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POSITION

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO

Assistant Professor of Law, Aug. 2024 – present

Courses: Civil Procedure; Disability Law; Disability and Education Law Reform
Practicum (forthcoming Spring 2026)

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2015

Distinctions: Dean's Scholar Prizes: Child Advocacy Program, Criminal Justice
Institute, and Tax Law

Finalist for 2015 Gary Bellow Public Service Award

Activities: Miss. Delta Project, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Project Co-leader
Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, General Board Member
HLS Project on Disability, Research Asst. for Prof. Michael Stein

**University of Cambridge (Pembroke College), M. Phil in Perspectives on Inclusive and Special
Education, 2011**

Thesis: *A Complex Process: Building an Inclusive Approach to International
Education Reform*

Harvard College, B.A., *magna cum laude* in Social Studies, 2010

Activities: *Harvard Law Review*, Undergraduate Intern

Thesis: *The Unfinished Revolution: A Case Study of Achievement Differences in
Special Education*

PUBLICATIONS

Dismantling Disability Segregation, forthcoming in Volume 110 of the MINNESOTA LAW REVIEW
(Spring 2026)

*Educational Death Sentences: Addressing the Plight of Students with Disabilities in Adult Jails
and Prisons*, 59 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 103 (2024)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY

Adjunct Clinical Professor, Disability and Civil Rights Clinic, Aug. 2021 – Dec. 2021

Co-directed the clinic for the semester. Supervised law students working on individual disability
rights cases and a systemic education project and co-taught seminar about Disability Law.

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA

Teaching Fellow, Aug. 2013 – Dec. 2013

Served as teaching assistant for Thomas Hehir's course, *Implementing Inclusive Education*. Graded and provided feedback on students' written assignments, and supervised a group of students working on an experiential learning project in a Boston public school.

İnönü University, Malatya, Turkey (Fulbright Grant)

Turkish Higher Educ. Council, Fulbright Comm. English Teaching Asst., Aug. 2011 – May 2012

Taught English at İnönü University and delivered several lectures at university's special education department.

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

National Center for Youth Law, Washington D.C.

Senior Attorney, Legal Advocacy Team, Jan. 2022 – July 2024

Developed and litigated class-action lawsuits on behalf of youth in the juvenile justice, education, and mental health systems. Supervised several legal staff members. Representative matters included:

- *J.N. v. Oregon Department of Education* (D. Or. 2019): Lawsuit on behalf of students with disabilities who had been placed on shortened school days across the state of Oregon.
- *M.J. v. The District of Columbia* (D.D.C. 2018): Lawsuit on behalf of children with mental health disabilities challenging Washington D.C.'s failure to provide intensive community-based services.

The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY

Staff Attorney, Impact Litigation Practice, March 2020 – Jan. 2022

Developed and litigated class-action and impact litigation about issues in the criminal legal system. Led investigations, represented clients, drafted motions, and trained and supervised a team of volunteer lawyers for excessive force project. Representative matters included:

- *Mott Haven Collective Action*: Collective action of 24 protesters who were injured by the NYPD at a protest against police violence in the Bronx raising constitutional claims. Secured over \$1 million in damages for Collective members.
- *R.C. v. City of New York* (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cty. 2018): Lawsuit challenging the NYPD's illegal use and sharing of sealed arrest information.

Disability Rights Advocates, New York, NY

Staff Attorney, Feb. 2017 – Feb. 2020

Fellowship Attorney, Sept. 2015 – Feb. 2017

Handled all aspects of class-action litigation in federal court with focus on access to special education services for students with disabilities in prisons and schools. Led investigations, represented clients, wrote motions, and monitored settlements. Representative matters included:

- *Adam X. v. New Jersey Department of Corrections* (D.N.J. 2017): Lawsuit challenging failure to provide educational and behavioral services to students with disabilities in adult prisons.
- *M.F. v. New York City Department of Education* (E.D.N.Y. 2018): Lawsuit challenging failure to provide support services to students with diabetes in New York City schools.

PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Invitee, “Dismantling Disability Segregation,” Marquette University Law School’s 2025 Junior Faculty Workshop, Milwaukee, WI, upcoming Sept. 2025

Presenter, “Disability Law and the Roberts Court,” Continuing Legal Education Course hosted by Disability Law United (virtual), upcoming Sept. 2025

Panelist, “Community Centered Lawyering,” National Center for Youth Law’s Summer Seminar Series (virtual), July 2025

Panelist, “Protecting Public Accommodations,” 2025 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2025

Commenter, *The Right to Legal Personhood of Marginalized Groups: Achieving Equal Recognition Before the Law for All*, Ved Nanda Center Book Talk Series Webinar, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Nov. 2024

Guest Lecturer, “Special Education Litigation,” Prof. Sarah Lorr’s Course *Disability Justice & Civil Rights*, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (virtual), Oct. 2024

Panelist, 2024-2025 Supreme Court Preview, Constitutional Rights and Remedies Program, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Sept. 2024

Presenter, “Using Novel and Holistic Defense Responses to Redress Racialized Police Violence,” 2022 Rise, Resist, Represent: National Assoc. for Public Defense Virtual Conference, March 2022

Panelist, “Realizing Systems Change through Legal Action,” 2019 New York Association of Independent Living Statewide Conference, Albany, NY, Sept. 2019

Presenter, “Enforcing Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act for Children with Diabetes in Schools and Other Settings,” 2019 Jacobus tenBroek Disability Law Symposium, Baltimore, MD, March 2019

Presenter, “Addressing the Needs of Students with Disabilities in Correctional Facilities,” 2018 Jacobus tenBroek Disability Law Symposium, Baltimore, MD, March 2018

Panelist, “School Success for All Students: Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline,” Harvard Law School Bicentennial: HLS in the World, Cambridge, MA, Oct. 2017

MEDIA COVERAGE

Profile, “Sturm College of Law Professor Fights Against ‘Educational Death Sentences,’” University of Denver Sturm College of Law News, May 2025

Profile, “Fixing a Broken System Does Not Happen Overnight,” HLS Clinical Q&A Alumni series, *Keeping Tabs* by Olivia Klein, Sept. 2023

Author, “Tribute to Professor William P. Alford,” HARVARD INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL ONLINE, Dec. 2020

Interviewee, “Parents of Children with Diabetes Sue NYC Education Department” by Melanie Grace West, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, Nov. 2018

Interviewee, “City Violates Disabled Students’ Rights, Suit Claims” by Kate Taylor, N.Y. TIMES, July 2017

Profile, Student Spotlights by Ina Spaho, HARVARD LAW TODAY, May 2015

HONORS AND AWARDS

2015 Harvard Law School David Grossman Exemplary Clinical Student Award

2014 Justice Vorenberg Equal Justice Summer Fellowship

2013 Chayes International Public Service Fellowship

2011 Fulbright Grant English Teaching Assistant, İnönü University, Turkey

2010 Harvard-Cambridge Scholarship: Governor William Shirley Scholarship at Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

Resident Tutor, Lowell House, Sept. 2012 – May 2015

Advised Harvard undergraduates about applying to law school and post-graduate fellowships.

Criminal Justice Institute, Cambridge, MA (Harvard Law School Clinic)

Student Attorney, Fall 2014

Represented indigent young people and adults accused of felonies and misdemeanors.

The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington D.C.

Law Clerk, Special Education Division, Summer 2014

Assisted with representing court-involved young people on special education matters.

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Boston, MA (Harvard Law School Clinic)

Student Attorney with Child Advocacy Program, Spring 2014

Assisted with representing families experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts.

Education Law Clinic, Cambridge, MA (Harvard Law School Clinic)

Student Attorney, Fall 2013

Represented parent of a student in the Massachusetts special education process.

UNICEF Disability Section, New York, NY

Chayes International Public Service Fellow, Summer 2013

Assisted with various policy projects to help incorporate disability across UNICEF's issue areas.

BAR ADMISSIONS

District of Columbia Bar (2023)

New York State Bar (2015)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Disability Rights Bar Association