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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Civil Litigation Clinic
Director 2017 to present, Assistant Clinical Professor, 2012 – present

Teach and supervise law students representing civil litigants, especially tenants, in the circuit court and before administrative agencies.

University of Illinois College of Law

Domestic Violence Clinic Supervising Attorney, 2006 - 2008

Taught and supervised law students representing victims of domestic violence in protective order and family law proceedings

University of Illinois College of Law

Legal Writing Instructor, 1992 - 1993

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Illinois Court of Claims, Commissioner, 2011 – present

Control docket, hold trials, and provide recommended decisions in Illinois Court of Claims

Illinois Department of Employment Security

Staff Attorney, Office of Legal Counsel, 2008 - 2011

Conducted appellate review of unemployment tax cases; advised Illinois Attorney General on unemployment benefits appeals.

Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc., Champaign, Illinois 1993 - 2008

Senior Attorney, Family Law Taskforce Chair, DV Clinic Case Supervisor

Represented indigent clients in a variety of matters with an emphasis on family law litigation including divorce, child custody, parentage, child support and domestic violence cases. As Family Law Taskforce Chair, oversaw appeals, and coordinated trainings and meetings for staff and pro bono attorneys. Significant litigation includes *In re Marriage of Fields*, 283 Ill. App. 3d 994 (1996).

Champaign County Public Defender's Office, Assistant Public Defender, 1988 - 1991

Represented indigent defendants in traffic, misdemeanor and felony matters. Represented various parties in juvenile court matters.

Office of the Maryland Public Defender, Appellate Division,

Assistant Public Defender, 1985 - 1988

Represented indigent defendants in criminal appeals before the State's intermediate and highest appellate courts. As part of a team, represented defendants in capital cases before the Maryland Court of Appeals and United States Supreme Court. Significant appeals include: *Booth v. Maryland*, 482 U.S. 496 (1987); *Adkins v. State*, 316 Md. 1 (1989); *State v. Crampton*, 314 Md. 265 (1988); *Martinez v. State*, 309 Md. 124 (1987).

Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program
Georgetown University Law Center, 1984 - 1985
Working placement at Women's Equity Action League. Participated in fellowship trainings and activities.

Honorable Luther M. Swygert, Senior Circuit Judge
Law Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, 1983 – 1984

Better Government Association, PILI Intern, Summer 1982

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, J.D. 1983

Beloit College, B.A. Philosophy

University of Illinois, Department of Journalism, Graduate Program in Journalism

SERVICE

Legal Services Corporation, Board of Directors, 2009 – present

- Housing Law Task Force
- Pro Bono Task Force Rules Implementation Subcommittee Co-Chair
- Provision and Promotion of Legal Services Committee Chair, 2009-13.

ABA Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service, LSC Liaison, 2016 – present

Screening Committee (Judicial & U.S. Attorney appointments), for Senators Durbin and Duckworth 2017 – present

Content Editor for Illinois Legal Aid Online

Making Justice Accessible: Designing Legal Services for the 21st Century, Project of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Subcommittee on Housing, 2019

ACLU, Judicial Bypass Volunteer

PILI Legal Prep Community Law Clinic

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

4th National Conference of Training on Legal Education
Addis Ababa University School of Law, Spring 2019

Issues in Housing, panel discussion
Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 2018

“Hot Issues in Pro Bono”
Equal Justice Conference, 2013

“Legal Remedies for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence”
Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation Training, 2008

“Domestic Violence Issues in Employment, Housing, Immigration and Benefits Law”
Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation Training, 2004

“Counseling Domestic Violence Clients”
Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation Training, 2003

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

American Bar Association; Chicago Bar Association

Champaign County Bar Association, Board of Governors 2000 - 2002

Vermilion County Bar Association, Pro Bono Committee Chair 1998 - 1999

East Central Illinois Women Attorneys Association
President 2005-06; Vice-President 2004-05; Treasurer 2003; Newsletter Editor 2004-07

Illinois Bar Association, 1993-2008

AWARDS

Leonard Jay Schragger Award of Excellence 2020 - for attorneys in academia who have made significant contributions to improving access to justice

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Stand Out Volunteer Award 2017

Public Interest Law Initiative, Distinguished PILI Alumni Award, 2010

East Central Illinois Women Attorneys Association, Service to the Organization Award 2000

New York University School of Law: John Norton Pomeroy Award; Moot Court Advocacy Award

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE in Illinois.