

curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center** 1995
LL.M. in Advocacy
- Cornell Law School** 1993
Concentration in Advocacy
Note Editor, *Cornell Journal of Law & Public Policy*
Stanley E. Gould Prize for Outstanding Dedication to Public Interest Law
- University of Pennsylvania** 1990
B.A. in Philosophy, Minor in Psychology
Phi Beta Kappa
Magna cum laude

EMPLOYMENT

- University of Denver Sturm College of Law** 2004-present
Denver, Colorado
Associate Professor of Law
Director of Civil Rights Clinic
Interim Director of Clinical Programs (2007-08)
Teach, supervise and evaluate clinic students in their representation of clients in complex civil rights matters including disability, race, gender, religious, age and national origin discrimination, prisoners' rights and constitutional law issues.
Service on Faculty Executive, Appointments and Clinic Advisory Committees.
- University of North Dakota School of Law** 2002-2004
Grand Forks, North Dakota
Associate Professor of Law
Director of Clinical Education Program & Civil Rights Project
Oversee clinical legal education program, including supervision of clinic faculty, staff, student directors and clinic students. Founded and directed the Civil Rights Project, in which I supervised students representing clients in complex civil rights matters. Administered grants and clinic budget as well as outreach efforts with local grassroots organizations. Service on Law School Dean Search Committee and Academic Affairs and Readmissions Committees and served as Chair of Appointments Committee. Faculty Advisor for Public Interest Students Association.
- Western State University College of Law** 2000-2002
Fullerton, California
Associate Professor of Law and Director of Externship Program;
Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, 2000-01
Courses: Externship Director, Advocacy, Civil Procedure, Civil Rights and Torts.

Syracuse University College of Law, 1997-2000
 Syracuse, New York
Assistant Professor of Law
Director of the Public Interest Law Firm
 Supervised and evaluated clinic students in their representation of clients in complex federal civil rights cases primarily involving discrimination on the basis of disability in employment, prison conditions, public accommodations and public services; taught clinic seminar; developed course materials and clinic manuals. Also designed and co-taught Federal Disability Law course.

National Association of the Deaf Law Center 1995-1997
 Silver Spring, Maryland
Equal Justice Works Fellow/Staff Attorney
 Selected for EJW (formerly NAPIL) Fellowship to design and conduct project to address discrimination against deaf and hard of hearing people who were denied communication access to health care and to the legal system. Represented deaf and hard of hearing clients in disability rights litigation before federal courts and administrative agencies. Also represented clients in matters involving employment discrimination and access to services in public and private sectors. Provided technical assistance to the deaf community, public and private entities, and employers regarding disability rights laws. Created model program for medical societies to facilitate provision of interpreters for meetings between doctors and deaf patients. Developed model hospital policy for deaf/hard of hearing patients.

Georgetown University Law Center, 1993-1995
Institute for Public Representation
 Washington, DC
Graduate Fellow in Clinical Education
 Supervised and evaluated clinic students in their representation of clients in civil rights matters, particularly involving the rights of individuals with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Air Carrier Access Act and state human rights laws. Represented clients before federal district and appellate courts and administrative agencies. Planned and conducted classes, assisted in developing course materials.

**SCHOLARLY &
 CREATIVE
 WORK**

The Unforeseen Ethical Ramifications of Classroom Faculty Participation in Law School Clinics, 75 U. CIN. L. REV. 1113 (2007).

The Quandaries of Controversy: A Theoretical Framework for Handling Sensitive Situations in the Law School Classroom (with Patti Alleva) (work-in-progress).

Disability, Equality & Identity, 55 ALABAMA L. REV. 1043 (2004) (reprinted in part in EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION LAW: CASES, PROBLEMS AND CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES (Prentice Hall 2005)).

Perpetuating Stigma: Client Identity in Disability Rights Litigation, 2 UTAH L. REV. 247 (2001).

The Right to Be Heard: The Obligation of State Courts to Pay for Interpreters for Deaf Litigants, 2 CORNELL J. LAW & PUB. POLICY 205 (1992).

**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS**

Speaker, “The Road to Freedom: A Panel Discussion on Disability and Identity,” The Learning Effectiveness Program and the Center for Multicultural Excellence, University of Denver, Denver, CO, February 2007.

Speaker, “Assaults on Academic Freedom and Strategies for Dealing with Those Assaults in a Clinical Context,” Society of American Law Teachers Annual Teaching Conference, Boston, MA, September 2006.

Co-presenter, “The Quandaries of Controversy: A Theoretical Framework for Handling Sensitive Situations in the Law School Classroom,” AALS Conference on New Ideas: Teaching Intentionally, Vancouver, BC, June 2006.

Speaker, “Ethical and Practice Issues in Legal Collaborations,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education: Collaboration in Learning, Teaching and Lawyering, New York, NY, May 2006.

Speaker, “Does the ADA Apply Behind Bars? A Discussion of *Goodman v. Georgia*,” American Constitutional Society, Univ. of Denver College of Law, January 2006.

Speaker, “Alternative Ways to Look at Reproductive Rights: Same-Sex and Disability Rights,” University of Denver Sturm College of Law, January 2006.

Speaker, “Ethical Ramifications of Collaborations Between Doctrinal Faculty and Clinical Programs,” Sixth International Clinical Conference on Clinical Legal Education and Scholarship, UCLA School of Law, October 2005.

Speaker, “Issues Faced By Women in Law: Relating to Clients and Colleagues, Navigating the System and Balancing It All,” University of Denver College of Law, March 2005.

Co-presenter (with Prof. Patti Alleva) “The Quandaries of Controversy: Handling Sensitive Situations in the Classroom,” Rocky Mountain Regional Conference on Clinical Legal Education, University of Denver College of Law, October 2004.

Speaker, “Disability, Equality and Identity,” Disability Law: Equality and Difference—A Symposium on American Disability Law and the Civil Rights Model, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL, November 2003.

Keynote Speaker, “Political Interference in North Dakota,” Hard Choices in Hard Times: Crafting Creative Solutions, 18th Annual Midwest Clinical Teachers Conference, William Mitchell School of Law, Minneapolis, MN, October 2003.

Speaker, “The Quandaries of Controversy: Handling Sensitive Situations in the Classroom,” University of North Dakota Reflecting on Teaching Conference, Grand Forks, ND, September 2003.

Speaker, “*Roe v. Wade* 30th Year Commemoration—The Reality of Women’s Experiences, Health and Bodies,” University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND, April 2003.

Speaker, “Balancing Family and Legal Careers,” Helen Hamilton Day, University of North Dakota School of Law, Grand Forks, ND, March 2003.

Speaker, “Human Rights in North Dakota,” Program of the 2002 Peace Congress—Human Rights: The Roots of Peace and Social Justice, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, October 2002.

Speaker, “Litigating Employment Discrimination Cases Under the Americans with Disabilities Act,” University of North Dakota Homecoming Continuing Legal Education Program, Grand Forks, ND, October 2002.

Coordinator, “Selective Justice: Do People with Disabilities Have Equal Access to American Courts?” Presidential Showcase Program, American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2001.

Speaker, “Learning from Clients and Students with Disabilities,” Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Albuquerque, NM, May 2000.

Panelist, “E.E.O.C. in the New Millennium,” Syracuse University College of Law, March 2000.

Speaker, “A Deaf Person in the Legal System: Your Right to An Attorney and A Qualified Interpreter,” Syracuse University College of Law, June 1999.

Keynote Speaker, “Effective Communication and the Rights of Deaf People in Medical Settings,” Corning, NY, February 1999.

Faculty, Legal Issues Plenary. American Judicature Society Conference, “Improving Access to the Courts for People Who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing.” Presented at four regional conferences for state court judges in 1996-97.

Moderator and Speaker, “Beyond Ramps and TTYs: Employment Rights for People with Disabilities,” National Association for Public Interest Law Conference, Washington, D.C. 1997.

LICENSURE

Admitted in Colorado, North Dakota (inactive), Maryland and the District of Columbia. Also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Fifth and Tenth Circuits, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. District Courts for the Districts of Colorado, North Dakota, Maryland, the District of Columbia and the Northern District of New York.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Association of American Law Schools

Standing Committee on Clinical Legal Education (Chair 2006)	2004-Present
Committee on Integrating Clinical and Classroom Pedagogies	2000-Present
Member, Section on Clinical Legal Education	2000-Present
Disability Law Section, Newsletter Editor	2007

American Bar Association, Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities, Vice-Chair, Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities (1998-2005) Co-Chair, Committee on the Rights of People with Disabilities (2005-present) Co-authored ABA amicus briefs before the United States Supreme Court in <i>State of Tennessee v. Lane</i> (2004) and <i>Goodman v. State of Georgia</i> (2005) Facilitated creation of national organization of disabled law students	1998-Present
American Bar Association, Commission on Mental and Physical Disability Law	2000-2003
American Bar Association, Task Force on Mental Illness and the Death Penalty	2002-Present
American Bar Association, Site Team Inspector University of Wyoming	March 2007
ACLU of Colorado Legal Panel	2005-Present
Center on Human Policy Syracuse University School of Education Member, Advocacy Board. Advocacy for the rights of adults and children with disabilities in central New York	1997-2000
Clinical Legal Education Association Board of Directors Chair, 2005 Elections Committee Political Interference Group, Website Committee, Personnel Committee Selection Committee, <i>Clinical Law Review</i>	2004-Present
Deaf Advocacy Council of Central New York Board of Directors	1997-2000
Faculty of Federal Advocates Denver, Colorado	2004-Present
Journal of Disability Law, SSRN Advisory Board	2006-Present
Legal Center for People with Disabilities and Older People Denver, Colorado Board of Directors	2005-Present
Mental Disability Rights International Provide advice to disability rights groups in Central/Eastern European countries regarding new legislation as well as feasibility of constitutional challenges to the classification and education of children with disabilities.	1997-98
National Women's Law Student Association Moot Court Program Faculty Advisor	1998-99

New York Civil Liberties Union, Central New York Chapter Board of Directors; Local Liaison for Reproductive Rights Issues	1998-2000
North Dakota Human Rights Coalition Board of Directors	2004-Present
Options Resource Center for Independent Living Grand Forks, ND Board of Directors	2003-2004
Red River Valley Community Action Grand Forks, ND Board of Directors	2002-2004
Society of American Law Teachers Academic Freedom Committee	2006-Present