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Teaching Experience:**Roger Williams University School of Law**

Executive Director, Feinstein Institute for Legal Service, July, 2008 - present

Director, Feinstein Institute for Legal Service, January, 2001 - July, 2008

Lecturer in Public Interest Law, June, 2004 - present

Direct activities of public interest institute. Design, administer and supervise Externship Program for students working in public interest and judicial placements for academic credit. Co-founded the Pro Bono Collaborative, a program to partner law students, law firms and community organizations on discrete pro bono cases. Coordinate public interest educational programs, public interest scholarship program, and public interest auction. Teach Public Interest Lawyering Seminar and other seminars on social justice and child advocacy. Taught Interviewing and Counseling.

- Chair, Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Committee
- Member, Judicial Clerkship Committee, Curriculum Committee, and Outcomes & Assessments Committee
- Faculty Advisor, Law Student Association for Public Interest Law

Boston College Law School

Clinical Staff Attorney, August, 1999-May, 2000

Juvenile Rights Advocacy Project (1999-2000):

Co-taught and supervised students representing delinquent girls committed to Department of Youth Services in civil matters including special education appeals, parole revocation hearings; extensions of commitment; and other matters resulting from incarceration. Supervised students providing community legal education for parents and children at the Gardner Elementary School and legal advice and referrals for parents needing legal assistance.

Rutgers University School of Law-Camden

Clinical Staff Attorney, August, 1998 - July, 1999

Civil Practice Clinic (1998-99): Developed school-based legal services clinic in grammar school (Leap Academy Charter School). Collaborated with Leap Academy to design community legal education workshops for parents. Opened legal services clinic in January, 1999, for representation of parents in civil cases. Also taught in Elder Law Clinic and Criminal Externship Program.

Columbia University School of Law

Visiting Associate Clinical Professor, July, 1995 - June, 1998.

Visiting Associate Clinical Professor from Practice, February, 1995 - July, 1995.

Prisoners and Families Clinic: Co-designed interdisciplinary clinical offering focusing on the intersection of family law, criminal law, and prisoners' rights. Collaborative effort between clinic and incarcerated women at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility to design and develop interactive workshops for incarcerated mothers concerning parental rights, foster care, custody and visitation issues. Co-taught weekly seminar. Supervised law and social work students representing incarcerated parents on a variety of issues including custody, visitation, and parole matters.

Criminal Defense Seminar/Externship: Designed new externship offering with Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem. Taught weekly seminar focusing on criminal defense practice, policy, and skills training.

Family Advocacy Clinic: Supervised law students representing parents and kinship foster parents of children in foster care. Supervised administrative hearings and litigation in family court.

Education:

New York University School of Law

Juris Doctor, 1986

New York University School of Social Work

Master of Social Work, 1985

Yale University

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude with Distinction in American Studies, 1981

Selected Trainings & Presentations:

School Pro Bono Projects: Responding Effectively to Different Program Structures, NALP/PSLawNet Public Service Mini Conference (October 21, 2010) (panelist) (upcoming)

Externships, Mid-Semester Meetings, Professional Identity and Formative Assessment, New York University School of Law Clinical Law Review Workshop (October 2-3, 2010) (work-in-progress) (upcoming)

Silos in the Academy: Competing Conceptions of Experiential Education, Experiential Education Renaissance Roundtable, University of Minnesota Law School (April 2010)

Externships and the Mid-Semester Meeting: Nurturing the Supervisory Relationship, Externships 5 Conference (March 2010) (Work-in-Progress)

The Public Interest Job Search, NALP/PSLawNet Public Service Mini Conference (October 2009) (panelist)

Reconceptualizing Professionalism: A Relationship-Centered Model of Supervision, New England Clinicians Workshop (with Professor Susan Brooks, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning, Drexel Law) (December 2008)

The Pro Bono Collaborative: Building Bridges Between Law Firms, Low-Income Communities, and Law Students, Dwight D. Opperman Institute of Judicial Administration, Research Conference on Access to Civil Justice, NYU School of Law (November 2008) (presented with co-authors)

Reconceptualizing Professionalism: A Relationship-Centered Model of Supervision, New York University School of Law Clinical Law Review Workshop (with Professor Susan Brooks) (October 2008)

Finding Relevance in Seminars for Students in Diverse Field Placements, AALS Clinical Conference (May 2008) (panelist)

Designing Seminars for Students in Diverse Field Placements, Externships 4: A Bridge to Practice (February 2008) (panelist)

The Role of Law Schools in Fostering Commitment to Pro Bono Publico, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University, Conference on Pro Bono in Law Schools (October 2007) (panelist)

Challenging Assumptions in the Externship Context, AALS Clinical Teaching Conference (May 2007)

Supervising Law Students, Continuing Legal Education Training Session for local legal services lawyers and public defenders (May 2007) (collaborated with training directors of Rhode Island Legal Services and Rhode Island Public Defender)

Publications:

Don't Do It Alone: A Community-Based, Collaborative Approach to Pro Bono, 23 Geo. J. Legal Ethics 323 (2010)(with Suzanne Harrington-Steppen, Elizabeth Tobin Tyler, and Eliza Vorenberg)

Breaking Down Silos: The Post-Carnegie Frontier of Coordinated Experiential Education, in progress

Externships, Mid-Semester Meetings, Professional Identity and Formative Assessment, in progress

Other Professional Activities:

National Advisory Committee, Equal Justice Works (2008-2010)

Board Member, Pro Bono Collaborative, RWU School of Law (September 2007 – present)

Board Member, Rhode Island Family Advocacy Project (May, 2003 – May, 2007)

Board of Directors, Women in Transition (May, 2002 – December, 2005)

Columbia Law School Public Interest Law Foundation: faculty representative, 1996-1998

NYC Family Court Advisory Committee for Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 1st Department, 1996 - 98

Volunteers of Legal Services, Incarcerated Mothers Law Project: training session, 1998

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem: arraignment skills training, 1995, 1996, 1997

Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division: facilitator of management-union planning session, 1996

Practice Experience:

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem

New York, NY

Team Leader, 1993-1995; Staff Attorney, 1990-1993

Managed and supervised interdisciplinary criminal defense team at innovative community-based public defender office. Conducted all phases of litigation, including early intervention, investigation, arraignments, motion practice, negotiations, hearings, and trials. Created office policy as member of senior management team. Redesigned intake procedures and team management structures to improve client services. Provided ongoing skills training to staff lawyers and interns.

The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division

New York, NY

Trial Attorney, 1986-1990

Provided legal representation to children and adolescents in juvenile delinquency, neglect, abuse, and termination of parental rights proceedings. Handled all aspects of litigation.

Lawyers for Children

New York, NY

Consultant/Trainer, 1990; Legal Intern, 1986

Co-designed and taught six-session training program on family court procedure and litigation in neglect, abuse, and termination of parental rights cases. Advocated for children voluntarily placed in foster care.

Bar Admission and Professional Certifications:

Bar, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Admitted in 1999

Bar, New York, Admitted in 1986

Bar, Illinois, Admitted in 1986

Certification in Social Work, New York, 1986