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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Director, Children and Family Justice Center, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL *November 2009 – present*  
Policy Director, Children and Family Justice Center *May 2008 – November 2009*

Assistant Dean of Clinical Education, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL *September 2018- July 2019; September 2020 – present*  
Interim Associate Dean of Clinical Education and Interim Director of Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL *July 2019 – September 2020*

Clinical Professor of Law, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law *September 2018 – present*  
Clinical Associate Professor of Law *September 2013 – September 2018*  
Clinical Assistant Professor of Law *January 2003 – September 2013*

Director, Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic (CCJCC), Chicago, IL *June 2003- April 2008*  
Responsible for development and administration of CCJCC, a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and Cook County Circuit Court funded operation. CCJCC is a clinical information system providing high-quality mental health information that is relevant, timely, culturally sensitive, and in a form that is understandable to judges and lawyers. CCJCC staff includes lawyers and mental health professionals who use a multi-disciplinary approach incorporating the dual perspectives of mental health and law. Responsible for all CCJCC activities including hiring and supervision of professional staff, management of budget, and coordination with Circuit Court, and all other state, county and community agencies involved with child welfare or juvenile justice issues.

Director, Clinical Evaluation and Services Initiative, Chicago, IL *February 1996 - May 2003*  
Responsible for development and administration of CESI, a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation and Cook County Circuit Court funded initiative. CESI is a research and reform project designed to evaluate the current clinical assessment and mental health services system in the Cook County Juvenile Court; to offer recommendations for improvement and to pilot the recommendations. Responsible for all CESI activities including hiring and supervision of professional staff, management of budget, and coordination with Circuit Court, and all other state, county and community agencies involved with child welfare or juvenile justice issues.

Director, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Mental Health Initiative, Chicago, IL

*January 1998 - January 2000*

Responsible for application, receipt and administration of Annie E. Casey Foundation grant to design and pilot a program to identify youth in the detention center with mental health needs and link them to community based services.

Staff Attorney, Homeless Advocacy Project, Legal Assistance Foundation, Chicago IL

*October 1990 - January 1996*

Worked on all aspects of state of class action litigation and individual lawsuits including drafting complaints, motions, and briefs. Specialized in representation of parents and homeless youth in juvenile court and administration proceedings. Participated in extensive settlement negotiations for and monitoring of Norman v. Suter, a federal class action. Drafted and advocated for legislation involving the rights of homeless persons.

Assistant Public Guardian, Office of the Public Guardian, Chicago, IL *May 1988 - October 1990*

Represented juvenile wards of the State in state, federal and administrative proceedings. Responsible for litigating federal class actions including preparing complaints, drafting motions and memoranda, conducting all aspects of discovery, representing classes of plaintiffs in preliminary injunction hearings and arguing the Artist M. v. Suter appeal in the Seventh Circuit.

## **EDUCATION**

Northwestern University School of Law, J.D. 1986

Duke University, B.A. *cum laude* 1981

## **AWARDS/HONORS**

- Safer Foundation Visionary Award, October 2017
- Harry B. Reese Teaching Professorship, 2017 – 2018
- Champion of the Public Interest, Business and Professional People for the Public Interest, May 2014
- MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, February 2013

## **APPOINTMENTS AND BOARDS**

- Juvenile Justice Initiative – Advisory Board
- Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission – Commissioner
- Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice – Advisory Board
- Cook County Office of the Public Defender – Advisory Board
- Selection Committee for Cook County Public Defender
- Cook County Equity Fund Taskforce
- Illinois Lt. Governor’s Advancing Transformation Committee

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Building a Safe Chicago: Calling for a Comprehensive Plan* (November 2016).

*Burdened for Life: The Myth of Juvenile Confidentiality and Expungement in Illinois: How to Fix a Broken System that Fails Youth and Harms the State* (April 2016).

*Rehabilitative Release of Youth from Illinois Prisons: Removing Bureaucratic Barriers to Youth's Reentry Success* (March 2016).

*Improving Illinois' Response to Sexual Offenses Committed by Youth: Recommendations for Law, Policy and Practice* (March 2014).

*Raising the Age of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction: The future of 17 year olds in the Illinois' justice system* (February 2013).

*Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission Youth Reentry Report* (December 2011).

*The Juvenile Justice System: A Guide for Families in Illinois* (November 2011).

*Your Guide to the Juvenile Justice System in Illinois* (July 2011).

Biehl, J.L. & Kahn, B.A. (February 2002) "A practice model for acquiring and using clinical information in juvenile court." *Youth Law News*.

Scally, J.T., Kavanaugh, A.E., Budd, K.S., Baerger, D.R., Kahn, B.A., & Biehl, J.L. (Winter 2001-2002). "Problems in acquisition and use of clinical information in juvenile court: One jurisdiction's response." *Children's Legal Rights Journal*.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Panelist and Panel Moderator at CGLA and CFJC's symposium *Justice has a Voice: The Criminalization of Race, Gender and Youth* (October 30, 2018).

Panelist at the Robert R. McCormick Foundation and the Illinois Justice Project's 2018 Advanced Journalism Seminar *Data in Justice: The Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of Finding Accurate Data About the Illinois Justice System – From Arrest Through the Courts and Reentry After Prison* (October 25, 2018).

Panelist at John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, *Juvenile Justice Reform in Illinois: Progress and the Road Ahead* (February 20, 2018).

Testimony at House Appropriations - Public Safety Committee Subject Matter Hearing: *Safety in DJJ and DOC* (December 5, 2017).

Panelist at Illinois Campaign for Political Reform, *Chicago's Big Challenge: Neighborhood Safety Illinois* (June 14, 2017).

Speaker at *The People Speak: Voices Against Violence* (May 30, 2017).

Panelist at a conference entitled, *The Registry 20 Years Later: Discussing Unintended Consequences* (November 18, 2016).

Panelist at National Juvenile Defender Summit, *Turning Everyday Practice into Policy - How to Advocate for Juvenile Records Reform by Doing Your Job and Decarceration efforts in Illinois* (October 26, 2016).

Testimony at Illinois House Judiciary-Criminal Committee hearing on juvenile confidentiality and expungement (April 5, 2016).

Speaker at Illinois Juvenile Justice Leadership Council Quarterly Meeting on juvenile expungement reform (January 26, 2016).

Panelist at National Juvenile Defender Summit, *A Real Chance for a Second Chance: Confidentiality, Sealing & Expungement* (October 24, 2014).

Panelist on *School to Prison Pipeline Legal Summit*, Rainbow PUSH (July 1, 2014).

Panelist on *Life After Juvenile Confinement*, Roosevelt University (December 4, 2012).

Presentation on the *Juvenile Justice Commission's Youth Reentry Improvement Report* to Austin Coalition for Youth Justice (October 24, 2012).

*Juvenile's Adjudicated for Sexual Offenses* presentation to the Office of the Public Guardian (October 13, 2011).

Presentation on post dispositional issues with the Department of Juvenile Justice's Director Arthur Bishop to the Illinois Childhood Trauma Coalition (August 24, 2011).

Panelist at the Governor's Collaborative on Reentry's Statewide Conference, *Future of Criminal Justice and Reentry Policy* (July 15, 2011).

Presentation on post dispositional representation of youth at MacArthur Foundation Cross Network National Conference (June 10, 2011).

Panelist at John Howard Association Summit, *At the Crossroads: The State of Illinois' Juvenile Justice System from Prevention to Incarceration* (April 25, 2011).

Presentation on Juvenile Justice Commissions' research pursuant to the *Illinois Youth Reentry Improvement Act of 2009* to Governor's Office (April 8, 2011).

Know your rights presentation to youth at Unity High School (April 6, 2011).

Presentation to Mental Health Services and Policy Program at Northwestern University Medical School on post dispositional issues for juveniles (March 18, 2011).

Presentation on the Juvenile Justice Commissions' research pursuant to the *Illinois Youth Reentry Improvement Act of 2009* to representatives of the Governor's Office, Department of Corrections, Department of Juvenile Justice, Prisoner Review Board, Department of Children and Family Service, Chapin Hall, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, DJJ Advisory Board, University of Chicago Crime Lab, Juvenile Justice Initiative, Metropolis Strategies and the John Howard Association (January 16, 2011).

Keynote Address, Jane Addams Hull House Association Symposium (September 16, 2010).

Presentation to the Northern Family Federation Conference, *Juvenile Justice System: A Primer* (April 24, 2010).

Presentation to the Illinois PTA, *Juvenile Justice System: A Primer* (March 14, 2010).

Panel Member, *Identifying Youth with Mental Health Issues: The Screening and Assessment Process*, at Loyola University, Chicago School of Law Public Interest Law Reporter Symposium: Delinquency in Illinois? The Intersection of Mental Health and Juvenile Justice (February 12, 2010).

Presentation to the Vera Institute and JDAI Monroe County Delegation, *Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic: Applying a New Model* (March 20, 2008).

Presentation to JDAI Delegation, New Jersey, *Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic: Applying a New Model* (November 14, 2007).

Presentation to 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Collaborative Juvenile Justice Conference: Connecting the Pathways, *An Overview of the Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic* (November 1, 2007).

Technical Assistance and Presentation to JDAI Delegation, Las Vegas, Nevada, *CCJCC: From Development to Implementation* (June 19-20, 2007).

Presentation to Saint Louis County, MO and Berks County, PA JDAI Delegations, Saint Louis, MO., *CCJCC: From Development to Implementation* (April 20, 2007).

Panel member and break-out-group facilitator at the DHS: Models for Change Conference, (April 13, 2007).

Presentation to the MacArthur Foundation, *Resource Identification and Consultation: Gathering, Documenting, and Providing Information for Court Involved Youth* (March 21, 2007).

Presentation at Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative Conference, New Orleans, LA, *The Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic* (November 29, 2006)

Presentation to Delegation of Jordanian juvenile court judges, *Cook County Juvenile Court Clinic* (November 16, 2006).

Technical Assistance Presentation to staff from Yale Behavioral Health Services, *Operating a Forensic Clinic* (February 7, 2006).

Presentation to Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice at MacArthur Foundation, *Implementation of CCJCC: The Theoretical Meets the Practical* (September 23, 2005).

Illinois House of Representatives' Children and Youth Committee Hearing, Chicago, IL. Testimony regarding needs and resources for children with evidence of mental illness and their behavior disorders, *Services for Troubled Youth* (September 25, 2002).

American Psychological Association, *Clinical Practice Models for Forensic Assessment of Children and Adolescents* (August 25, 2002).

Urban Health Initiative, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, *How an Outside Agent Can be a Catalyst for Change* (June 3, 2002).

National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Triple Header, Alexandria VA., *How to process and use clinical information in juvenile court* (May 22, 2001).

December 2019