

curriculum vitae

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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Denver College of Law, Denver, CO 1999-present

Director of Clinical Programs (2005-present)

Associate Professor of Law (with tenure) (2005-present)

Assistant Professor of Law (1999-2005)

Direct and administer the clinical programs, externship program and clinical fellowship program.

- Oversee and supervise tenure and tenure-track clinical faculty, fellows and staff
- Supervise externship director and program that serves on average 400 students per year
- Develop and manage budget for clinical programs and externship program
- Create and implement curriculum for clinical teaching fellows
- Support and encourage the scholarly development of clinical faculty and fellows

Teach and supervise law students in civil litigation clinic.

- Develop and implement pedagogically-innovative curriculum, casework and projects
- Teach classes on substantive and skill-based topics related to the practice of law in the areas of immigrant workers' rights, housing law and domestic violence
- Supervise law students on individual trial and appellate cases, larger litigation projects and community based legal projects including legislative advocacy

Service on numerous faculty committees including: Chair of Promotion and Tenure (elected), Faculty Executive (elected), Appointments, Dean Search, Curriculum and Clinic Advisory Committees.

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY 2002-2003

Visiting Clinical Professor

Taught and supervised law students in civil clinic.

- Developed and implemented curriculum and taught classes on substantive and skill-based topics related to the practice of law in the areas of government benefits, housing, family and asylum law
- Supervised law students on individual cases as well as community based legal projects

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT 1993-1996

Cover Fellow in Public Interest Law - Clinical Teaching Fellow and Supervising Attorney

Administered the Poverty/HIV legal clinic, supervised students and represented clients in civil matters.

- Developed and implemented poverty law and HIV/AIDS curriculum
- Supervised law students on casework and projects in the Poverty/HIV clinic, Disabilities clinic, Prison clinic and the Housing and Community Development clinic
- Represented clients in administrative hearings, probate court, state and federal courts on issues including: housing, entitlements, discrimination, family law, estate and future planning, confidentiality and compassionate release
- Researched, analyzed, and drafted proposed legislation affecting people with HIV/AIDS

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut School of Law - Hartford, CT J.D., May 1992

- Connecticut Journal of International Law, Notes and Comments Editor
- Dean's Fellow, Legal Writing and Research Instructor
- Joseph F. Noonan Award for Legal Scholarship and Public Service, 1991 and 1992
- University of Connecticut Public Interest Law Group - President, 1991 and 1992

Clark University - Worcester, MA B.A., Economics, May 1989

- Fiat Lux Honor Society
- Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Economic Honor Society
- Ruth G. Hodgkins Memorial Scholarship, 1985-1989

University of Stirling - Stirling, Scotland

- International Exchange Program, Fall Semester 1987

PUBLICATIONS

Ask, Don't Tell: Ethical Issues Surrounding Undocumented Workers' Status in Employment Litigation, 61 STAN. L. REV. 355 (2008).

Principles of Non-Arbitrariness: Lawlessness in the Administration of Welfare, 57 RUTGERS L. REV. 451 (2005).

POVERTY AND SOCIAL WELFARE IN AMERICA: AN ENCYCLOPEDIA, Editors, Gwendolyn Mink and Alice O'Connor, forthcoming 2004 (contributed a chapter to the book on *Legal Aid/Legal Services*).

The New Contract: Private Law Implications of Welfare Reform, 61 MD. L. REV. 246 (2002).

Welfare Entitlements in the Era of Devolution, 9 GEO. J. ON POVERTY L & POL'Y 89 (2002).

Kathleen A. Sullivan: A True Teacher's Teacher, 8 CLINICAL L. REV. 13 (2001).

The United States Policy on HIV Infected Aliens: Is Exclusion an Effective Solution?, 7 CONN. J. INT'L L. 367 (1992).

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado, Denver, CO 1998-1999

Intake Director/Staff Attorney

Represented clients on constitutional law and civil rights issues.

- Represented clients in federal and state court on matters relating to civil rights and constitutional law
- Developed the factual and legal analysis for potential cases
- Screened all requests for assistance
- Supervised and trained law students and other volunteers

Legal Aid Services of Oregon, Portland, OR

1996-1998

Staff Attorney

Represented indigent clients in civil matters with a focus on administrative and family law.

- Represented clients at both trial and appellate level in administrative hearings and state and federal court on issues involving, cash benefits, health care, child support and food stamps
- Analyzed and commented on proposed administrative rules issued by the Department of Human Resources
- Created and implemented a pro bono panel to assist clients with contested FAPA hearings

Neighborhood Legal Services, Hartford, CT

1992-1993

Staff Attorney

Represented indigent clients in civil matters with particular focus on clients with HIV/AIDS.

- Represented clients in civil court on issues including: housing, entitlements, family, discrimination, and estate and future planning and administrative hearings before the Social Security Administration and Department of Social Services

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Tapping Into The Law School Market: Building Successful Partnerships With Law Schools, National Legal Aid & Defender Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, November 19, 2009.

Formative Assessment of Ethical Judgment: Clinical Course Models From the Past, Directions for the Future, Legal Education at the Crossroads v. 3: Conference on Assessment, Denver, CO, September 12, 2009.

Clinical Scholarship, AALS Annual Clinical Conference, Cleveland, OH, May 9, 2009.

Clinical Scholarship Work in Progress Session, AALS Annual Clinical Conference, Cleveland, OH, May 8, 2009.

Complex Personnel Issues, AALS Law Clinic Directors Workshop, May 6, 2009.

Community Needs & Curricular Challenge, Teaching in the Moment: A Workshop on Curricular Development, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN, April 27, 2009.

Reflecting on Pedagogy, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Tucson, AZ, May 4, 2008.

Ask, Don't Tell: Ethical Issues Surrounding Undocumented Workers' Status in Employment Litigation, Work in Progress Series, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, October 17, 2007.

Ethical Dilemmas in Representing Undocumented Workers, Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference, Scholarship Roundtable, October 13, 2007, Thomas Jefferson School of Law.

Ask, Don't Tell: Ethical Issues Surrounding Undocumented Workers' Status in Employment Litigation, Second Annual Colloquium on Current Scholarship in Labor & Employment Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, September 28-29, 2007.

Beyond Legal or Illegal: Ethical Issues Surrounding Undocumented Workers' Status in Civil Litigation, Denver University Law Review Symposium, February 16, 2007.

Responding to Community Needs – The Day Laborer Center in Denver, Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference, November 18, 2006.

Beyond Legal or Illegal: Ethical Issues Surrounding Undocumented Workers’ Status in Civil Litigation, Clinical Writers’ Workshop, New York University Law School, April 29, 2006.

Finding Your Niche in Clinical Teaching, CLEA New Clinicians Conference, AALS Clinical Conference, Chicago, IL, April 30, 2005.

Meeting Scholarship Requirements as a Clinical Professor, Rocky Mountain Regional Clinical Conference, University of Denver College of Law, October 23, 2004.

Serving America’s Working Poor: Combating Multiple Injustices with Action and Advocacy, Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, April 7, 2003.

The Real Work That Lawyers Do on Behalf of Indigent Clients, Lafayette College, March 2003.

Beyond Experts: Using Interdisciplinary Models to Improve Litigation Solutions, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, January, 2003.

The Voice of Experience, Society of American Law Teachers Panel Presentation, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, January, 2003.

The New Contract: Welfare Reform, Devolution and Due Process, University of Maryland Law School, Conference on the Reauthorization of the Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act, October, 2001.

Federal and State Fair Housing Laws, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Equal Justice Colloquium, University of Denver, February 2001.

Application of Clinical Skills to a Clinical Individual Representation Model, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Centennial Annual Conference, January, 2000.

Welfare Reform and Entitlements: The Procedural Due Process Implications, University of Denver College of Law, Denver, CO, February, 1999.

Family Law Issues Faced by Survivors of Domestic Violence, Portland State University Masters Program, Hillsboro, OR, August 26, 1997.

The Representation of Clients in Family Abuse Prevention Act Hearings, Oregon Bar Association, Accredited Continuing Legal Education Seminar, Hillsboro, OR, February, 1997.

The Impact of the AIDS Epidemic on Children - What Lawyers, Judges, and Other Child Advocates Can Do to Help, Connecticut Bar Association Midyear Meeting, Farmington, CT, November 17, 1995.

AIDS and the Law, AIDS Certification Class, Albertus Magnus College, New Haven, CT, February, 1994 and February, 1995.

Community Lawyering: A Model of Lawyering for Social Change, Speakers Forum, Lafayette College, Easton, PA, December 5, 1994.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, Clinical Skills Committee** 2008-present
Drafted and submitted comments to the ABA, Section on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar, Standards Review Committee supporting the incorporation of student learning outcome measures and assessment tools into its accreditation standards.
- Board of Directors, Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA)** 2004-present
- Chair, CLEA Elections Committee** 2007-present
- Member, AALS Clinical Section, Scholarship Committee** 2006-present
- Co-Chair, Regional Conference Committee, AALS Clinical Section** 2005-present
- Co-Chair, Litigation Section, American Association of Law Schools (AALS)** 2002-2003
- Executive Committee Member, Litigation Section, (AALS)** 2000-2005
- Board of Directors, Legal Center for Persons With Disabilities** 2000-2005
- National Institute of Trial Advocacy** August 1999
Participated in eleven-day trial training that concluded with a jury trial.
- Welfare Litigation Task Force** 1998-2002
Member of a Task Force designed to strategically litigate issues that arise under the 1996 Welfare Reform Act. Actively participated on litigation teams to address issues identified as priorities.
- Housing For All, Legal Panel** 1998-1999
Legal Panel member for a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to individuals with housing discrimination complaints.
- Shelter/Domestic Violence Resource Center, Board of Directors** 1996-1997
Board member for a nonprofit organization that provides shelter, emergency assistance and education to those affected by domestic violence.
- HIV/AIDS Statewide Legal Services Task Force** 1992-1996
Member of task force designed to coordinate legislative, legal and educational advocacy on for people with HIV/AIDS.
- AIDS Project New Haven, Board of Directors** 1993-1994
Board member for nonprofit organization that provides HIV/AIDS-related education to the community and direct services to people with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- New Haven Home Recovery, Board of Directors** 1993-1996
Board member for nonprofit organization which provides shelter, case management and educational programs for single women with children, and administers a transitional housing program for HIV positive women and their children.

AWARDS

Clinical Legal Education Award for Excellence in Public Interest Case or Project May 2002
Students and faculty designed and implemented a multi-dimensional project to combat predatory lending which included comprehensive legislative advocacy, community legal education and litigation.

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Colorado
United States District Court, District of Colorado
State of Oregon (inactive)
State of Connecticut
United States District Court, District of Connecticut