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Education

State University of New York at Buffalo

J.D. 1985

Vice President and Acting President Student Bar Association, National Lawyers Guild

New York University

B.A. 1981, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Departmental Honors (Philosophy),

Founder's Day Award for Outstanding Scholarship

NYU Women's Center 1977-1981

Experience

University at Buffalo School of Law, Buffalo, NY

Clinical Professor of Law

Director Family Violence and Women's Rights Clinic

August 2016-Present

Adjunct Instructor 2005-2011 teaching "Child Abuse and Neglect"

Child & Adolescent Treatment Services, Buffalo, NY

Director, Lee Gross Anthonie Child Advocacy Center, October 2004-July 2016

Responsible for the management and operation of the Lee Gross Anthonie Child Advocacy Center, a "one stop" child friendly facility where alleged victims of child abuse receive forensic interviews, forensically competent medical examinations, and trauma-focused therapy. Responsibilities included coordination of the County's Child Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team, consisting of representatives of all police agencies in Erie County, prosecution, child protection, specialized medical and mental health and victim advocacy. Wrote grants and obtained funding from public and private sources of approximately half a million dollars annually.

Erie County District Attorney, Buffalo, NY

Assistant District Attorney, Jan. 1996-Oct. 2004

As member of the Buffalo City Court Bureau (1/96-3/97), was responsible for the prosecution of hundreds of cases; ran felony hearings, conducted non-jury and jury trials involving a wide variety of misdemeanors. As member of the Domestic Violence Bureau (3/97-11/00) prosecuted domestic violence felonies and serious misdemeanors, conducting grand jury presentments and jury and non-jury trials. As Assistant District Attorney in the Sexual Assault Bureau, 11/00-10/04), investigated and prosecuted sexual assault felonies and misdemeanors, conducted grand jury presentments, jury and non-jury trials.

New York State Attorney General, Buffalo, NY

Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Frauds Bureau, July 1994-Jan 1996

Initiated civil and criminal investigations and litigation against individuals and businesses engaging in fraudulent and deceptive business practices.

Erie County Family Court, Buffalo, NY

Court Attorney, July 1992-June 1994

As law clerk to Supervising Family and Acting Supreme Court Judge John F. O'Donnell, drafted judicial opinions and bench memoranda on family law matters and general civil and criminal litigation. Conducted pre-trial conferences and briefed attorneys on family court procedure. Assisted Judge in preparation of speeches and training materials. Spoke at domestic violence and family law trainings for judges and court personnel and attorneys.

Santa Clara County Attorney Office of Counsel, San Jose, CA

Independent Contractor, September 1991-March 1992

As independent contractor, participated in preparation of defense of multi-party employment discrimination suits. Prepared memoranda summarizing and evaluating plaintiff's cases based on review of pleadings, deposition transcripts, medical and personnel records.

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor Michigan

Clinical Assistant Professor, August 1990-June 1991

Working in the Child Advocacy Law Clinic, supervised students in the representation of parents, children, or the state in all phases of child abuse and neglect cases in six counties; also, prepared, and litigated cases without student assistance. Participated in case evaluation seminars with staff psychiatrist and other professionals. Taught classes on substantive child welfare law, negotiation, and trial skills.

Neighborhood Legal Services, Buffalo, NY

Staff Attorney, October 1986-July 1990

As staff attorney in the Family Law Unit, represented clients in a broad range of general family law disputes, focusing on divorces for battered women and custody litigation involving sexually abused children, interstate custody disputes and child snatching. Brought impact litigation successfully improving police response to domestic violence, *Czachorowski v. Degenhart*, 07961/88 (N.Y.S., Erie Cty., filed Nov.10, 1988), discussed in "Domestic Violence Victims Challenge Police Department's Failure to Advise Them of Legal Rights and Community Services" 22 Clearinghouse Review 1138 (1989), Joan Zorza, *The Criminal Law of Misdemeanor Domestic Violence, 1970-1990*, 83 J. Crim. L. & Criminology 46, 59 (1992), *Developments in the Law: Legal Responses to Domestic Violence*, 106 Harv. L. Rev. 1498, 1559 (1993)

Western Massachusetts Legal Services, Pittsfield, MA

Staff Attorney, August 1985-October 1986

As staff attorney in the areas of housing and public benefits law, defended evictions, counseled public housing tenants' associations, and initiated administrative hearings, appeals and lobbying efforts on public benefit issues.

Community Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA

Law Clerk, Summer 1984

North Country Legal Services, Canton, NY

Law Clerk, Summer 1983

Victim Services Agency, Forest Hills, NY

Victim Advocate, September 1981-July 1982

Awards and Honors

Bury The Violence, Award for service to underrepresented communities, November 2023
State of New York, Legislature of Erie County, Legislative Proclamation honoring the work of the Family Violence Women's Rights Clinic, November 2020

Advocate for Change Award, "It Happened to Alexa Foundation" 2010

Special Service Award, United States Attorney WDNY April 2004

Special Service Award, Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence, 1990

Reginald Heber Smith Community Law Fellowship for 1985-86 (declined)

Bar Admissions and Professional Certifications

Admitted: New York, 1986; Michigan, 1990 (inactive); U.S.D.C., W.D.N.Y., 1988

Certified to represent children as Law Guardian, Eighth Judicial District, NY, 1988

Authorized trainer in *Stewards of Children*, a research- based child abuse prevention training 2005-2016

Faculty Service

--Admissions Committee 2022-present

--Committee on Academic Policy and Program September 2020-May 2022

--Co-Director Family Law Concentration 2019-present

--Rules Committee 2018-2019

--Pro Bono Scholars Committee 2016-2019, 2022-present

--Family Law Concentration Redesign Ad-Hoc Committee 2017-2020

--1L Student Advisor 2017-present

--University at Buffalo Violence Prevention Team 2017-present

--Co-Faculty Advisor Domestic Violence Task Force, University at Buffalo School of Law 2016-present; assisted in annual "Dress For What's Next" event held in April

Courses Taught

Family Violence and Women's Rights Clinic

Domestic Violence Law survey course

Child Abuse & Neglect (seminar)

Professional Memberships

- Erie County Commission on the Status of Women*, 2017-2024
- Erie County Bar Association* (Matrimonial and Family Law Committee 1986-1990, Practice and Procedures in Family Court Committee 1992-1994, 2016-present)
- Women's Bar Association of Western New York*, 1987-2013, 2016-present, (Board Directors 1987-88, Legislative and Judiciary Committee 1987-88, 1995, Chairperson Domestic Violence Committee 2016-2019, Co-Chairperson Domestic Violence Committee 2019-2024)
- Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence*, 1986-1990, 2016-present (Treasurer 1987-1989, Advocacy Committee 1986-88)
- Amherst Task Force Against Domestic Violence* (Chairperson 1993-94)
- New York State Chapter of National Children's Alliance* (Board of Directors 2006-2010, Secretary 2009-2011)
- Erie County Sex Offense Court Advisory Board*, 2008-2013
- Erie County Family Justice Center*, (Steering Committee, 2008-2016)
- Rape Crisis Advisory Board*, 2007-2016
- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children-NY* 2014-2016
- Buffalo Sex Offenders Task Force*, 2015-2016

Recent Presentations

- UB Law Student Domestic Violence Task Force* "Family Law Roundtable", moderated panel of judge and practitioners April 2025
- Family Justice Center Erie County* "Family Offense Petition Drafting" Presenter-February 2025
- University at Buffalo School of Law* "Correcting the Legacy of Crime Victim Treatment; A Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Crime Victims' Rights Act (CVRA), Using Interlocutory Appeals To Protect Crime Victims' Rights, co-presenter November 2024
- Family Violence Women's Rights Clinic, Child & Family Services, Social Work Department Buffalo State University*, Domestic Violence Summit, Legal Panel Moderator, October 2024
- Giffords Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence*, Multidisciplinary Efforts To Combat Gun Violence, panelist September 2024
- UB Law Student Domestic Violence Task Force* "Careers in Domestic Violence Law" Roundtable, moderated panel of judge and practitioners April 2024
- Bar Association of Erie County, et al Enhancing Civil Attorney Skills in Handling Domestic Violence Cases*, presenter and panelist February 2024
- Bury The Violence*-Co-presenter with FVWRC Student Attorney on police response to domestic violence in underrepresented communities, April 2023
- Domestic Violence Advocate Alliance*, Co-presenter on family offense petition drafting April 2023
- Accord Community Action Organization Domestic Violence Services*-Co-presenter on family offense petition drafting with FVWRC student, March 2023

--*Annual NYS Permanent Commission on Access to Justice in partnership with University of Buffalo School of Law* Virtual Conference, organized and coordinated panel on “Becoming the Next Generation of Family Justice Leaders and Advocates” March 2023

--*Rutger’s Law School*, Newark, NJ, Guest lecturer on representing domestic violence survivors in civil matters for Professor Shani King’s Family Law class March 2023

--*Erie County Assigned Counsel Program and the NFJC*, “Representing Clients who are Involved in Domestic Violence,” panelist, December 2022

--*Seventh Judicial District Gender Fairness Committee*, “Unpacking the State of the Law in Domestic Violence Cases,” panelist October 2022 Rochester, New York

--*Buffalo Federation of Women’s Clubs*, luncheon speaker on the work of the Family Violence Women’s Rights Clinic, October 2022

--*Annual Crime Victim Law Conference*, Co-presenter with AUSA Meghan Tokash “Using Interlocutory Appeals to Protect Crime Victim’s Rights” June 2022

--*University at Buffalo School of Law Clinical Legal Education*, “Pearls of Wisdom: 30 Years of UB Law Clinics Confronting Family Violence...” Moderator for panel on the NYS Domestic Violence Survivor’s Justice Act April 2022

--*New York State Bar Association President’s Commission on Access to Justice* virtual hearing; Gave testimony on lack of timely court access for domestic violence survivors to emergency orders of protection in Erie & Niagara counties, November 2021

--*Erie County Central Police Services Training Academy*, “Civil Courts and Domestic Violence,” November 2021

--*University at Buffalo School of Law* “Representing Victims of Domestic Violence” organized by the Domestic Violence Task Force with Attorney Lillian Medina Esq. October 2021

--*Willow Domestic Violence Center*, “Domestic Violence and Child Protective Services Mandated Reporting,” co-presented with Student Attorney Ashley Love October 2021

--*Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence*, “FVWRC Court Watch Project” presentation with Student Attorney Kristen O’Connor July 2021

--*Erie County Central Police Services Training Academy*, “Civil Courts and Domestic Violence,” June 2021

--*Erie County Advocate Alliance*, “Domestic Violence and Child Protective Services Mandated Reporting” with Student Attorney Ashley Love June 2021

--*University at Buffalo School of Law Clinical Legal Education*, Co-presenter with DV survivor for podcast on domestic violence and Covid-19, organized by FVWRC students November 2020

--*University at Buffalo School of Law*, Guest Lecturer for Professor James Miles’s Ethics class, November 2020

--*University at Buffalo*, Moderated taped presentation of UB Deputy Chief of Police and Clinic student comparing campus and court orders of protection, October 2020

--*University at Buffalo*, New Clinical Faculty Orientation, speaker on how to succeed as a clinical faculty member at UB, August 2020

--*University at Buffalo Clinical Legal Education*, Facilitated a podcast, in the “Bullshare” series featuring a FVWRC Summer Fellow and a senior Victim Advocate on the impact of Covid on DV, Summer 2020

--*Eighth Judicial District Victim Advocates*, Co-Presenter with NLS on filing family offense petitions using the DV LawHelp Application, June 2020

--*Family Justice Center*, Co-Presenter with NLS on filing family offense petitions using the DV LawHelp Application, May 2020

--*DV Safety Issues for Civil Attorneys*, Co-presenter to family court attorneys with a senior DV advocate from the International Institute of Buffalo, May 2020

--*University at Buffalo School of Law*, Guest Lecturer with DV survivor in Professor Boucai's family law course, February 2020

--*Buffalo History Museum*, Healthy Relationships Summit, Co-presenter with Clinic student on teen domestic violence, February 2020

--*University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine*, Annual Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Conference, presenter on proposed changes to Title IX campus sexual assault hearings, October 2019

--*Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence*, presentation on recent FVWRC accomplishments and future projects, September 2019

--*University at Buffalo Health Sciences Library*, Presentation on the influence of Dr. Jacqueline Campbell, RN, PhD, and the High-risk Team (HRT) model

--*Child & Family Services Haven House*, Co-presenter with Clinic students on family court and family offense practice, December 2018, January 2019

--*Bar Association of Erie County*, Moderator: The Economic Aftermath of Violence Against Women: Economic Issues Affecting Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survivors, Parts I and II, April and October 2018

--*United Way of Buffalo and Erie County*, Co-presenter with Clinic student, "Legal Advocacy-Orders of Protection and More, Understanding and Responding to Intimate Partner Violence" July 2018

--*Family Justice Center*-presentation on domestic violence essentials and orders of protection, December 2017

--*Buffalo Women's Town Hall*-speaker against budget cuts to the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), August 2017

--*National Association of Commissions for Women Annual Conference*-Moderator for violence against women panel, July 2017

--*Niagara University*, speaker in "The Nuts and Bolts of Family Offense Proceedings" CLE course, Niagara County Bar Association, April 2017 (Presented same course for the *Erie County Bar Association*, January 2017)

--*University at Buffalo School of Law*, *The Assn. of Family and Conciliation Courts NY Chapter Interdisciplinary Conference*, "A Domestic Violence Update," gave paper on "The Erie County Domestic Violence High Risk Team: A Multidisciplinary Collaborative for Dangerous Cases" November 2016

--*University at Buffalo Gender Institute Symposium on Violence Against Women*, gave presentation "Intimate Partner Violence in New York State"

--*Erie County Central Police Services Law Enforcement Training Academy*, Lecturer on child abuse and the Child Advocacy Center model to new police recruits biannually, 2008-2016

--*St. Joseph University Parish*-Presenter on panel regarding gun violence and domestic violence to The Social Justice Gun Violence Awareness Sub-Committee, February 2016

--*2015 National Consortium on Racial & Ethnic Fairness in the Courts Annual Meeting*, Presenter on child abuse victims under New York State law

Conference/Event Organization

--Organized FVWRC student attorney's trip to Albany for annual *NYS Coalition Against Domestic Violence Annual Legislative Day of Action*, April 2025, met with legislators to discuss key domestic violence-related proposed legislation.

--Lead Organizer, *Domestic Violence Summit*; co-sponsored by Child & Family Services and the Social Work Department of Buffalo State University-full day training in October 2024 at which two survivors gave presentations and three panels addressed legal, resources and culturally specific responses to DV in local community, awards ceremony honored survivors, advocates and others.

Organized FVWRC student attorney's trip to Albany for annual *Legislative Day of Action*, May 2024; met with legislators to discuss key domestic violence-related proposed legislation

--Organized and coordinated panel, "*Becoming the Next Generation of Family Justice Leaders and Advocates* for the annual NYS Access to Justice Conference, March 2023

--Lead organizer, *The Thirtieth Anniversary of the FVWRC Conference* to be held April 2022

--*University at Buffalo* Domestic Violence Awareness month organized taped presentation on campus and court orders of protection featuring UB Deputy. Chief of Police and Clinic student, October 2020

--*Focus Group Erie County domestic violence advocates*, Co-organized with Clinic student focus group on ways to improve court safety and atmosphere for DV victims in courts in Erie County, September, and October 2020

--Co-organizer *Coffee Hour for DV Awareness Month*, WBASNY of WNY, Café Taza, Main Place Mall, October 2019

--Co-organizer with Clinic students-*Domestic Violence Community Tabling* at Walden Galleria Mall, October 2019

--Co-organizer, "*The Intersection of Economic Abuse and Violence Against Women*," Bar Association of Erie County, Buffalo, NY, April, and October 2018

--Lead Organizer *Coffee hour for DV Awareness Month*, WBASNY WNY October 2018

--Co-organizer of the *Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Interdisciplinary Conference on Domestic Violence* held at the University at Buffalo School of Law on November 18, 2016

--Lead organizer of *County-Wide Domestic Violence Awareness Tabling Event*, Galleria Mall, October 2016

--Lead organizer of *The Annual Erie County Multidisciplinary Child Abuse Conference* 2006-2010

Community Collaborations

Ad-hoc Committee on Untimely Service of Temporary Order of Protection, Organized a multidisciplinary Committee to address problems and create solutions regarding untimely service of temporary orders of protection issued by Family Court, September 2023-current

Ad-hoc Committee on Strangulation in DV cases, Served as member of multidisciplinary task force to exchange information and plan community education and prevention strategies, November 2023-May 2024

Ad-hoc Committee on Extreme Risk Protection Orders, Served as member of multidisciplinary task force to exchange information and ideas on community implementation, November 2022-June 2023

DV Stakeholder's Convergence Meeting-Co-organized meeting of DV community collaborators to discuss history of and trends in DV community response and systemic problems, October 2023; group met continuously to plan major conference, The DV Summit, a day long training held in October 2024 attended by over 150 people.

Access to Justice DIY Divorce-Co-organized with a FVWRC student a collaboration with Neighborhood Legal Services Family Law Unit for a project to provide greater information and access to "DIY" divorces to low-income litigants, October 2023-present

Media

- "Blame the Cops and DA, not Bail Reform", *The Investigative Post* Nov.3, 2022
- Olin, Judith "Use of High-Risk Team can curb domestic homicides, *The Buffalo News*, Another Voice January 6, 2020
- Becker, Tokasz, Herbeck "Child Victim's Act 'day of reckoning' looms for Diocese, Scouts, and Schools" *The Buffalo News*, 8/11/19
- Knowledge at Wharton*, radio show, co-presenter with Marcy Hamilton on the New York State Child Victim's Act, August 2019
- Olin, Judith "Acts of domestic violence are everybody's business" *The Buffalo News* 3/24/18
- "The Buffalo Review TV," Buffalo State College student run TV station, presentation on domestic violence with senior Victim Advocate, March 2018
- WBEN radio, interviewed by David Debo about the establishment of Buffalo Catholic Diocese compensation fund for victims of childhood sexual abuse, Feb. 28, 2018
- "The Daily Buzz" cable TV show, was speaker on domestic violence panel, September 2017
- Michel, Lou "For first time, low-level sex offenders are aging off New York's registry," *The Buffalo News* 2/28/16
- Tan, Sandra "Inaction of leaders leaves kids vulnerable to sex abuse," *The Buffalo News* 9/22/15
- Olin, Judith "Investigating techniques have improved greatly for child sexual abuse cases," *The Buffalo News* 1/23/15
- Spina, Matthew "Three people spent years in prison over a horrible crime against children-that never happened," *The Buffalo News* 2/7/15
- Glazer, Bonnie & Olin, Judith "Legislature should hire new workers to ease crushing caseloads," *The Buffalo News* 6/9/14

Grants

Erie County allocation of \$5000,000.00 December 2022

--New York State Office for The Prevention of Domestic Violence, 2016-2022, 2023-2026

Amount ranges between \$20,000.00 and \$110,000.00 per year; currently \$110,00 per year

--Legislative Member "Add-On" 2019 \$50,000.00

--Legislative Member Item \$50,000 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

--Erie County Legislature Grant \$7500 ,2020

--Neighborhood Legal Services, lead applicant; successful co-applicant "Evergreen Project" October 2020- 15,000 per year for three years shared with the Covid-19 Clinic

--Successful co-applicant with The Family Justice Center for the Community Foundation Garman Grant-December 2017 \$20,000

--Exploration of National Institute of Justice Grant partnering with faculty from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering and the School of Social Work regarding use of artificial intelligence to improve law enforcement response to domestic violence calls, February 2021

Volunteer Activities

--Organized and coordinated a donation drive for agencies serving domestic violence survivors for DV Awareness month, October 2023

--Inter-Professional Facilitator, University at Buffalo Interprofessional Education, University at Buffalo School of Medicine, "Confronting Opioid Use Disorder," November 2018

--Judge for Representation in Mediation Competitions November 2016-2018, 2020-2022, 2024 University at Buffalo School of Law.

--Production Assistant-Our Lady of Hope Youth Choir's Production of "Fiddler on the Roof" 2016-2017

--Board of Directors, Temple Sinai, Amherst, New York, 2009-2012

--Tutor, Lawyers for Learning Program, Erie County Bar Association, 2000-2010

--Singer, lay choir, Congregation Shir Shalom, 2013-present