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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

### **ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Bristol, RI

**Professor of Law** (Associate Professor of Law 2001 – 2008; tenured Spring 2007; promoted to full Professor July 2008; named Distinguished Research Professor (rotating position) 2012 – 2014) Tenured member of law faculty teaching in areas of Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Domestic Violence Law, Juvenile Justice, Family Law, and Children and the Law. Research interests include: tensions in areas where criminal and family law intersect, such as domestic violence and child neglect; the Full Faith and Credit Clause and congressional power; the development of specialized courts and court reform initiatives. Awarded Teacher of the Year by graduating class of 2014.

**Activities:** University Committee for Law School Dean Search; Advisory Group, University Center for Women and Gender; University Disciplinary Committee; Planning Group, Annual Women in Law Leadership Lecture; Planning Group for Justice Ginsburg Events at the Law School; Steering Committee, First Women; Law School Interview Committee for University President Search; Diversity and Inclusion Fellow Summer 2019; Faculty Advisor, Women's Law Society; Faculty Advisor, Family Law Society; Chair, Admissions Committee; Chair, Curriculum Committee (during major curricular review); Member, Scholarship Committee; Prosecution Advisor, Honor Board; Chair, Faculty Strategic Planning Committee; Chair, Retention, Promotion and Tenure Committee; Chair, Legal Writing Committee; Founding Chair, Judicial Clerkship Committee; Co-Director, Honors Program; Faculty Appointments Committee; Faculty Development Workshop Co-coordinator; Faculty, Jumpstart Program; Library Committee; Member, Faculty Affairs Committee (elected by faculty); Member, Dean's Council (elected by faculty).

**Community Service:** Board Member and Chair, Governance Committee, Women's Fund of Rhode Island; Former President of the Board, Women's Resource Center of Bristol and Newport Counties (battered women's shelter and counseling organization); Former Board Member, Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Former Board Member, EMERGE (nationally recognized batterers intervention program); AALS Evaluation Team (2013); Member, President's Council, Women's Resource Center (group of former Board Presidents to support the Center). Member, ABA Law School Evaluation Team (2014, 2016); Member, AALS Standing Committee on Curriculum Issues 2008 – 2011 (Chair, Planning Subcommittee for 2011 Annual Meeting Program); Member, AALS Planning Committee for 2011 Midyear Workshop on Curricular Reform; Member, Elder Abuse Working Group, National District Attorneys' Association (developing elder abuse training curriculum for prosecutors).

### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY

**Senior Fellow, Center for Gender and Sexuality Law** (Spring 2010) Sabbatical visitor at Law School conducting research project on historical treatment of domestic violence law and its relationship to the law of divorce and coverture.

### **BOSTON COLLEGE LAW SCHOOL**, Newton, MA

**Visiting Associate Professor of Law** (Spring 2008) Visiting member of law school faculty teaching Criminal Procedure and a seminar on the Death Penalty.

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

*Varieties of Public Policy Toward Domestic Violence*, INTERNATIONAL HANDBOOK OF FAMILY POLICY: A LIFE-COURSE PERSPECTIVE (Oxford Univ. Press forthcoming 2021).

*Illegal Stops And The Exclusionary Rule: The Consequences of Utah v. Strieff*, 22 R.W.U.L. REV. 263 (2017).

United States v. Castleman: *The Meaning of Domestic Violence*, 20 R.W.U. L. REV. 128 (2015).

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND THE LAW: THEORY AND PRACTICE (Foundation Press, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 2013) (with Elizabeth M. Schneider, Cheryl Hanna & Judith G. Greenberg).

*The Crime of Domestic Violence*, in CRIMINAL LAW CONVERSATIONS (Oxford Univ. Press, Paul Robinson, Stephen Garvey & Kimberly Kessler Ferzan eds., 2009).

*Is Domestic Violence a Crime?: Intimate Partner Rape as Allegory*, 24 ST. JOHN'S J. OF LEGAL COMM. 535 (2010) (Symposium Article).

*Judicial Selection in Rhode Island: Assessing the Experience with Merit Selection, Response*, 15 ROGER WILLIAMS U. L. REV. 793 (2010) (Symposium Article).

*From the Right of Chastisement to the Criminalization of Domestic Violence: A Study in Resistance to Effective Policy Reform*, 32 T. JEFFERSON L. REV. 31 (2009) (Symposium Article).

*The Burial of Family Law*, 61 SMU L. REV. 459 (2008).

*The Domestic Relations Exception, Domestic Violence, and Equal Access to Federal Courts*, 84 WASH. U. L. REV. 1441 (2006).

*Battered Women and the State: The Struggle for the Future of Domestic Violence Policy*, 2004 WISC. L. REV. 1657 (quoted in Justice Stevens' dissenting opinion in *Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, 545 U.S. 748 (2005)).

*Domestic Violence Across State Lines: The Full Faith and Credit Clause, Congressional Power and Interstate Enforcement of Protection Orders*, 98 NW. U. L. REV. 827 (2004).

*Civil Unions and the Meaning of the Public Policy Exception at the Boundaries of Domestic Relations Law*, 3 AVE MARIA L. REV. 497 (2005) (Symposium Article).

*The Retreat from DOMA: The Public Policy of Same-Sex Marriage and a Theory of Congressional Power under the Full Faith and Credit Clause*, 38 CREIGHTON L. REV. 507 (2005) (Symposium Article).

Note, *Police Approaches and Inquiries on the Streets of New York: The Aftermath of People v. De Bour*, 66 N.Y.U. L. REV. 512 (1991).

## PUBLIC POLICY PUBLICATIONS

*Domestic Violence*, in GOVERNING AMERICA: MAJOR DECISIONS OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM 1789 TO THE PRESENT (Facts on File, Paul J. Quirk & William E. Cunion eds., 2011).

Brief for Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation as Amicus Curiae Supporting Respondent, *Roper v. Simmons*, 543 U.S. 551 (2005) (with Kate Lowenstein).

*Confronting the Issue of Gun Seizure in Domestic Violence Cases*, 6 J. CENTER FOR FAMILIES, CHILDREN & THE CTS. 3 (2005).

*Creating a Domestic Violence Court: Guidelines and Best Practices* (Family Violence Prevention Fund, May 2002) (supported by a grant from the State Justice Institute).

*The Brooklyn Treatment Court and Network of Services: Interim Process Evaluation Report*. Submitted to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Department of Health and Human Services (The Urban Institute, April 1998) (with John Roman and Adele Harrell).

*The Brooklyn Treatment Court's Women's Criminal Justice/Treatment Network: Project Implementation*. Submitted to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Department of Health and Human Services (The Urban Institute, March 1997) (with Adele Harrell).

*Baseline Report on the Brooklyn Treatment Court's Women's Criminal Justice/Treatment Network*. Submitted to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Department of Health and Human Services (The Urban Institute, September 1996) (with Adele Harrell).

## EDUCATION

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY  
J.D. Magna Cum Laude, May 1991

**Honors and Activities:** Order of the Coif; George P. Foulk Memorial Award (1991); Edmond Cahn Law Review Award (1991); Arthur Garfield Hays Fellowship in Civil Liberties (1990-91); New York University Law Review, Note & Comment Editor (1990-91), Editorial Staff (1989-90); Instructor in Criminal Law, High School Law Institute (Fall 1990); Public Interest Committee Grant (Summer 1990); Teaching Assistant in Criminal Law, Prof. Paul Chevigny (Fall 1989); American Jurisprudence Award in Criminal Law (Fall 1988)

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**, New York, NY  
M. Phil. in European History, May 1984  
M.A. in European History, January 1983

**Activities and Fellowships:** President, History Graduate Student Association; Founding Member, Graduate Women in History; Columbia University President's Fellowship (1981-84); Reid Hall Summer Fellowship (1985); Bourses Chateaubriand (1985-86; declined)

**SWARTHMORE COLLEGE**, Swarthmore, PA  
B.A. with High Honors, May 1980. Major in History, minor in English Literature

**Activities:** Board of Managers Student Life Committee; Vice-President, Student Council; Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee

## NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

**FUND FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK**, New York, NY

**Deputy Director, Center for Court Innovation** (1999 - 2001) Member of senior team responsible for operations, personnel, fiscal, grant and overall management at the Center, a public-private partnership between the New York State Unified Court System and the Fund for the City of New York that plans and operates court demonstration projects, such as community courts, drug courts, youth courts and domestic violence courts.

**Director, Domestic Violence and Family Court Programs, Center for Court Innovation** (1998 - 2001) Responsible for development and implementation of specialized domestic violence court programs for the Center, including the award-winning Brooklyn Felony Domestic Violence Court, and courts in the Bronx, Westchester and Buffalo. Made presentations and provided training and technical assistance on domestic violence issues to judges and criminal justice personnel nationwide.

**Coordinator of Legal Policy, Center for Court Innovation** (1996 - 1998) Developed legal policy and researched legal issues affecting Center projects, such as managed care and confidentiality of treatment information. Responsible for planning domestic violence and family-related Center projects.

**Research Consultant, The Urban Institute** (1996 -1998) Conducted on-site field research on the Brooklyn Treatment Court, a Fund project being evaluated by The Urban Institute, a Washington-based research organization. Responsibilities included preparation of research reports to the Departments of Justice and Health and Human Services.

**STILLMAN, FRIEDMAN, & SHAW, P.C.**, New York, NY

**Associate** (1992-1996) Practiced in the areas of criminal defense, family law, antitrust, securities and general civil litigation.

**HONORABLE LEONARD B. SAND, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, S.D.N.Y.**, New York, NY

**Law Clerk** (1991-92)

**AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, WOMEN'S RIGHTS PROJECT**, New York, NY

**Arthur Garfield Hays Fellow** (1990-1991) As part of NYU fellowship program, worked part-time at the Project during the school year. Researched constitutional issues arising in child neglect cases against women who have taken drugs while pregnant.

**SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
STAFF OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY**, Washington, D.C.

**Law Clerk** (Summer 1990) Researched legal issues, prepared briefing memos, and wrote Hearing questions and floor statements for the Senator on issues before the Committee.

**PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON**, New York, NY

**Summer Associate** (Summer 1990)

**HOLLEB & COFF**, Chicago, IL

**Summer Associate** (Summer 1989)

**THE NATION INSTITUTE**, New York, NY

**Executive Director** (1985-1988) Directed non-profit foundation affiliated with The Nation magazine that supports research, investigations, and conferences on civil rights and civil liberties issues. Supervised all project and business staff; coordinated investigative projects and published quarterly newsletter on national justice policy; represented the Institute in working groups on such issues as judicial selection.

**Project Director, Supreme Court Watch** (1984-1988) Initiated project to research and publicize the records of potential nominees to the Court. Directed team of attorneys and investigators; edited published reports on nominees and coordinated testimony of project representatives before the Senate

Judiciary Committee; served as liaison to key members of legal community and the press.

**President of the Board of Directors, Writers Watch (1987-88)** As Institute representative, led coalition of writers' organizations to monitor legislation affecting writers, concerning such issues as free trade in ideas, and the FOIA.

## **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Provided intensive technical assistance to several jurisdictions planning or implementing specialized domestic violence courts and/or evaluating system response to domestic violence, including: Louisville, Kentucky; Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Anchorage, Alaska; Albuquerque, New Mexico; Portland, Maine; Seminole County, Oklahoma.

Served as peer grant reviewer for several grant programs administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, including the Office on Violence Against Women and the Office for Victims of Crime, as well as the Centers for Disease Control and the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Given presentations, served as faculty and participated on panels in several areas, including domestic violence and substance abuse, at many national conferences, including: Association of American Law Schools, Law and Society, American Society of Criminology; American Probation and Parole Association; National College of District Attorneys; National Association of Drug Court Professionals; and at meetings sponsored by the U.S. Office for Victims of Crime, the Office on Violence Against Women, and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.