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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Director, Children's Rights Clinic, July 2022-present

Create and develop curriculum and clinic design for Children's Rights Clinic; directly supervise students in school discipline and special education cases; teach accompanying clinic seminar that covers substantive law, skills training, models of lawyering and professional ethics; develop unique practice-related curriculum on anti-racist lawyering; promote the clinic and school's mission within the local and national communities through partnerships with various public interest organizations.

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Clinical Professor of Law, July 2020-present

Teach in the areas of special education law, school discipline, disability law, legal ethics and professional responsibility, legal skills and bar-related programming; represent clients in matters relating to special education, school discipline, regional center eligibility and disability benefits; coach for Moot Court Honors Program; faculty advisor for Part-time Legal Education Alternative at Southwestern ("PLEAS") program; committee member for the Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Committee, Admissions Committee, Academic Standards Committee; taskforce member for the Dean's Task Force for Equity, Inclusion and Belonging; committee member for the Asynchronous Learning Policy Initiative

UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

Lecturer in Law, August 2021-August 2023

Teach in the area of professional responsibility using both synchronous and asynchronous methodology; develop formative assessments to evaluate student performance consistently through the period; develop 2-unit and 3-unit course offerings

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Supervising Attorney and Associate Clinical Professor of Law, August 2018-July 2020

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University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA

Visiting Associate Professor of Law, January 2019-present

Teach in the areas of professional responsibility and bar-related programming

Southwestern Law School Children's Rights Clinic, Los Angeles, CA

Supervising Attorney and Lecturer in Law, August 2011-August 2018

Representation of clients in matters relating to school discipline, special education and regional

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center eligibility and service; supervise clinic students and facilitate their advocacy of clients' rights and needs; assist in the development of course curricula; co-teach the clinic seminar; conduct research for professional development and academic scholarship; teach the Special Education Law Seminar

Woodsmall Law Group, San Marino, CA

Associate Attorney, August 2008-June 2010

Representation in matters related to the educational and community access rights of children with special needs; drafted due process complaints, motions and memoranda; prepared evidence, witnesses and case briefs for hearing; represented clients at IEP/IPP meetings, resolution sessions, mediations and fair hearings; conducted community outreach events and teaching workshops; drafted legal articles for client distribution

EDUCATION

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor, May 2008

UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Minor in English, cum laude, December 2002

SCHOLARSHIP

Once Upon a FAPE: Contrasting the Fabled Hope of IDEA with Present-Day Pandemic Realities, 11 Belmont L. Rev. 410 (2024)

Follow the LRE Road? How the Least Restrictive Environment Works, and Fails, to Provide an Appropriate Education for Children in America's Public School Systems, publication pending

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Moot Court Competition Coach, Southwestern Law School Moot Court Program, August 2011-present

Faculty Advisor, Advocates for Children's Rights student organization, 2022-present

Committee Member, Online JD Program Faculty Committee, 2023-present

Co-Director, Southwestern Law School Moot Court Program, March 2024-May 2025

AREAS OF RESEARCH/INTEREST

- Disability rights for students age 0-22;
- Intersection of disability and school discipline;

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- Juvenile delinquency system's response to offenders with special needs;
- Educating law students with learning challenges;
- Rights and protections for students in higher education;
- Teaching legal ethics to law students through a problem-based, clinical model;
- "Teaching to the bar" and the balance in teaching both legal theory and testing strategy;
- Utilizing asynchronous teaching to enhance student progress and target students' individual learning profiles

CLASSES TAUGHT

Clinical seminar; special education law; disability law; professional responsibility; bar-review programming; interviewing, counseling, negotiating; professional responsibility in an online and asynchronous format

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Current Ethical Issues for Immigration Lawyers, VAWA Los Angeles Chapter, May 2025
- School Discipline Defense Summer Virtual Retreat, Presenter, July 2024
- Practicing Law Institute Presentation, Special Education and Legal Ethics, Presenter, July 2024
- Belmont Law Review Symposium, Once Upon a FAPE, Presenter, September 2023
- Education Section Works-in-Progress Workshop, Presenter, July 2023
- California Special Education Law Update 2022, Speaker for PLI Webinar, September 2022
- Professional Responsibility Section Program, "Navigating Along the Intersection of Ethics, Client/Community Relationships and Professional Identity," Facilitator at AALS Clinic Conference, April 2022
- Education Section Program, "Unfinished Learning: The Covid-19 Impact on Law Student Learning and Growth," Speaker at AALS Annual Meeting, January 2022
- Education Working Group Facilitator, AALS Clinic Conference, April 2021
- "Post COVID-19 Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy Best Practices and Standards Development," Discussion Group Presentation at AALS Annual Meeting, January 2021

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- Child Advocacy and Family Law Review, Moderator at Southwestern Law School Pregerson Public Interest Boot Camp, January 2021
- “Special Education Overview,” Webinar Presentation for National Youth Law Center, January 2020
- “Teaching in a #MeToo World,” Panel Presentation at AALS Conference, Washington, DC, January 2020
- “Closing the Justice Gap for Today’s Youth,” Moderator at Southwestern Law School Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 2018
- “Justice and Education for All,” Moderator at Southwestern Law School Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 2017
- “Protecting Students with Special Needs,” Panel Presentation at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, April 2017
- “Our Most Vulnerable Students: Protecting the Rights and Needs of Students with Disabilities,” Panel Presentation at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA, September 2016
- “Children’s Rights and the Law Student’s Role,” Panel Presentation at Trina Grillo Retreat, Los Angeles, CA, March 2014
- “The Manifestation Determination Review Process,” Webinar for COPAA, June 2013
- “Rethinking the Manifestation Determination Review Process: The Need for Meaningful Procedural Safeguards,” Panel Presentation at COPAA Conference, Albuquerque, NM, March 2013
- “Training and Transforming Law Students into Lawyers in One Semester,” Panel Presentation at AALS Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 2012
- “Understanding the Impact of Disciplinary Removals of Children with Special Needs and the Promise of Positive Behavior Alternatives,” Panel Presentation at COPAA Conference, Miami, FL, March 2012
- “IEP Basics,” Panel Presentation for Department of Mental Health, Los Angeles, CA, August 2011
- “Special Education Rights and Responsibilities,” Panel Presentation at Tessie Cleveland Community Services Corp., Los Angeles, CA, April, 2011
- “Special Education Update: Discipline in the Educational Setting,” Panel Presentation to Office of Clients’ Rights Advocacy, Los Angeles, CA, October, 2010

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Bradley Woods Inn of Court

Master, 2024-present

AALS Professional Responsibility Section

Board member, 2021

School Discipline Defense Coalition

Member, 2019-present

Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates

Member, 2012-present

Juvenile Court 317.e Mental Health Panel, Los Angeles, CA

Member, August 2011-present

California Association for Parent-Child Advocacy

Member, September 2009-present

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of California, 2009