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EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN LAW SCHOOL

Ann Arbor, MI

Juris Doctor, *cum laude*

Dec. 2002

- Michigan Law Review: Contributing Editor, 2002; Associate Editor, 2001-2002
- Henry M. Campbell Moot Court: Executive Board Member, 2002-3; Quarterfinalist, 2002
- Immigration Law Certificate of Merit: Awarded for Achieving the Highest Grade, 2002
- Trial Advocacy Award: International Academy of Trial Lawyers, 2002
- Award for Outstanding Law Students: Women Lawyers Association of Michigan, 2001

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts with High Distinction in History and Political Science

May 1999

- James A. Knight Scholarship in History, 1999: Outstanding work on Honors Thesis.
- William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize, 1996: Given to top 5% of students.

LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW

Baltimore, MD

Director of Externships and Professor of the Practice

May 2019 – Present

- Oversee legal externship program including placement oversight and student counseling for program serving 150-200 students per year.
- Built one of the largest paid legal externship programs in the United States by writing grants and building partnerships with funding partners.
- Develop and teach curricula for Public Interest Lawyering Externship, Attorney Practice Externship, Advanced Externship. Oversee Judicial Externship and Corporate Counsel Externship seminars.
- Conduct trainings and create model curriculum, training manuals and materials, resource websites, and instructional videos for students and field placement supervisors.
- Utilize electronic management system to create paperless and automated field placement approval and record keeping process.
- Recruit, train, and oversee adjunct faculty teaching externship courses, including compliance with ABA standards.
- Serve on Career Development, Bar Success, and Hybrid Program Faculty Committees.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, THE LAW SCHOOL

Chicago, IL

Lecturer in Law

Dec. 2011 - Oct. 2018

- Created and taught an innovative two-quarter clinical course on gender-based violence and the law, exploring a wide range of civil legal remedies available to survivors of violence.
- Taught a seminar covering the various legal systems (both criminal and civil) that affect victims of domestic and sexual violence, with a focus on victims living in poverty.
- Structured and oversaw clinic students' placements and evaluation at Legal Aid Chicago on

family law, housing, immigration, and employment matters.

- Designed exercises to improve students' advocacy skills, including a simulated contested hearing conducted at the Richard J. Daley Center before Cook County judges.

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL

Cambridge, MA

AIDS Clinic Fellow, Wilmer Hale (Hale & Dorr) Legal Services Center

March-July 2005

- Served as clinical supervisor to law students in the Health and Employment clinical program.
- Provided legal representation and community education to HIV-positive clients through medical-legal partnerships with HIV/AIDS health care providers in Boston and Quincy.
- Represented HIV-positive individuals in estate planning, including wills, trusts, medical and durable powers of attorney.
- Assisted HIV-positive parents in permanency planning for their minor children through estate plans and child guardianship petitions.

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Boston, MA

Clinical Teaching Fellow, The Domestic Violence Institute

Sept. 2003-March 2005

- Created curriculum and provided classroom instruction in the domestic violence clinic.
- Taught interviewing skills to students participating in the Boston Medical Center medical-legal partnership.
- Supervised the Dorchester District Court's walk-in civil legal advocacy office, staffed by students and community advocates, in assisting victims seeking restraining orders.
- Provided legal supervision to community advocates from domestic violence agencies providing culturally competent services to Vietnamese and Haitian clients.
- Served on committees composed of law enforcement, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, probation officers and service providers, and aimed at creating a coordinated community response to domestic violence.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2022 James May Faculty Award, University of Baltimore School of Law

2017-2018 Founders Award, Chicago Bar Association's Alliance for Women

SELECTED ARTICLES AND PRESENTATIONS

Neha Lall, *2023 CLEA Survey Confirms National Trend Towards Allowing Paid Externships*, 32 CLEA Newsletter 2 (Spring 2024).

<https://www.cleaweb.org/resources/Documents/Spring%202024%20CLEA%20Newsletter%20FINAL%205.4.24%20.pdf>

Kate Devlin Joyce, Neha Lall, & June Tai, *CLEA Externship Committee Report: 2023 Survey of Law Schools on Student Compensation in For-Credit Externships*, CLEA (Apr. 18, 2023).

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/erlyowgsw5mscrjsyoirs/2023-CLEA-Paid-Externships-Survey-FINAL-4.16.24.pdf?rlkey=f1b87tw5008rqbzq9jheb5h1a&e=1&dl=0>

The Shifting Tide of Paid Externships at AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, St. Louis (May 5, 2024).

Bellow Scholars Program Report on Projects at AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, St. Louis (May 5, 2024).

Pillars or Walls? Reimagining Externships to Foster Student-Centeredness and Empowerment at AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (May 3, 2024).

Empirical Study of Legal Education and the Legal Profession: Professional Identity in the Legal Academy at AALS Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (Jan. 4, 2024)

Working for Pay or Paying to Work? at Bellow Scholar Workshop, CUNY Law School, New York (Oct. 13, 2023).

Creating Meaning and Connection with Law Students in the Evolving Workplace at 2024 Partners for Justice Conference, Baltimore (May 22, 2024).

Linguistic Bias in the Justice System at 2024 Partners for Justice Conference, Baltimore (May 22, 2024).

Bellow Scholars Program Report on Projects at AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Francisco (April 30, 2023).

Show me the Money at AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Francisco (April 30, 2023).

12Twenty: Building a Collaborative, Data-driven, and Paperless Externship Program at Externships 11 Conference, Malibu, CA (Oct. 7, 2022).

One Good Teaching Idea Deserves Another at Externships 11 Conference, Malibu, CA (Oct. 7, 2022).

Defending Tenancies in the Age of Crime-Free Housing Policies at Illinois Legal Aid Advocates Conference, Chicago, IL (Sept. 8, 2017).

Civil Relief for Sexual Assault Victims at Illinois Legal Aid Advocates Conference, Chicago, IL (Sept. 7, 2017).

Making the Connections, Comprehensive Legal Assistance for Survivors Project Training, Chicago, IL (June 25, 2015)

Landlord Fair Housing Training, Oak Park, IL (Oct. 1, 2014)

Lessons from the Court Room: Litigating Sexual Assault Under the Illinois Civil No Contact Order Act, Chicago, IL (August 26, 2013).

The Illinois Civil No Contact Order Act at Training for Cook County Domestic Violence Division Judiciary, Chicago, IL (March 22, 2013).

Legal Update on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking, Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and The Chicago Metropolitan Battered Women's Network Statewide Trainings, Various

Locations in Illinois (Sept. 2010 – Sept. 2011).

Litigating and Enforcing Orders of Protection and Civil No Contact Orders at Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, IL (May 20, 2009).

Turn that Paper into Real Protection at Illinois Legal Aid Advocates Conference, Chicago, IL (Nov. 13, 2008).

Legal Strategies and Remedies for Minor Victims at National Advanced Sexual Assault Law Institute, Boston, MA (Oct. 29, 2008).

Domestic Violence in the South Asian Community at National South Asian Bar Association Convention, Chicago, IL (June 28, 2008).

Sexual Assault Legal Intake and Screening at National Sexual Assault Law Institute, New Orleans, LA (Feb. 13, 2008).

MEDIA MENTIONS AND CASE PROFILES

Christianna McCausland, “In the Interest of Justice,” *The University of Baltimore Magazine* (Fall 2023), found at: https://blogs.ubalt.edu/ubmag/wp-content/uploads/sites/1160/2023/12/UBalt_Mag_2023lr.pdf

Lolly Bowean, “South suburban woman who sued housing agency gets a new apartment,” *Chicago Tribune* (March 17, 2016), found at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-public-housing-lawsuit-settled-met-0318-20160317-story.html>

Phil Kadner, “Lawsuit says housing authority punishing crime victim,” *Daily Southtown* (April 30, 2015) found at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/daily-southtown/news/ct-sta-kadner-blakemore-st-0501-20150430-column.html>

Lolly Bowean, “Chicago Heights woman injured in fire sues housing agency,” *Chicago Tribune* (April 28, 2015), found at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-housing-lawsuit-after-fire-met-0428-20150428-story.html>

Pat Milhizer, “Law student’s case leads to court’s reversal,” *The Chicago Daily Law Bulletin* (June 6, 2011).

Kari Lydersen, “Law Came Too Late for Some Rape Victims,” *The New York Times* (July 8, 2010), found at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/07/09/us/09cnckits.html?pagewanted=all&r=0>

Megan Twohey, “School districts struggle to deal with dating violence among students” *Chicago Tribune* (Jan. 10, 2010), found at: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2010-01-10/news/1001090238_1_school-districts-schools-task-force-sexual-assault

Megan Twohey, “Domestic violence and stalking victims get new legal protections,” *Chicago Tribune* (Jan. 1, 2010), found at: http://articles.chicagotribune.com/2010-01-01/news/0912310766_1_domestic-violence-victims-of-sexual-assault-stalking

Megan Twohey, “2 teens raped as evidence sat,” *Chicago Tribune* (Oct. 18, 2009), found at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/chi-dna-rape-evidenceoct18-story.html>

Megan Twohey, “Rape test backlog never went away,” *Chicago Tribune* (May 1, 2009), found at: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/watchdog/chi-rapekitbacklog-050109--story.html>

BAR ADMISSIONS

Maryland State Bar; Illinois State Bar (Inactive Status)

PRACTICE AND ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE

LEGAL AID CHICAGO (formerly LAF)

Supervisory Attorney, Housing Practice Group

Senior Attorney, Housing Practice Group

Staff Attorney, Housing Practice Group

Staff Attorney, Loop Service Office

Chicago, IL

April 2017 – Oct. 2018

Jan. 2015 – April 2017

Sept. 2011 – Jan. 2015

Nov. 2009 - Sept. 2011

- Supervisor in the Housing Practice Group, which handles approximately 40% of the extended representation the largest legal aid organization in the Midwest.
- Brought discrimination claims based on race, religion, sex, familial status, gender identity and national origin under the Fair Housing Act, Illinois Human Rights Act, Title VII, as well as claims under the Violence Against Women Act and the Family Medical Leave Act.
- Represented clients in a full range of litigation related to housing, orders of protection, and domestic relations, including injunctive relief, pretrial, bench trial, and jury trial proceedings.
- Provided representation to clients in administrative proceedings and judicial review of agency decisions relating to housing and unemployment benefits.
- Litigated administrative complaints for source of income discrimination on behalf of Housing Choice Voucher participants before the Chicago Commission on Human Relations.
- Conducted legal consultations and provided emergency intervention on a variety of poverty-related legal issues, including employment, utility, public benefits, domestic violence, and housing matters.
- Provided supervision and training to law student clerks, clinical students, fellows and pro bono attorneys from various Chicago law firms.

LIFE SPAN CENTER FOR LEGAL SERVICES & ADVOCACY

Staff Attorney

Chicago, IL

Sept. 2005-Nov. 2009

- Acted as trial and appellate counsel in the first appellate court decision under the Illinois Civil No Contact Order Act (*J.M. v. Briseno*, 2011 IL App (1st) 091073), a civil protective order for sexual assault victims.
- Represented sexual assault victims in civil no contact order proceedings, school disciplinary complaints, complaints to the Department of Education under Title IX, and workplace safety matters.
- Litigated divorce, custody, child support, and order of protection matters on behalf of domestic violence victims.
- Represented victims of domestic and sexual violence on U-visa and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) immigration petitions, including administrative applications and adjustment of status proceedings.

INDIA CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS & LAW**Bates Fellow****Mumbai, India
Jan. 2003 – Apr. 2003**

- Interviewed hundreds of blind beggars and hawkers in the Mumbai local railway stations regarding employment discrimination and police harassment as part of a survey in support of a class action lawsuit.
- Interviewed and prepared battered women to testify in family violence petitions.

SANCTUARY FOR FAMILIES**Equal Justice America Fellow****New York, NY
Summer 2001**

- Represented victims of domestic violence in family court proceedings, including custody and divorce matters.
- Filed affirmative petitions for immigration relief under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).
- Prepared an affirmative asylum application on behalf of a Tibetan refugee who had been imprisoned and subjected to torture and rape.

LAW SCHOOL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**ANN ARBOR, MI**

- **Child Advocacy Law Clinic:** Represented parents, minor children, and a state child protection agency in adjudications of abuse and neglect petitions and termination of parental rights cases in Washtenaw County, Jackson County, and Flint, Michigan.
- **Children's Law Appellate Clinic:** Represented minor children in appeals of termination of parental rights cases.
- **The Family Law Project:** Represented victims of domestic violence in Personal Protection Order (PPO) cases in Washtenaw County, Michigan.
- **Medstart Program:** Worked with a multidisciplinary team of medical, law, public health, and social work students to create a hands-on conference focusing on children in the juvenile justice system for local community members and leaders.

THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT / SAFE HOUSE**Staff Legal Advocate/24-Hour On-Call Team****Ann Arbor, MI
1998-2003**

- Provided in-court civil and criminal advocacy to victims of domestic violence and their children.
- Worked with local law enforcement to provide 24-hour in-home services to all reported victims of domestic abuse in Washtenaw County.