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**EDUCATION:**

**University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX.**  
J.D., May, 1977

**State University of New York at Albany, Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, School of Criminal Justice, Albany, NY.**  
M.A., Criminal Justice, December 1985.  
Recipient of the Elliot H. Lumbard Award for Academic Excellence  
1985-86: Associate Director of National Institute of Corrections Grant  
"Legal Evaluation of South Carolina's Mental Health Services."

**Eastern Illinois University, Charleston IL.**  
B.A., May, 1974; Honors: English

**Academic Appointments**

**1986 – present    Albany Law School, Albany, New York**

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, 2005 – 2011; 2012 – 2013; 2014 – present  
Interim President and Dean, 2011 - 2012  
Associate Dean for Student Affairs, 1999 – 2005  
Director, Disabilities Law Clinic, 1986 – 1992  
Director, AIDS/HIV Law Clinic, 1992 – 1996  
Director, Law Clinic and Justice Center, 1992 – 2001  
Director, The Justice Center, 2017 -- 2019  
Associate Professor of Law, 1993-1996;  
Professor of Law, 1996 – present (Tenure granted 5/1996)  
Raymond and Ella Smith Distinguished Professor of Law, 2013 – present

**Courses taught:** Disabilities Law Clinic, Disability Law Seminar, AIDS/HIV Law Clinic, AIDS Law Seminar, Negotiating for Lawyers, Trial Practice I and II, Federal Civil Procedure, New York Practice, Criminal Law, Family Law Practicum, Legal Profession (face-to-face and on-line)

Honors: 2011 Distinguished Educator for Excellence in Teaching

Administrative Roles:

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs:

- Responsible for overall administration of the law school academic programs
- Ensure compliance with standards and rules of all accreditors (ABA, AALS, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, and New York State Education Department)
- Development of new degree programs
- Curriculum development for all degrees
- Oversee academic advising program.
- Oversee Academic Success and Bar Success programs
- Oversee On-line Graduate Program
- Oversee assessment of all academic programs
- Oversee the Center for Excellence in Law Teaching (CELT)
- Oversee faculty development program ensuring junior faculty are assigned a tenured faculty mentor for teaching and scholarship

Interim President and Dean

- Report directly to the Board of Trustees
- Oversee the overall operation and budget of the law school

Associate Dean for Student Affairs

- Responsible for overall administration of student programs and activities
- Responsible for planning and implementation of Orientation and Commencement
- Responsible for Student Disciplinary Proceedings

Director of the Law Clinic and Justice Center (1992 – 2001); The Justice Center (2017 – 2019)

- Responsible for overall administration of Clinical Programs including in-house clinics, apprenticeship clinics and externship placements.
- Strategic Planning
- Fundraising: individual donors, grants, and foundations

Recent Committee Service to the Law School

- Academic Accommodations Committee, 2010 -- present; Chair, 2013 - present
- Academic Affairs Committee, 2010 – present; Chair, 2010 – 2013, 2014 -2015, 2016 – present
- Faculty Affairs Committee, 2010 - 2012

- Student Affairs Committee, 2010 - 2013
- Long Range Planning Committee, 2003 – 2006, 2012 – 2015; 2017 - present
- Assessment Committee, 2014 - present
- MS Admissions Committee, 2016 – present
- Excelsior Fellows Selection Committee, 2016 – present
- Tenure and Promotion Committee 2009 – 2010; 2016 – 2017; 2021 - 2022
- Faculty-Trustee Communications Council, 2013 – 2016
- Student Affairs Committee, 2014 – 2015
- Ad Hoc Task Force on Bar Passage, 2015 – 2017

### Other Leadership Roles

Affiliation with the University of Albany, 2014 - present

- Co-Chair of the Affiliation Implementation Committee ( formerly the Academic and Student Synergies Committee)
- Member, Steering Committee and Executive Committee
- Oversaw ABA formal acquiescence of the affiliation
- Oversaw AALS approval of the affiliation
- Developed two new dual degree programs with the School of Criminal Justice and the History Department
- Oversaw NY State Education Department approval of the LLM in International Health and Human Rights
- Created new Conditional Admission program to allow international LLM students to be admitted conditioned upon their enrollment in UAlbany’s Intensive English Language Program

ABA Site Inspection, 2013 – 2014, 2019 – 2020

- Prepared ABA Site Inspection Questionnaire and AALS Questionnaire
- Assisted in drafting the Self-Study (2013 – 2014) and Self-Assessment (2019 – 2020)

Middle States Commission on Higher Education Accreditation, 2016 – present

- Prepared departments for initial visit (6/13/2017)
- Prepared departments for Middle States Team visit (11/2017)
- Organized and drafted mini-self-study in preparation for the visit
- Attended workshop on drafting an Institutional Effectiveness Plan for the Middle States Self-Study
- Chaired the Working Group on Standard III “Design and Delivery of the Academic Program,” Drafted report for the site inspection (2018 – 2019)

**1979 - 1984    Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, TX**

Assistant Professor: Provided classroom instruction in Business Law and Environmental Law in the undergraduate Business School and the MBA program.

### **Law Practice Experience**

**1979 – 1984 Mayer & Stanberry, Nacogdoches, TX.**

General civil and criminal law practice. Practice included representation of civil rights claimants in the areas of employment discrimination, jail conditions, and housing discrimination.

**1977 – 1979 East Texas Legal Services, Nacogdoches, TX.**

Staff Attorney

General civil practice providing legal aid to low income clients.

### **PUBLIC SERVICE**

Statewide Access to Justice Council (Chair, 2014 – 2019; Member, 2019- present)

Planning Committee for Annual Conference, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019

Member, Advisory Committee Working Group, New York Content Outline for the Uniform Bar Examination (2015- 2017)

Member, Advisory Committee, Court of Appeals Initiative on the Skills and Competency Requirement (2019 – present)

Member, Leadership Committee, Schenectady County Access to Justice Council (2018- present)

Member, American Association of Law Schools

Section on Clinical Legal Education

Planning Committee for 2015 Annual Conference

Member, New York State Bar Association

Member, Albany County Bar Association

Member, Capital District Women’s Bar Association

Member, Clinical Legal Education Association

Contributor, Best Practices in Legal Education Blog

### **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

Moderator: CELT Conference Setting and Assessing Learning Objectives from Day One, Panel, “Developing and Improving Students’ Capacity for Critical Reasoning by Using a Cross-Curriculum Approach.” Albany Law School, Albany, New York, March 2012.

Presenter, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning, “ Using Rubrics to Assess and Engage Law Students, New York Law School, New York City, June 2012.

Panelist, “The Road to the Court of Appeals: Demystifying the Process,” State of New York Commission on Judicial Nominations, NY State Bar Association, Albany, New York, May 2012.  
Presenter, Webinar CLE, American Bar Association Section of Pro Bono Publico: “Ethical Challenges in Pro Bono Representation: The Impact of Model Rule 6.5.” October 2012

Panelist, “Sustainability in Developing Nations: Opportunities for Public-Private Partnerships” Daj Hammarskoldj Library Auditorium, United Nations, NYC, November, 2012.

Panelist, “Challenges for Lawyers in a Changing Economic Universe,” University of Paris, Paris, France, June 2013

Presenter, “Ethical Issues in Law Student Supervision,” Albany Law School, Albany, New York, November 2013.

Presenter, “Making Effective Opening and Closing Statements,” Youth Court Training, Bethlehem, New York and Watervliet, New York, three trainings per year from November 2013 – present

Presenter, CLE -- “Ethical Issues in Law Student Supervision.” Albany Law School, February, 2014.

Presenter: New York State Bar Association Panel in Honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright: “Why We Need a Right to Counsel in Civil Matters Where Basic Human Needs are at Stake,” Albany Law School, October 13, 2014.

Presenter, “Integrating Clinical Pedagogy Across the Curriculum.” Albany Law School, March 18, 2015.

Guest Lecturer, “Felony Murder Rule,” Adelphi University, March 2017

Presenter: “Infusing Diversity Issues and Access to Justice in the Law School Curriculum”. Sixth Annual Access to Justice Conference, Fordham University; Responsible for drafting report with recommendations to the Court of Appeals’ Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York, May 2016.

Moderator, “March for Justice: The Lawyer’s Role in Preserving Democracy and Ensuring Access to Justice.” Albany Law School, March 2017

Presenter, “Formative Assessment Workshop,” Albany Law School, October, 2017.

Presenter, “Drafting and Assessing Learning Outcomes,” Albany Law School, February, 2018.

Presenter, "Law Schools Working in the Community: Addressing Civil Legal Needs Arising from Entanglement with the Criminal Justice System," Eighth Annual Law School Access to Justice Conference, Brooklyn Law School, May 14, 2019.

Presenter, "Social Justice Philanthropy," AALS Conference, Washington, D.C., January, 2020.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

- 2001 "Asymptomatic HIV as a Disability under the Americans With Disabilities Act," 14 (2) Journal of Law and Health 179.
- 1999 "Unique Mental Health Needs of HIV-Infected Women: What Services are Required Under the Constitution and the Americans with Disabilities Act?" 6 William and Mary School of Law 215.
- 1996 "HIV Infected Prisoners: What Mental Health Services are Constitutionally Mandated?" Winter 1995 Journal of Psychiatry and Law 517.
- 1994 "Due Process Challenges to Eyewitness Identification Based on Pre-Trial Photographic Array," 13 Pace Law Review 815 (1994).
- 1989 "Survey of Case Law Establishing Constitutional Minima for the Provision of Mental Health Services to Psychiatrically Involved Inmates," New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement, Vol. 15, No. 2.
- 1987 "Post-Hinckley Insanity Defense Reform," Mental & Physical Disabilities Law Reporter, Volume II, No. 1, January-February
- 1986 "Legal Issues in the Private Operation of Prisons," Criminal Law Bulletin, Vol. 22, No. 3.

**BAR ADMISSIONS:**

U.S. Supreme Court  
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals  
Second Circuit Court of Appeals  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York  
New York State