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EDUCATION

Yale University, New Haven, CT
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, May 1990

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC
Juris Doctor, May 1995
Law Review: Georgetown Journal on Fighting Poverty, Research and Note Editor
Honors: Equal Justice Foundation Fellowship
Clinic: Juvenile Justice Clinic

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Hofstra University School of Law, Hempstead, NY
Clinical Professor and Director, Hofstra Law School Clinical Programs
Attorney-in-Charge, Child Advocacy Clinic
Associate Director, Center for Children, Families and the Law
December 1999 to Present

Direct since its inception a clinic which currently provides representation for 60 children in abuse/neglect cases and related delinquency, PINS, custody and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status matters in New York City and Nassau County Family Courts; supervise approximately 20 third-year law students annually in their work on Clinic cases; monitor and review all activities of students including client interviews, investigative activities, in-court appearances, legal memoranda and motion practice; teach a weekly seminar to law students on the theoretical, practical and ethical aspects of client representation and child advocacy; conduct regular consultation meetings between law students and mental health practitioners on case planning. Teach a family law skills training course to law students and mental health trainees covering issues of interdisciplinary collaboration, use of expert witnesses, and alternative dispute resolution. Coordinate administration of externship and fellowship program in child and family advocacy for law students; organize workshops and trainings at Hofstra Law School for children's lawyers.

The Legal Aid Society - Juvenile Rights Division, New York, NY
Staff Attorney, July 1997 to November 1999

Advocated for children in delinquency and child protective matters in New York City Family Court; managed a caseload of 90 - 100 cases at a time; worked closely with forensic social workers, medical personnel, and investigative staff to examine delinquency allegations and allegations of child abuse/neglect and to formulate effective dispositional plans; appeared in Family Court daily for suppression, probable cause and emergency removal hearings, fact-finding trials, extension of placement hearings, and termination of parental rights proceedings; regularly interviewed and observed clients ranging in age from newborn to twenty-years; supervised law interns from area law schools.

**New York City Commission on Human Rights, New York, NY
Human Rights Specialist/Court Attorney, August 1995 to June 1997**

Investigated claims and prepared complaints on behalf of New York City residents who alleged discrimination based on disability, race, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or other protected classes; conducted settlement conferences between adverse parties; drafted and closed conciliation agreements between complainants and respondents.

**Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, New York, NY
Community Worker/Investigator, October 1990 to June 1992**

Counseled criminal defendants and their families and assisted in their retention of social services; researched and prepared pre-sentencing reports; took statements from witnesses and complainants; photographed and diagrammed crime scenes.

WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

Appellate Division Second Department Law Guardian Training Program, Immigration Issues in Family Court: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Brooklyn, NY, April 2011

Presenter

Georgetown University Law Center, 2010 Summer Institute on Clinical Teaching
Washington, DC, June 2010

American Bar Association, Charting a Better Future for Youth
New York, NY, April 2010
Summit Co-Facilitator

Hofstra University, Collaborative Law: Opportunities, Challenges and Questions for the Future,
November 2009

Group Facilitator – Informed Consent

Appellate Division Second Department Law Guardian Training Program, Immigration Issues Affecting Juveniles in the Court System, Hempstead, NY, October 2008

Presenter

Hunter College School of Social Work, Skills Training Program for Law and Social Work Students,
October 2008, October 2009

Program Creator and Director

California Administrative Office of Courts, Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Dependency Cases,
February and April 2008

Training Workshop Creator and Director

New York City Bar Association Program, *Nicholson v. Scopetta: Three Years Later*, New York, NY, March 2008

Panel Speaker

American Bar Association Youth at Risk Conference, Hempstead, NY, November 2007

Panel Moderator – Status Offenses: Can They Help At-Risk Youth?

Family Court in New York City in the 21st Century: What Are Its Roles and Responsibilities?, New York, NY, October 2006

Group Facilitator – Foster Care and Permanency Proceedings

CLE Seminar, Suffolk County Legal Aid Society, Central Islip, NY, September 2006

Course Presenter – Representing Immigrant Youth in Family Court

New York City Family Court Judges Association, New York, NY, June 2006

Panelist for Judicial “Master Class” on Legal Representation of Children in Family Court

“Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child” NITA Program, Hempstead, NY, June 2006, June 2007, June 2008, June 2009 & June 2010

Program Director

CLE Ethics Seminar, Nassau County, NY, April 2006

Course Presenter – Law Guardian Ethics and Professionalism

ABA Youth At Risk Initiative Planning Conference, February 2006

Reporter for Working Group on Youth in High Conflict Families

Juvenile Competency Workshop at Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York, NY
May 2005

Program Chair

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Training, Hempstead, NY, October 2004, June 2005, October 2005, May 2006, September 2006, May 2007, October 2007, June 2008, October 2008, June 2009

Lead Presenter on Role of the Law Guardian

Nassau County Family Court Workshop, Westbury, NY, September 2004

Co-Presenter on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

“Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child” NITA Program, Hempstead, NY, June 2004 and June 2005

Faculty and Student Section Leader

CLE Program at Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York, NY, January 2004 and April 2002

Program Chair - Techniques & Strategies for Interviewing Children and Preparing Child Witnesses

Fifth Annual Children’s Law Institute, New York, NY, September 2002

Co-Presenter on Ethical Considerations in Children’s Law Practice

Tri-State High Conflict Child Custody Conference, New York, NY, February 2002

Reporter for Working Group on Lawyers/Advocates/Representatives for Children

The Andrew Glover Street Law Program, New York, NY, January 1997 to November 1999
Coordinator and Instructor

PUBLICATIONS

CHARTING A BETTER FUTURE FOR TRANSITIONING YOUTH: REPORT FROM A NATIONAL SUMMIT ON THE FOSTERING CONNECTIONS TO SUCCESS ACT (American Bar Association, 2011)(co-reporter with Miriam Krinsky).

Hear My Voice – Perspectives of Current and Former Foster Youth, 48 Fam. Ct. Rev. 253 (April 2010)(with Emily Madden).

Ending 3.5 Minute Justice in New York’s Family Court, New York Law Journal, November 13, 2009 (with Andrew Schepard).

Keeping Promises to Immigrant Youth, 29 Pace Law Review 511 (Spring 2009).

New Professional Responsibility Rules and Attorney for the Child, New York Law Journal, March 11, 2009 (with Andrew Schepard).

Teamwork by Child Protection Lawyers, Social Workers, New York Law Journal, March 13, 2008 (with Andrew Schepard).

IN RE PEÑA: INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION IN DEPENDENCY CASES (National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 2008).

LGBTQ Teens in Foster Care and Homeless Youth Systems, New York Law Journal, November 1, 2007 (with Andrew Schepard).

Family Court and the Unique Needs of Children and Families Who Lack Immigration Status, 40 Columbia Journal of Law & Social Problems 583 (Summer 2007).

N.Y. Judges to Consult Children at Permanency Hearings, New York Law Journal, September 14, 2007 (with Andrew Schepard).

Keeping Siblings Together in Foster Care, New York Law Journal, March 12, 2007 (with Andrew Schepard).

What’s Missing From Foster Care Reform? The Need for Comprehensive, Realistic, and Compassionate Removal Standards, 28 Hamline Journal of Public Law & Policy 141 (Fall 2006).

Undocumented Youth: Gaining Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, New York Law Journal, June 19, 2006 (with Andrew Schepard).

Making Law School Affordable for Child Advocates, New York Law Journal, January 18, 2006 (with Andrew Schepard).

The Law Guardian Caseload Crisis, New York Law Journal, July 7, 2005 (with Andrew Schepard).

Book Review: What's Wrong with Children's Rights, New York Law Journal, June 16, 2005.

'Nicholson': Defining Neglected Child, Taking Child from Parents, New York Law Journal, March 14, 2005 (with Andrew Schepard).

Law and Children: The High Stakes in Temporary Removal Determinations, New York Law Journal, July 9, 2004 (with Andrew Schepard).

Law and Children: Incorporating the NYCRR Into Law Guardian Practice, New York Law Journal, March 9, 2004 (with Andrew Schepard) (Re-printed in Law Guardian Reporter, December, 2004).

Book Review: Legal Concepts of Childhood, Family Court Review, Vol. 41, No. 2 (April 2003).

Confidentiality, Consultation, and the Child Client, Temple Law Review, Vol. 75, No. 4 (Winter 2002).

Employment Programs for Individuals with Disabilities: How can they help reduce poverty in America?, Georgetown Journal on Fighting Poverty, Vol. 1, No. 1 (1993) (co-author).

Neighborhood Justice, Reform: A city journal for social change, Vol. 1, No. 1 (1993).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Family Court Review
Editorial Board, August 2002 to Present

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Member, August 2002 to Present

Association of the Bar of the City of New York,
Committee on Children and the Law, Member, September 2001 to June 2004
Committee on Juvenile Justice, Member, September 2004 to June 2007
Council on Children, Member, September 2007 to May 2010

Clinical Legal Education Association
Member, May 2000 to Present