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EDUCATION

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law Chicago, IL
Juris Doctor, *cum laude*, May 2014

Honors: Dean's List: 2012–2013; 2013–2014
Activities: Comment/Membership Editor, NORTHWESTERN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
Bartlit Center National Trial Team, first place at two national trial competitions
Student attorney: McArthur Justice Center, Center for International Human Rights, and Children & Family Justice Center
Teaching Assistant, Criminal Law

The University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, *magna cum laude*, May 2009

Honors: Political Science Honor Society; Political Science Department Honors
Activities: West Philadelphia Tutoring Project; Daily Pennsylvanian photographer

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Economic Justice Clinic, University of New Mexico School of Law Albuquerque, NM
Assistant Professor, August 2022 – Present

Supervise students in direct representation of clients in civil litigation, primarily focused on housing, consumer, and employment law. Teach clinical seminar including sessions on core litigation competencies, client counseling, theory of the case, structural racism, cross-cultural lawyering, movement lawyering, impact litigation, and case rounds.

Civil-Criminal Litigation Clinic, University of Michigan Law School Ann Arbor, MI
Clinical Teaching Fellow, July 2019 – July 2022

Supervised students litigating a broad range of civil and criminal matters, including civil rights, housing, consumer rights, immigration, criminal misdemeanors, and post-conviction criminal work. Co-teach twice-weekly clinical seminar including sessions on core litigation competencies, trial advocacy, and substantive skills in various areas of civil and criminal litigation.

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law Chicago, IL
Adjunct Professor of Advanced Trial Advocacy, January 2019 – May 2019

Taught upper-level, three-credit interactive trial practice course for students interested in honing trial advocacy skills.

Fulbright Fellowship Hong Kong
Fulbright Fellow, August 2009 – July 2010

Designed curricula and taught college classes in politics, debating, writing, and Spanish at a local university.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New Mexico Center for Housing Law Albuquerque, NM
Co-Founder, July 2023 – Present

Engage in activities such as conducting research, developing policies, and publicizing communications in line with NMCHL’s mission of promoting housing stability and justice for the people of the state of New Mexico from both a legal and policy perspective.

Personal Jurisdiction Podcast Albuquerque, NM
Co-Founder & Co-Host, September 2021 – Present

Interview lawyers with diverse backgrounds to hear about their journeys to fulfilling careers and advice they have for getting there.

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Chicago, IL
Law Clerk to the Hon. Joan Humphrey Lefkow, January 2018 – June 2019

Researched and prepared draft opinions and orders for a wide variety of civil and criminal cases. Prepared for and attended trials, sentencings, hearings, and settlement conferences. Drafted bench memoranda and opinions for Ninth Circuit panel (Judge Lefkow sitting by designation).

Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP Chicago, IL
Litigation Associate, October 2014 – December 2017; summer 2013

Litigated all aspects of civil cases in federal and state courts in wide variety of practice areas including fair housing, employment, securities fraud, trademark, and trusts and estates. Conducted internal investigations for publicly held companies into alleged fraud and regulatory misconduct, and prepared clients for proffers and testimony in civil and criminal federal investigations. Litigated large pro bono docket, and won the 2017 Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP Pro Bono Service Award. Argued and prevailed in immigration appeal before the Second Circuit (*Brown v. Lynch*, No. 15-585 (2nd Cir. Dec. 14, 2016)).

New Mexico Supreme Court Santa Fe, NM
Judicial Extern to Justice Charles Daniels, summer 2012

Assisted in drafting opinion on motion to suppress evidence. Composed bench memorandum on New Mexico Supreme Court Rule and made recommendations for changes to Rule.

Fifth Third Bank Chicago, IL
Treasury Associate, October 2010 – August 2011

Created and maintained annual financial reports for treasury team. Prepared treasury reviews for portfolio of thirty clients, and presented banking service proposals to potential clients.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Eviction Sealing: A Lifeline in the Fight for Housing Justice

(in progress): Discussion of the recent expansion of the financialization of housing and its contribution to the creation of an eviction market, which can be curtailed by robust eviction expungement and sealing legislation.

Eviction Sealing Should Top New Mexico's Legislative Housing Agenda, Untied South Broadway Corporation Press Release (October 1, 2023), [Eviction Sealing Should Top New Mexico's Legislative Housing Agenda — USBC \(unitedsouthbroadway.org\)](https://unitedsouthbroadway.org)

Arresting Assembly: An Argument Against Expanding Criminally Punishable Protest, 68 VILL. L. REV. 171 (2023), https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1935&context=law_faculty_scholarship

Rethinking the PLRA: The Resiliency of Injunctive Practice and Why It's Not Enough, 32 STAN. L. & POL'Y REV. 317 (2021), <https://law.stanford.edu/publications/rethinking-the-plra-the-resiliency-of-injunctive-practice-and-why-its-not-enough/>

Note, *Mental Retardation and the Death Penalty: The Need for an International Standard Defining Mental Retardation*, 12 NW. J. INT'L HUM. RTS. 1 (2014), <https://scholarlycommons.law.northwestern.edu/njihr/vol12/iss1/1/>

“USINPAC and the U.S.-India Nuclear Deal: Lasting Influence or Solitary Victory,” *College Undergraduate Research Electronic Journal*, University of Pennsylvania (2009) (winner of Spring 2009 Best Article Prize)

SELECT PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Collaborating to Defend Democracy in Communities Under Attack, AALS Annual Meeting (moderator, January 2024)

Eviction Sealing: A Lifeline in the Fight for Housing Justice, Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop, New York University School of Law (selected presenter, October 2023)

Other Than That, How Was the Play, Mrs. Lincoln?: Reimagining What's Possible Across Practice Areas Post-Pandemic, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (panelist, April 2023)

Protecting Renters' Rights: A Panel Discussion on Eviction Proceedings in New Mexico, 2022 New Mexico Housing Summit (panelist, September 2022)

August Professors Corner - Post-Pandemic Landlord-Tenant Law & Practice, American Bar Association (panelist, August 2022)

Melding Housing and Consumer Law, Law School Consumer Clinic Conference (panelist, May 2022)

Fostering Creativity Through Community: Interdisciplinary Practice to Community Lawyering, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (panelist, May 2022)

Arresting Assembly: An Argument Against Expanding Criminally Punishable Protest, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Works in Progress (selected presenter, May 2021)

Empathy: More Than a Feeling, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (panelist, May 2021)

Rethinking the PLRA: The Resiliency of Injunctive Practice and Why It's Not Enough, Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop, New York University School of Law (selected presenter, October 2020)

Clinical Case Rounds, Midwest Clinical Legal Education 2019 Conference, University of Michigan Law School (moderator, October 2019)

Judicial Writing & Decision-Making, Judicial Clerkships Panel, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law (panelist, November 2019)

Pro Bono Work and Public Interest Careers, Women's Leadership Coalition, Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law (panelist, June 2017)

PUBLIC SERVICE

AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education, Executive Committee (2023 – Present)

New Mexico Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission, Commissioner (2023 – Present)

Equal Access to Justice, Inc., Community Volunteer (2023 – Present)

New Mexico Affordable Housing Act Workgroup (2023)

National Immigrant Justice Center, Junior Leadership Board (2017 – 2019)

Jose de Diego Community Academy, Civil Legal Services Pro Bono Attorney (2014 – 2017)

Cabrini Green Legal Aid, Pro Bono Criminal Intakes (2013)

LANGUAGES

Highly Proficient Spanish

BAR ADMISSIONS

Illinois; Michigan

COURT ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States; Second Circuit Court of Appeals; Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals; Northern District of Illinois; Eastern District of Michigan.