

# DANIELLE C. JEFFERIS

2255 East Evans Avenue, Suite 335, Denver, Colorado 80208

Office: 303.871.6155

[djefferis@law.du.edu](mailto:djefferis@law.du.edu)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### UNIVERSITY OF DENVER STURM COLLEGE OF LAW, Denver, Colorado

*Clinical Teaching Fellow, Civil Rights Clinic*

August 2018—present

*Visiting Assistant Professor, Civil Rights Clinic*

August 2016—July 2018

- Teach and supervise law students in their direct representation of clients in complex civil rights cases before federal district and appellate courts, with a heavy focus on prisoners' rights claims.
- Design curriculum and co-teach twice weekly seminar on topics such as representing prisoners, litigating federal civil rights and constitutional claims, and being a public interest/impact litigation attorney.
- Partner with other Civil Rights Clinic faculty to investigate and develop new cases.

## SCHOLARSHIP

- *The Civil Detention Fallacy* (work in progress).
- *Constitutionally Unaccountable: Privatized Immigration Detention*, 95 INDIANA L.J. \_\_\_\_ (2019) (*forthcoming*).
- *Delegating Care, Evading Review: The Federal Tort Claims Act, the Discretionary-Function Exception, and Private Prisons*, 80 LA. L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (2019) (*forthcoming*).
- *It's Just Like Prison: Is a Civil (Nonpunitive) System of Immigration Detention Theoretically Possible?*, 96 DENV. L. REV. \_\_\_\_ (2019) (*forthcoming*) (with René Lima Marín).
- *Chapman v. Bureau of Prisons: Stopping the Venue Merry-Go-Round*, 96 DENV. L. REV. ONLINE 9 (2018) (with Nicole B. Godfrey).
- *Battlefield Borders, Threat Rhetoric, and the Militarization of State and Local Law Enforcement*, 3 AM. U. NAT'L SEC. L. BR. 37 (2012).
- *The "Center of Life" Policy: Institutionalizing Statelessness in East Jerusalem*, 50 JERUSALEM Q. 93 (2012) (invited).
- *Institutionalizing Statelessness: The Revocation of Residency Rights of Palestinians in East Jerusalem*, 24 INT'L J. REFUGEE L. 202 (2012) (peer-reviewed).

## PRESENTATIONS

- "Litigating Claims Against Federal Prison and Detention Officials," Colorado Trial Lawyers Association, Denver, Colorado (January 17, 2020) (invited) (*upcoming*).
- "Alternatives to Immigration Detention," Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts (April 11, 2019) (invited) (*upcoming*).

- “ICE and the Constitution,” University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado (March 27, 2019) (invited).
- “Prisoners’ Rights and Prison Accountability,” Civil Rights Summit, University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado (February 15, 2019) (invited).
- “Prison Reform, Prisoner Rights, Policy Work, and Overall Reform of the Criminal Justice System,” Louisiana Law Review Symposium, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (February 1, 2019).
- “Conditions of Confinement in Immigration Detention,” Prisoners’ Advocates Conference, University of Denver College of Law, Denver, Colorado (October 5-6, 2018) (invited).
- “Contesting and Disrupting Racial Narratives in Pedagogy and Practice,” Justice, Professionalism and the Lawyer as Public Citizen, Midwest Clinical Legal Education Conf., University of Kansas School of Law, Lawrence, Kansas (October 13, 2017).
- “Pedagogical Tools to Sharpen Student Engagement with Marginalized Communities,” Association of American Law Schools Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Denver, Colorado (May 6-9, 2017).

### **AMICUS CURIAE SERVICE**

- *Prison Legal News v. Federal Bureau of Prisons*, No. 18-1486 (10th Cir., March 14, 2019) (solicited to serve as *amicus curiae* on brief of prisoners’ rights experts arguing for faithful application of voluntary-cessation exception to mootness doctrine in light of *Buckhannon Bd. and Care Home, Inc. v. W.V. Dep’t of Health and Human Res.* (2001)).
- *Rivera v. U.S.A.*, et al., No. 1:17-cv-5103 (S.D.N.Y., March 1, 2019) (solicited to serve as *amicus curiae* on brief of prisoners’ rights experts arguing for application of *Bivens* doctrine to prisoner-plaintiff’s claim against Bureau of Prisons officials of inadequate medical care).
- *Prison Legal News v. Secretary, Fla. Dep’t of Corrections*, No. 18-355 (U.S., Oct. 19, 2018) (solicited to serve as *amicus curiae* on brief of law professors arguing for reinterpretation of *Turner v. Safley* and deference afforded to prison officials under First Amendment).

### **OTHER WRITING**

- ACLU, “[What Could Go Wrong with Asking Teachers to Monitor Kids for ‘Extremist’ Beliefs?](#)” (July 20, 2016).
- Just Security, “[The FBI Wants Schools to Spy on Their Students’ Thoughts](#)” (Mar. 11, 2016).
- ACLU, “[Religion-Based Suspicion Masquerading as Counterterrorism Has No Place in America](#)” (Sept. 24, 2015).

## SELECTED MEDIA

- INSIDER, “[Immigrant detention centers are dealing with mumps and chicken pox outbreaks, and thousands have been put into quarantine](#)” (March 15, 2019).
- Reuters, “[Mumps, other outbreaks force U.S. detention centers to quarantine over 2,000 migrants](#)” (March 10, 2019).
- Westword, “[There’s Just One Medical Doctor at Immigration Detention Facility in Aurora](#)” (March 8, 2019).
- Westword, “[Immigrant Detainees Launch Hunger Strike at Facility in Aurora](#)” (March 6, 2019).
- Vice News, “[ICE’s Rapid Expansion Has Led to Chickenpox, Quarantines, and Desperation](#)” (Feb. 25, 2019).

## EDUCATION

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**, Washington, District of Columbia May 2012  
**JURIS DOCTOR, CUM LAUDE** | Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies

**GPA:** 3.95 (final semester); 3.85 (final year); 3.62 (cumulative)

**Honors:** *Competitively selected:*

Public Interest Law Scholar

Senior Writing Fellow

Legal Research and Writing Fellow

Clifford Chance International Public Interest Fellow

Global Teaching Fellow

**Clinics:** Appellate Litigation Program  
Center for Applied Legal Studies (asylum clinic)

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**, New York, New York May 2007  
**BACHELOR OF ARTS**, Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies

**Honors:** Ibn Khaldun Prize for Excellence & Achievement in the Arabic Language

## PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

**NOVO LEGAL, L.L.C.**, Denver, Colorado  
*Of Counsel*

February 2018—present

- Advise principal attorneys and associates of legal issues at intersection of immigration law, civil rights, and federal court jurisdiction.
- Represent clients in removal proceedings, *habeas* proceedings, and civil rights matters in federal courts.

**AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION**, New York, New York  
*Nadine Strossen Fellow, National Security Project*

September 2015—August 2016

- Participated in all aspects of federal litigation and advocacy concerning the protection and enforcement of constitutional and civil rights as they relate to national security laws, policies, and practices.

- Researched and drafted legal memoranda and pleadings regarding complex questions of constitutional and statutory law, particularly in the areas of racial and religious profiling and the intersection of national security and criminal justice.
- Published articles and blog posts highlighting constitutional and civil rights concerns with regard to federal government national security policies.
- Supervised and mentored legal interns; designed and implemented legal intern summer program; provided guidance and feedback on intern work product and methodology.

**KILLMER, LANE & NEWMAN, LLP**, Denver, Colorado

*Associate Attorney*

August 2013—June 2015

- Represented clients in civil and constitutional rights cases involving federal and state civil rights statutes, including 42 U.S.C. § 1983, 42 U.S.C. § 1981, Title VII, the Family and Medical Leave Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Colorado Anti-Discrimination Act, and the Colorado Wage Act.
- Engaged in all aspects of federal and state trial and appellate litigation, including making court appearances, drafting and responding to written discovery requests and discovery motions, conducting depositions, coordinating the hiring of appropriate experts and overseeing expert disclosures, responding to motions to dismiss and motions for summary judgment, and drafting appellate briefs.
- Co-tried *David v. Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc.*, No. 11-cv-02030-RPM (D. Colo.) in December 2013 and obtained jury verdict for plaintiff on negligent misrepresentation claim against former employer.
- Fully briefed, argued, and obtained a favorable reversal in a published opinion in *David v. Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc.*, No. 14-1125, before the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

**AFFILIATIONS AND ACTIVITIES**

- Faculty of Federal Advocates, Elected Board Member, 2018—present / general member 2013—2018
  - Fellowship Committee – November 2017 to present
  - CLE Committee – November 2018 to present
- American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2019—present

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

- State of New York
- State of Colorado
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado
- First Circuit Court of Appeals
- Second Circuit Court of Appeals
- Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals
- Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals