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CEO, ACCESS PLUS, LLC

2018 - present

Inspirational and Motivational Speaker

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC STUDIES

- Montcalm Community College 1985 - 1987
  - American Criminal Law
  - Legal Research and Writing
- Business Basics - The Build Institute, Wayne State University 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND AWARDS

- National Organization of Exonerees 2021 - present
- Southwest Detroit Community Justice Center 2020 - present
- Spirit of Detroit Award – City of Detroit 2020
- Certificate of Achievement – The National Lifers Association 2008
- Certificate of Achievement – NAACP 2004
- Certificate of Achievement – Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan 1993

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- "What you Need To Know Before Hiring A Lawyer And What You Need To Know Before Filing An Appeal."
- "Sixteen Lawyers"

Detroit Free Press Articles

- "Make rehabilitation a bigger part of prison life" - October 28, 2008
- "Switch to a smarter parole system" - May 1, 2006
- "Dodging Prison Doors" - July 18, 2005
- "Reformed rules would prove cost-effective" - 2004

Public Speaking and Seminar Topics

- "Healing on the Inside"
- "All I feel is Gratitude"
- "A Roadmap to the Judicial Process"

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

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- Honored to speak at the The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers Charles Wright African America Museum, along with a judge, civil rights, attorney, renowned journalist and members of the community, invited by Director and Journalist, Satorie Shakoor, July 19, 2019, Detroit, MI.
- Spoke at Podcast for Kyba-Intermedia 'For Real' Show, Hope For Flint campaign, invited by Journalist Kristen Wolosonwich, June 26, 2019, Flint, MI.
- Spoke at Podcast for Kyba-Intermedia 'For Real' Show, Keeping It Real, invited by media producer Jackie Kallen, June 19, 2019, Farmington Hills, MI.
- Honored to speak at Jackson Hole Wyoming High School before students, faculty, and community members, invited by School Teacher and Professor, Michelle Rook, May 20, 2019.
- Attended National Innocence Project Conference, Invited by the Innocence Project, along with 200 other exonerees, attorneys, members of the media, along with Founders Barry Scheck and Peter Neufeld, April 11, 2019.
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- Featured on front page of Detroit News, Story written by George Hunter, April 18, 2022.
- Honored and privileged to speak at the Colorado Interview Project, invited by Colorado Elementary School teacher, Michelle Rooks, January 26, 2022.
- Honored and privileged to speak at MCPI (Michigan Council of Private Investigators), invited by Cheri Gelnak, October 27, 2022.
- Honored and privileged to speak to Law Students at Oakland University at the invite of Professor James Windell, November 29, 2022.
- Honored and privileged to speak at Wayne State University, with Robyn Frankel, Assistant Attorney General and Director of the Michigan Conviction Integrity Unit, at the invite of Professor Daniel Ellman, November 16, 2022.
- Honored and privileged to speak at Twisted Story telling event at the Marygrove Theatre at the Invite of Satori Shakoor, film director and president of The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers, November 18, 2022.
- Honored and privileged to speak at University of Detroit, Mercy Wrongful Conviction workshop class, along with Valerie Newman, at the Invite of Judge Michelle Rick, February 7, 2023.
- Honored and privileged to speak at Eastern University to Wrongful Conviction Class, at the invite of Professor Kyle Scherr, February 10, 2023.
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- Honored and privileged to speak at Twisted Story Telling event at Southfield Park and Recreation Center, at the invite of Satori Shakoor, film director and president of The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers, February 23, 2024.
- Honored and privileged to speak at Twisted Story Telling event (collaborating with Carr Center, Bedrock and AARP) downtown Detroit, Campus Martius, at the invite of Satori Shakoor, film director and president of The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers, February 25, 2024.
- Honored and privileged to speak at Twisted Story Telling event, at Wayne County Community College District, Detroit, at the invite of Satori Shakoor, film director and president of The Secret Society of Twisted Storytellers, February 27, 2024.
- Honored and privileged to speak at The Task Force on Black Male Engagement, a School Welcome event for young kids, at Gompers Elementary Middle School, at the invite of Lynn McNeal and staff of City Councilman James Tate, October 2, 2024.
- Honored and privileged to speak at Western Michigan Cooley Law School on International Wrongful Conviction Day, at the invite of Cooley Law School Innocence Project Director Tracey Brame, October 3, 2024.
- Honored and privileged to speak at University of Detroit Mercy Law School, on International Wrongful Conviction Day, along with Wayne County Conviction Integrity Unit Director, Valerie Newman, at a workshop class, at the invite of Michigan Court of Appeals Judge and Adjunct Professor, Michelle Rick's, October 3, 2024.
- Honored and privileged to speak at Wayne State University Workshop class, at the invite of PhD of Sociology Professor Michelle R. Jacobs, March 5, 2025.
- Honored and privileged to speak at Macomb Community College, at the invite of the Michigan Court Reporter's Association, along with attorney Wolfgang Mueller, March 8, 2025.
- Honored and privileged to speak at the United States Library of Congress, at the invite of the Foundation For Financial Planning FFP, Tori Paulson, Vice President of Development and Communications, Chief Executive Officer Jon Dauphine, and After Innocence, Program Manager, Brigitte Koch, April 3, 2025.
- Honored and privileged to speak at the California Future Proof Festival, at the invite of Jon Dauphine, CEO of Foundation For Financial Planning (FFP), and After Innocence Executive Director Jon Eldan, September 15, 2026.
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