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LAW TEACHING AND LEGAL EXPERIENCE

ALBANY LAW SCHOOL, Albany, NY

Professor of Law

July 2011- Present

Director, Immigration Law Clinic

Director, The Edward P. Swyer Justice Center at Albany Law (2014-2017, 2020-present)

Supervise students, staff attorney and administrative staff in a live-client clinic. Prepare materials for and teach the weekly clinical seminar on substantive immigration laws and skills. Students represent immigrants in petitions for immigration relief. In addition to direct legal services, students engage in impact projects including pop-up clinics, legislative testimony, community outreach and education.

Other courses taught: Poverty Law; Family Violence Litigation Clinic (2011-2014); Gender and the Law (team-taught); Domestic Violence Seminar (co-taught); various courses with the University at Albany – SUNY Global Institute of Health and Human Rights (six classes for a course on Health and Human Rights taught remotely to lawyers and judges in a country in the Near East (MENA Region)); Albany County Sheriff's Office Academy (2019-2022).

UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW, Baltimore, MD

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Immigrant Rights Clinic

May 2009 – June 2011

Directed the clinic during academic year 2009-2010. Prepared materials for and co-taught the weekly clinical seminar on topics including substantive immigration law, effective trial skills, advocacy and cultural competency. Supervised students representing clients in a variety of immigration matters. Assumed responsibility for caseload during academic breaks. Co-taught a class on feminism in international and immigration law.

HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE OF NORTH TEXAS, INC., Dallas, TX

Attorney, Legal Education and Asylum Program

April 2007 – May 2009

Litigated removal defense in Dallas Immigration Court. Affirmative applications included: Violence Against Women Act, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Human Trafficking and U-Visa cases. Created and executed three-year strategy for advocacy on local, state and national levels. Spoke to academic, governmental, and philanthropic groups regarding the agency and its work. Guest lecturer on asylum and international law at local law schools.

TRENK, DIPASQUALE, DELLA FERA & SODONO, P.C., West Orange, NJ

Attorney

March 2004 – August 2006

Practiced commercial litigation, bankruptcy, government and election law. Litigated in municipal courts, state courts and federal bankruptcy courts. Pro-bono work included representation of low-income housing co-operative residents.

EDUCATION

- SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY DEDMAN SCHOOL OF LAW**, Dallas, TX
Master of Laws (International Law) May 2007
- SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Newark, NJ
Juris Doctor January 2004
- SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY & INT’L RELATIONS**, South Orange, NJ
Master of Arts in Diplomacy & International Relations January 2004
- HILLSDALE COLLEGE**, Hillsdale, MI
Bachelor of Arts May 2000

PUBLICATIONS

- Our loved one was shot at Oxford High. Locking up the shooter’s parents won’t solve our gun violence problem*, CNN (Opinion), April 9, 2024.
- The Humanitarian Stowaway, 87 *Alb. Law Rev.* (forthcoming Spring 2024).
- New York Must Pass the Access to Representation Act for Immigrants Facing Deportation*, City & State New York (Opinion), April 11, 2023.
- Locally, we have many ways to prevent school shootings*, On Board (Opinion), August 29, 2022.
- We Can Do More to Stop School Shootings*, Education Week (Opinion), June 08, 2022.
- Recurring Immigration Myths and the Facts That Disprove Them* (co-authored with Camille Mackler and Matthew K. Geiling), in IMMIGRATION: KEY TO THE FUTURE, Scott Fein, ed. (New York State Bar Association 2021).
- Cruelty Was the Point: Theories of Recovery for Family Separation and Detention Abuses, 21 *Nev. L. J.* 583 (2021).
- Preparation, Crisis, Struggle, Ideas: The Birth of the Detention Outreach Project*, in CRISIS LAWYERING: EFFECTIVE LEGAL ADVOCACY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, Ray Brescia & Eric K. Stern, eds. (NYU Press 2021).
- Innovations in Access to Counsel for Immigrants: Lessons from New York and Canada* (co-authored with Camille Mackler), in IS AMERICA FULFILLING ITS PROMISE? SAFEGUARDING LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR IMMIGRANTS, Scott Fein and Rose Mary Bailey, eds. (New York State Bar Association 2019).
- Sovereign Resistance to Federal Immigration Enforcement in State Courthouses, 32 *Geo. Imm. L. J.*, 275 (2018).

The Politics of Fear: Unaccompanied Immigrant Children and the Case of the Southern Border, 61 *Vill. L. Rev.* 843 (2016).

Using Hip-Hop's Lyrical Narrative to Inform and Critique the Family Justice System, in *HIP-HOP AND THE LAW: THE KEY WRITINGS THAT INFORMED THE MOVEMENT*, Donald Tibbs, André Cummings & Pamela Bridgewater, eds. (Carolina Academic Press 2014).

Lack of Detained Parents' Access to the Family Justice System and the Unjust Severance of the Parent-Child Relationship, 47 *Fam. L. Q.* 141 (2013).

Domesticating Due Diligence: Municipal Tort Litigation's Potential to Address Failed Enforcement of Orders of Protection, 21 *Am. U. J. Gender Soc. Pol'y & L.* 101 (2012).

Unintended and Unavoidable: The Failure to Protect Rule and its Consequences for Undocumented Parents and Their Children, 50 *Fam. Ct. Rev.* 580 (2012).

Waiting for Alvarado: How Administrative Delay Harms Immigrant Victims of Gender-Based Violence, 55 *Wayne L. Rev.* 1811 (2009).

The "Necessity Defense" and Emerging Arbitral Conflict in its Application to the US-Argentina Bilateral Investment Treaty, 13 *Law & Bus. Rev. Am.* 547 (2007).

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

Richard P. Nathan Public Policy Fellowship at the Rockefeller Institute of Government (2022-2024)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & RECENT MEDIA APPEARANCES

Media, WAMC Public Radio, *The Roundtable*, Regular Panelist, 2018-present.

Media, ABC News, CNN, NBC, NewsNation, Scripps News Morning Rush, *Family Members of 14-year-old Survivor of Oxford Michigan School Shooting React to Crumbley Verdict*, April 9-10, 2024.

Media, WMHT, *Understanding Modern Immigration in New York*, July 18, 2023.

Media, City Limits, *As Relocated Asylum Seekers Adjust to Life in Albany, Advocates Call for More Resources*, June 13, 2023.

Media, WAMC Public Radio, The Capitol Connection #2321, *Albany Law School Professor and Faculty Director of the Immigration Law Clinic [on Migrant Influx in Capital District]*, June 1, 2023.

Media, Spectrum News Interview, *Justice Center at Albany Law School Director on Migrant Influx*, May 17, 2023.

Panelist, *Techniques for Teaching Critical Lawyering Skills*, Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Conference, Loyola University Chicago, October 14, 2022.

Panelist, *Disrupting Borders, Decentering States*, Law & Society Association Annual Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, July 14, 2022.

Panelist, *Access to Justice Works-in-Progress*, Immigration Scholars and Teachers Workshop, Loyola Law School, June 7, 2022.

Media, Channel 13 News Interview, *Texas Tragedy Reopens Old Wounds for Local Lawyer*, May 26, 2022.

Speaker, Albany County Domestic Violence Stakeholder Meeting, *Updates on the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Immigration*, January 31, 2022.

Panelist, *Immigration: Key to the Future - Policies and Practices*, New York State Bar Association in partnership with the Government Law Center at Albany Law School and the Rockefeller Institute of Government, December 14, 2021.

Panelist/Moderator, book talk hosted by various student chapters of the American Constitutional Society re: book chapter in *CRISIS LAWYERING: EFFECTIVE LEGAL ADVOCACY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS*, Ray Brescia & Eric K. Stern, eds., April 7, 2021.

Panelist, University at Albany's Gender and Sexuality Month programming, *Reproductive Justice in Immigration Detention Centers: Bridging the Gap Between Immigration, Reproductive Justice, and Policing*, March 9, 2021.

Panelist, book launch event hosted by Albany Law School re: book chapter in *CRISIS LAWYERING: EFFECTIVE LEGAL ADVOCACY IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS*, Ray Brescia & Eric K. Stern, eds., March 8, 2021.

Media, Channel 13 News Interview, *President Biden's Executive Orders on Immigration*, January 21, 2021.

Media, WAMC Public Radio, *Immigration Law & Policy and the 2020 Presidential Election*, November 5, 2020.

Panelist, *Immigration: Protect Our Courts Act*, New York State Ecumenical Advocacy Day, February 12, 2020.

Keynote, *Immigration, Racial Justice and Strength in Unity*, Martin Luther King, Jr. Soup Shabbat, Temple Gates of Heaven, January 24, 2020.

Featured Speaker, *Immigration Intersectionality*, Women's March, Schenectady City Hall, January 18, 2020.

Panelist, *2019 Legislative Updates: Immigration*, New York State Bar Association, December 4, 2019.

Panelist, *Arc of Career for Immigration Law Teachers & Scholars*, Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, Brigham Young University, June 7, 2019.

Facilitator & Panelist, *Challenges and Opportunities in Today's Immigration Landscape: The Role of Law Schools in Ensuring Access to Counsel for Immigrant Communities*, 8th Annual Access to Justice Conference, Brooklyn Law School, May 14, 2019.

M. Shanara Gilbert Award Recipient Keynote, Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, May 5, 2019.

Panelist, *Immigration Detention in New York*, New York Immigration Coalition & Immigrant Advocates Response Collaborative, March 11, 2019.

Panelist, *Adverse and Unintended Consequences for Families Facing Immigration Issues*, New York State Bar Association Annual Meeting, January 18, 2019.

Panelist, *Trauma and the U.S. Immigration System: Immigrant Detention, Family Separation and Undocumented Work*, Middlebury College, November 15, 2018.

Panelist, *Unique Issues Faced by Upstate Immigrants and Resilience 101: Being Your Best Advocate*, I-ARC Conference, John Jay College, October 26-27, 2018.

Panelist, *Crisis Lawyering and Working with Lawyers in Crisis*, 11th Annual Homeland Defense and Security Education Summit, University at Albany, October 12, 2018.

Keynote, *Immigration, Executive Power and the Constitution*, Siena College Constitution Day, September 24, 2018.

Discussion Leader, *Strategies for Sanctuary Spaces*, Harvard Law School, April 20, 2018.

Panelist, *Immigrants and Refugees in the Capital Region*, Sage Colleges, April 18, 2018.

Panelist, *Immigrants and State Courts: State Law, the New York Family Court Act & Federal Immigration Law*, Fund for Modern Courts, June 6, 2017.

Panelist, *Emergency Preparedness for Families Affected by the Executive Orders on Immigration*, New York State Bar Association, April 12, 2017.

Presenter, *The Politics of Difference and the Threshold of Law*, Albany Law School, March 31, 2017.

Panelist, *Advocacy and Activism Today, Protecting the Rights of Immigrants and Refugees & Using the State Constitution and International Law to Fight Injustice*, National Lawyers' Guild/New York Civil Liberties Union, February 25, 2017.

Panelist, *Finding the Double-Yolk in Soft-Money Clinical Support*, New England Clinical Conference at Boston University School of Law, October 21-22, 2016.

Panelist, *Integrating Practice Components into Doctrinal Teaching*, Upstate Clinical Conference, Cornell Law School, August 10, 2016.

Panelist, *Infusing Diversity Issues and Access to Justice into the Law School Curriculum: Understanding the Skills, Professional Values and Cultural Competencies*, Fifth Annual Law School Access to Justice Conference, May 17, 2016.

Panelist, *Back to the Future: Engaging Communities through Individual Representation and Impact Litigation*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 2, 2016.

Panelist, *New York State and the Importance of Immigration*, Rockefeller Institute of Government, March 29, 2016.

Panelist, *Awareness of Gender Inequities Locally and Globally*, Global Institute for Health and Human Rights, University at Albany, February 16, 2016.

Featured Presenter, *Abuse and Neglect at the Southern Border: The Forsaken Rights of Unaccompanied Children in Immigration Custody*, Hofstra Law Faculty Workshop, February 11, 2016.

Presented Testimony, *Access to Civil Legal Services in New York: Immigration*, Task Force to Expand Access to Civil Legal Services in New York, New York State Court of Appeals, October 13, 2015.

Work-In-Progress Presenter, *Emerging Immigration Scholars and Teachers Conference 2015*, University of Miami School of Law, June 11-12, 2015.

Presenter, *Emerging Issues in State-Based Immigration Reform*, Anderson Breakfast Series – New York State Capitol, February 24, 2015.

Panelist, *Women's Right to Health*, The Global Institute for Health and Human Rights, University of Albany, December 5, 2014.

Panelist, *Immigrants and the Family Court: Policies, Practice and Systemic Change*, Hofstra University Maurice A. Deane School of Law, November 9, 2012.

Featured Presenter, *Domesticating International Law Using Municipal Tort in New York State*, City University of New York School of Law, Faculty Colloquium, October 10, 2012.

Panelist, *Lenahan (Gonzales) v. United States of America: The Domestication of International Law*, American University, Washington College of Law, April 17, 2012.

Keynote Speaker, *The Gender Gap and the Pursuit of Justice: Overcoming the Barriers*, Women's History Month Reception, New York State Bar Association, March 7, 2012.

Co-Organizer & Panel Facilitator, *Sharing Scholarship, Building Teachers: The 2012 Northeast Regional Scholarship and Teaching Development Workshop*, Albany Law School, February 3-4, 2012.

Work-In-Progress Presenter, *Exploring the American Family*, Hofstra University School of Law, November 3-5, 2011.

Work-In-Progress Presenter, *Emerging Immigration Law Scholars and Teachers Conference 2011*, American University, Washington College of Law, May 19-20, 2011.

Panelist, *Applying Feminism Globally*, University of Baltimore School of Law Center on Applied Feminism's Fourth Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference, March 30-31, 2011.

Panelist, *Wayne Law Review Symposia, Immigration Reform: Problems, Possibilities and Pragmatic Solutions*, Wayne State University School of Law, February 4, 2010.

BAR ADMISSIONS

Bar Admissions: New York, Maryland (inactive) and Texas (inactive).

AWARDS

Immigrant Advocate Award, Solidarity Committee of the Capital District, September 2, 2019.

Kimberly A. Troisi-Paton Leadership Award, Capital District Women's Bar Association, June 4, 2019.

M. Shanara Gilbert Award, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Clinical Legal Education, May 5, 2019.

Immigrant Excellence Award, New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators, February 17, 2019.

Peter J. Murrett, III Pro Bono Champion Award, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Upstate New York Chapter, October 19, 2018.

Pro Bono Publico Award, Legal Aid Society, October 26, 2016.

ELECTED OFFICES HELD

Board Member, Niskayuna Central School District Board of Education, Term: 2020-2023 (Board Vice-President from 2021-2023).