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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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

*Assistant Professor of Law*, Aug. 2024 – present

- Courses: Civil Procedure  
Disability Law  
Impact Litigation Practicum
- Service: Community Support and Engagement Committee (2025 – 2026), Appointed Member  
LRAP Committee (2024 – 2025), Appointed Member

**Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY**

*Adjunct Clinical Professor*, Fall 2021

- Courses: Disability and Civil Rights Clinic and Seminar

**EDUCATION**

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

- Dean's Scholar Prizes: Child Advocacy Program, Criminal Justice Institute, and Tax Law
- Activities: *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, General Board Member  
Miss. Delta Project, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Project Co-leader  
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**

*Reclaiming Disability Law Enforcement*, (work-in-progress)

*Dismantling Disability Segregation*, 110 MINN. L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (2026)

- Presented as part of the University of Colorado Law School's Faculty Colloquium Series (Dec. 2025)

[\*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)

- Selected for inclusion in the 2025 University of Denver Research, Scholarship, & Creative Work Impact Report (Oct. 2025)
- Profiled in “Sturm College of Law Professor Fights Against ‘Educational Death Sentences,’” University of Denver Sturm College of Law News (May 2025)

### **AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS**

2026 Faculty Recognition of Excellence Award from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Student Bar Association

2015 Harvard Law School David Grossman Exemplary Clinical Student Award

2015 Finalist for Harvard Law School Gary Bellow Public Service 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

2010 Charles Wyzanski Award, Harvard College (Lowell House Prize)

### **LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

**National Center for Youth Law**, Washington D.C.

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

Litigated class-action lawsuits on behalf of youth in the juvenile justice, education, and mental health systems. Supervised several 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. D.C.* (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

Litigated impact lawsuits about issues in the criminal legal system. Led investigations, represented clients, drafted motions, and supervised staff. Representative matters included:

- *Mott Haven Collective Action*: Collective action of 24 protesters injured by police at a protest in the Bronx raising constitutional claims. Secured over \$1 million in damages.
- *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

Litigated class-action lawsuits across the country on behalf of people with disabilities. Led investigations, represented clients, and monitored settlements. Representative matters included:

- *Adam X. v. New Jersey Department of Corrections* (D.N.J. 2017): Lawsuit challenging failure to provide educational 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.

### **ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Harvard Graduate School of Education**, Cambridge, MA

*Teaching Fellow*, Aug. 2013 – Dec. 2013

Served as teaching assistant for Prof. Thomas Hehir's course, *Implementing Inclusive Education*.

**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 in special education department.

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

*Reclaiming Disability Law Enforcement*

- Junior Federal Courts Scholars Workshop, The University of Kansas School of Law, April 2026

*Moderator*, "Retribution in the Mass Market Setting," Book Workshop for *Torts and Retribution: The Case for Punitive Damages*, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, April 2026

*Panelist*, "Navigating Law School & Legal Jobs: Stories & Experiences from Denver Law Faculty," University of Denver Sturm College of Law, April 2026

*Guest Lecturer*, "Disability Law in the Criminal Legal System," Prof. Amanda Savage's Criminal Defense Clinic Seminar, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, March 2026

*Panelist*, Health Law Society Careers Panel, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, March 2026

*Presenter*, "Disability-Informed Lawyering: Legal Obligations and Practical Skills when Working with Clients with Disabilities," Continuing Legal Education Course hosted by University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Feb. 2026

*Dismantling Disability Segregation*

- Marquette University Law School's 2025 Junior Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2025
- Civil Procedure Workshop, University of Richmond School of Law, June 2025
- American Association of Law Schools Disability Law Summer Workshop (virtual), June 2025

*Presenter*, "Disability Law and the Roberts Court," Continuing Legal Education Course hosted by Disability Law United, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Sept. 2025

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

*Invited Participant*, “Public Interest Litigation from a Comparative Perspective: Legitimacy of Judicial Lawmaking,” UCLA School of Law (participated virtually), Los Angeles, CA, June 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

### **SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE**

*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*

**ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**TASH Outstanding Leadership in Disability Law Symposium & Award Celebration**

*Planning Committee Member, March 2025 – present*

Advise on substantive issues to support planning of TASH's annual conference.

**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.

**COURT AND BAR ADMISSIONS**

District of Columbia Bar (2023)

New York State Bar (2015)

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

Disability Rights Bar Association