

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY

Clinical Professor of Law & Attorney-in-Charge, Youth Advocacy Clinic, 1999 to Present

- Direct since its inception law school clinic that provides representation for youth in juvenile courts and immigration proceedings.
- Teach lecture course in ethics and have taught civil procedure and a variety of lawyering skills courses.

Director and Managing Attorney, Hofstra Law School Clinical Programs, 2009 to 2021

- Responsible for day-to-day operations and budget management of a non-profit law firm comprised of approximately ten attorneys, three staff, and 80 students per semester.

Executive Director, Freedman Institute for the Study of Legal Ethics, 2021 to Present

- Organize programming for national center for the study of legal ethics.
- Manage budget and operations of Institute.
- Oversee mentorship and programming for fellowship program serving approximately 30 law students committed to social justice lawyering.

American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Washington, DC

Co-Reporter, Ethics Compendium, 2017 to Present

- Research, develop and author chapters for an ethics compendium published by AILA, a national association of more than 15,000 attorneys and law professors; chapters range in length from 25 to 45 pages, and include analysis and commentary, as well as hypotheticals and state-by-state variations.

The Legal Aid Society - Juvenile Rights Division, New York, NY

Staff Attorney, 1997 to 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.

New York City Commission on Human Rights, New York, NY

Human Rights Specialist/Court Attorney, 1995 to 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, 1990 to 1992

- Assisted individuals accused of crimes and their families in locating and engaging in

appropriate social services; researched and prepared pre-sentencing reports; took witness statements; photographed and diagrammed crime scenes.

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

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters and Practice Manuals

- *Communication* in ETHICS COMPENDIUM: MODERN LEGAL ETHICS FOR IMMIGRATION LAWYERS (American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2020).
- *Dealing with Unrepresented Persons* in ETHICS COMPENDIUM: MODERN LEGAL ETHICS FOR IMMIGRATION LAWYERS (American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2019).
- *Meritorious Claims and Contentions* in ETHICS COMPENDIUM: MODERN LEGAL ETHICS FOR IMMIGRATION LAWYERS (American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2019).
- *Duties to Former Clients* in ETHICS COMPENDIUM: MODERN LEGAL ETHICS FOR IMMIGRATION LAWYERS (American Immigration Lawyers Association, 2018).
- *Family Court* in FAMILY LAW IN NEW YORK (Barbara Stark and Joanna L. Grossman eds., 2016).
- 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).
- IN RE PEÑA: INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION IN DEPENDENCY CASES (National Institute for Trial Advocacy, 2008).

Law Review Articles

- *Adverse Consequences and Constructive Opportunities for Immigrant Youth in Delinquency Proceedings*, 88 Temple L. Rev. 869 (Summer 2016).
- *Ethical Advocacy for Immigrant Survivors of Family Crisis*, 50 Fam. Ct. Rev. 650 (October 2012).
- *Special Issue Introduction: Immigrants and the Family Court*, 50 Fam. Ct. Rev. 570 (October 2012)(Guest Special Editor with Lauris Wren).
- *Charting a Better Future for Transitioning Foster Youth: Executive Summary of Report from a National Summit on the Fostering Connections to Success Act*, 49 Fam. Ct. Rev. 292 (April 2011) (with Miriam Krinsky).
- *Keeping Promises to Immigrant Youth*, 29 Pace Law Review 511 (Spring 2009).
- *Family Court and the Unique Needs of Children and Families Who Lack Immigration Status*, 40 Columbia Journal of Law & Social Problems 583 (Summer 2007).
- *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).

- *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).

Public Commentary

- *Biden Could Protect Tens of Thousands of Abused Immigration Children from Deportation With One Small Fix*, Slate Magazine, June 20, 2021 (with Lauren Aronson and Andrea Ramos).
- *Offer Support Here and Address Crisis' Roots*, Newsday, May 16, 2021.
- *Immigrants and the Family Court*, New York Law Journal, July 30, 2012 (with Lauris Wren and Andrew Schepard).
- *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).
- *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).
- *LGBTQ Teens in Foster Care and Homeless Youth Systems*, New York Law Journal, November 1, 2007 (with Andrew Schepard).
- *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).
- *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).

SELECTED WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Program Faculty, *Ethics of Representing Children in Family Court, immigration Court and Crossover Cases*, New York City Bar Association, New York, NY, January 2021

- Presenter, *Meeting Ethical Responsibilities During the COVID Pandemic*, Appellate Division Second Department AFC Program, New York, November 2020
- Presenter, *Ethical Issues During COVID-19*, Association of Legal Aid Attorneys, New York, NY, September 2020
- Panelist, *Youth/Family Law & Immigration -- DACA, Separation of Families, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, Franklin H. Williams Judicial Commission, Queens, NY, June 2019
- Panelist, *Challenges and Opportunities in Today's Immigration Landscape -- The Role of Law Schools in Ensuring Access to Counsel for Immigrant Communities*, New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice, , Queens, NY, May 2019
- Presenter, *Guardianship and Immigration Issues in Family Court*, The New York State Judicial Institute, Central Islip, NY, March 2019
- Panelist, *Ethics in Immigration Law Cases*, New York Asylum and Immigration Law Conference, New York, NY March 2019
- Speaker, *Critical Immigration Issues in Family Court: A Moving Target*, New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting - 2019 Robert J. Schack Memorial Program, New York, NY, January 2019
- Speaker, *Ethical Issues in Litigating Gang Allegations*, Hofstra Law School Conference - Immigration Enforcement Unleashed: Strategies for Litigating Gang Allegations and Gang-based Persecution in the Age of Trump, Hempstead, NY April 2018
- Faculty, *Immigration Issues in Criminal and Family Law*, New York State Judicial Institute Summer Seminar, Rye Brook, NY, July and August 2018, June and July 2017
- Presenter, *Protecting Children in New York: Threats to the Principles of Child Protection in the Current Immigration Policy Environment*, Feerick Center for Social Justice, New York, NY, May 2017
- Panelist, *Protecting Immigrants in Our Communities*, New York State Permanent Commission on Access to Justice Conference: The Role of Law Schools in Helping Meet the Essential Civil Legal Needs of Low-Income New Yorkers, Queens, NY, May 2017
- Panelist, *Adelante: Meeting the Social and Legal Services Needs of Central American Refugees in NY - Ethical Issues in Representing Central American Refugee Families*, Feerick Center for Social Justice, New York, NY, December 2016
- Speaker, *Representing Children in Immigration Matters: Effective Advocacy and Ethical Best Practices*, Practicing Law Institute, New York, NY, November 2016
- Presenter, *Judicial Master Class: Children in Court*, New York City Family Court Judges Association, New York, NY, June 2016
- Presenter, *What Legislators Should Know about Immigration Law*, Nassau County Bar Association, Mineola, NY, February 2016
- Presenter, *Social Media Ethics*, Colombian Lawyers Association, Uniondale, NY, November 2015
- Speaker, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, Brooklyn Law School / Attorney for the Child Program, Brooklyn, NY, October 2015
- Panelist, *Ethical Issues in Representing Older Youth*, Juvenile Law Center, Temple Law Review Symposium on Court-Involved Youth in the 21st Century: Empowerment vs. Protection, Philadelphia, PA, October 2015
- Co-Presenter, *Ethical Issues in Representing Immigrant Children*, ABA/NLADA 2015 Equal

Justice Conference, Austin, TX, May 2015

- Speaker, *Defense of Foreign National Minors in Removal Proceedings*, Nassau Academy of Law, Mineola, NY, April 2015
- Panelist, *Media and Domestic Violence*, 19th Annual Fordham Forum On Domestic Violence, New York, NY, March 2015
- Co-Presenter, *Ethics and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, Finding Home: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for Children in New Jersey, Newark, NJ, October 2014
- Panelist, *Real World Ethical Issues in Pro Bono Practice*, New York City Bar Association, New York, NY, June 2014
- Co-Presenter, *Pop-up Clinics: Going Back to Our Roots to Enhance Our Clinical Teaching*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Chicago, IL, April 2014
- Speaker, *Advanced Child Protection Litigation*, New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 2014
- Speaker, *Representing Immigrant Youth: Ethics and Other Emerging Topics in Special Immigrant Juvenile Practice*, Feerick Center for Social Justice at Fordham University, New York, NY, December 2013
- Program Faculty, *Immigrant Youth in Family Court: A Discussion with Lawyers and Judges on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, New York County Lawyer's Association Continuing Legal Education Institute, New York, NY, November 2013
- Presenter, *Collateral Advocacy for Immigrant Youth and Families*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Los Angeles, CA, May 2012
- Panelist, *The Impact of Immigration Law on Family Law Practice: Collateral Consequences and Collateral Opportunities*, Conference of Asian Pacific American Law Faculty and Northeast People of Color Conference, Hempstead, NY, November 2011
- Presenter, *Immigration Issues in Family Court: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, Appellate Division Second Department Law Guardian Training Program, White Plains, NY, November 2011
- Presenter, *Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, New York City Family Court, Judicial Training Program, New York, NY, October 2011
- Panel Moderator, *The Non-Respondent Parent in the Child Protective Case*, 14th Annual Children's Law Institute, New York, NY, August 2011
- Presenter, *Immigration Issues in Family Court: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status*, Appellate Division Second Department Law Guardian Training Program, Brooklyn, NY, April 2011
- Summit Co-Facilitator, American Bar Association, Charting a Better Future for Youth, New York, NY, April 2010
- Presenter, *Immigration Issues Affecting Juveniles in the Court System*, Appellate Division Second Department Law Guardian Training Program, Hempstead, NY, October 2008
- Program Creator and Director, Hunter College School of Social Work, Skills Training Program for Law and Social Work Students, New York, NY, October 2008, October 2009
- Training Workshop Creator and Director, California Administrative Office of Courts, Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Dependency Cases, February and April 2008
- Panel Speaker, *Nicholson v. Scoppetta: Three Years Later*, New York City Bar Association Program, New York, NY, March 2008
- Panel Moderator, *Status Offenses: Can They Help At-Risk Youth?*, American Bar

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

- Group Facilitator, *Foster Care and Permanency Proceedings*, Family Court in New York City in the 21st Century: What Are Its Roles and Responsibilities?, New York, NY, October 2006
- Presenter, *Representing Immigrant Youth in Family Court*, CLE Seminar, Suffolk County Legal Aid Society, Central Islip, NY, September 2006
- Panelist, *Legal Representation of Children in Family Court*, New York City Family Court Judges Association, New York, NY, June 2006
- Program Director, "Training the Lawyer to Represent the Whole Child" NITA Program, Hempstead, NY, June 2006 through 2018
- Presenter, *Law Guardian Ethics and Professionalism*, CLE Ethics Seminar, Nassau County, NY, April 2006
- Reporter, Working Group on Youth in High Conflict Families, ABA Youth At Risk Initiative Planning Conference, February 2006
- Program Chair, *Juvenile Competency Workshop*, New York City Bar Association, New York, NY May 2005
- Co-Presenter, *Ethical Considerations in Children's Law Practice*, Fifth Annual Children's Law Institute, New York, NY, September 2002

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS, PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, AND HONORS

- Co-Chair, *Advisory Council on Immigration Issues in Family Courts*, State of New York Unified Court System, October 2015 to Present
- Special Advisor, *Commission on Youth at Risk*, American Bar Association, August 2015 to Present
- Member, *Board of Advisors*, Center for Children, Families and the Law, March 2016 to Present
- Member, *Advisory Board*, Student Advocacy, Inc., February 2016 to Present
- Member, *Editorial Board*, Family Court Review, August 2002 to Present
- Member, *Association of Family and Conciliation Courts*, August 2002 to Present
- Member, *Clinical Legal Education Association*, May 2000 to Present
- Recipient, 2018 Legal Aid Society Pro Bono Publico Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service to the Legal Aid Society and its Clients
- Recipient, 2017 New York State Bar Association Howard A. Levine Award for Excellence in Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare
- Recipient, 2015 CARECEN Award for Service to Latino and Immigrant Communities
- Recipient, 2013 Hofstra Law School David A. Diamond Distinguished Public Service Award