Work, May 2005

Senior Thesis: *Building Better Beginnings: Promising Practices for State Early Childhood Education Policy*

LANGUAGES

Proficient in Spanish.