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Present Position

Roger Williams University School of Law

Director, Feinstein Institute for Legal Service, January, 2001 - present

Lecturer in Public Interest Law, June, 2004 - present

Direct activities of public interest institute at School of Law. Design, administer and supervise Externship Program for students working in public interest and judicial placements for academic credit. Teach co-requisite *Public Interest Lawyering Seminar*. Coordinate public interest educational programs and summer stipend program. Counsel students seeking public interest education and careers, and advise the student Association for Public Interest Law.

Teaching Experience

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 family, housing, and benefits 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 (1996-97; 1997-98): 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 (Spring, 1998): 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 (February, 1995 - May, 1996): Supervised law students representing parents and kinship foster parents of children in foster care. Supervised administrative hearings and litigation in family court in effort to reunite families and secure needed services.

Other Teaching Experience

Roger Williams University School of Law

Adjunct Instructor, Interviewing and Counseling, Summer Session, 2000

Women in Transition

Consultant, January - December 2000

Part-time Coordinator of Legal Workshops : Supervised pro bono law students from Roger Williams who researched, planned, and presented legal workshops to women inmates.

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, including discovery, motions, client and witness interviews, counseling, negotiation, and trials.

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.

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

Other

Bar Admissions: Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1999; New York and Illinois, 1986
New York State Certification in Social Work, 1986

Board Member, Rhode Island Family Advocacy Project (May, 2003 - present)

Board of Directors, Women in Transition (May, 2002 - present)

AALS Conference, Panelist on "Lawyering Without Clients", January, 2000

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

Columbia Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF): faculty representative, 1996-97; 1997-98

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

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

NYC Family Court Advisory Committee for Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department, 1996-1998