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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

West Virginia University College of Law (Morgantown, WV)
Visiting Associate Professor, 2011-current

- *Duties and Responsibilities:* Teach students enrolled in the Child and Family Advocacy Clinic and the General Civil Legal Clinic, which provide free civil legal services to residents living in North-Central West Virginia. Supervise and evaluate clinic student attorneys through all stages of client representation. Assist in the ongoing development of the medical-legal collaborative project with the WVU Hospital, the Protection Order Pro Bono Project, and other clinic outreach activities.
- *Courses Taught:* Child and Family Law Clinic, Civil Law Clinic, Family Law, Professional Responsibility (Spring 2013).
- *Service:* Member, Sexual Assault Response Team; Judge, Baker Cup, 2013; Coach, Family Law Moot Court, 2011-2012; Judge, Energy and Sustainability Moot Court Competition, 2012.

The University of Alabama School of Law (Tuscaloosa, AL)
Visiting Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Education, 2009-2011
Acting Director, Domestic Violence Law Clinic, 2009-2011

- *Duties and Responsibilities:* Managed operations of law school clinic providing representation to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in a seven-county region in West Alabama. Taught domestic violence clinic seminar, which included family law and lawyering skills; supervised two staff attorneys and ten clinic student attorneys. Developed community collaborations and outreach activities. Wrote federal and state grant applications and reports.
- *Courses Taught:* Domestic Violence Law Clinic, Public Interest Lawyering Seminar.
- *Service:* Faculty Public Interest Committee, 2010-2011; Campus Violence Taskforce, 2009-2011; Dorbin Association (Women's Law Student Group) Annual Fundraiser Committee, 2011.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence (Washington, DC)
Staff Attorney, 2007-2009

- Developed and implemented national trainings and webinars for attorneys representing victims of domestic violence and sexual assault on topics including protection orders, family law, trial skills, serving underserved populations, and providing holistic civil legal services. Provided technical assistance to attorneys and advocates. Maintained budget and reporting for grants through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women. Supervised grant program staff and interns.
- Primary author of the 2008-2009 "National Civil Law Custody Institute" training and materials; "National Institute on Civil Representation of Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Sexual Assault Who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and/or With Disabilities" training and materials; and the 2009 "National Institute on the Integration of Interpreters in Civil Representation of Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking" training. Co-author of a new training, "Domestic Violence 101." Assisted in the drafting of "A Tool for Civil Attorneys Representing Victims of Domestic and Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking" (2008).

Sexual Assault Legal Institute (Silver Spring, MD)

Staff Attorney, 2006-2007

- Provided direct civil legal representation to survivors of sexual assault; trained attorneys, victim advocates, and law enforcement on sexual assault legal issues. Drafted written legal resources for attorneys, advocates, and survivors. Supervised victim advocate, paralegal, and interns.

Frederick County Circuit Court (Frederick, MD)

Law Clerk for the Honorable John H. Tisdale, 2005-2006

- Researched and drafted opinions, evaluated motions, and reviewed cases on the docket on a variety of legal topics, including criminal, family, juvenile, dependency, and torts.

Kids Voice (Pittsburgh, PA)

Summer Legal Intern, 2004

- Represented children as counsel or *guardian ad litem* in emergency dependency proceedings and review hearings.
- Competitively-selected for the Kirkpatrick and Lockhart Public Interest Summer Fellowship.

Legal Aid of West Virginia (Charleston, WV)

Summer Legal Intern, 2003

- Designed and implemented a research project evaluating domestic violence prosecution patterns. Interviewed applicants, drafted legal pleadings, and performed legal research.
- Nominated for Equal Justice Works' Martindale-Hubbell Exemplary Public Service Award.

YWCA Spouse Abuse Center (Lexington, KY)

Outreach, Education, and Volunteer Coordinator, 2001-2002

- Provided domestic violence trainings for attorneys, medical professionals, law enforcement, religious leaders, and students. Organized public education activities, community events, and fundraisers. Managed volunteer program by recruiting, training, and supervising volunteers and student interns. Coordinated volunteer opportunities and schedules. Provided emergency counseling and intakes for new shelter residents. Facilitated rural support groups.

University of Kentucky, Department of Sociology (Lexington, KY)

Contract Teaching Assistant, Spring 2001 and Spring 2002

Teaching Assistant, Fall 1998, Spring 1999, Fall 1999, and Spring 2000

- Taught undergraduate students in Sociology courses.

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Motivations for Law Student Pro Bono Work: Lessons Learned from the Tuscaloosa Tornado*, 30 BUFF. PUB. INT. L.J. 1 (2013).
- *Addressing the Meritocracy Myth in Clinical Legal Education* (work in progress).
- *Truthiness, Father's Rights, and Domestic Violence: The Culture Wars in Family Law* (work in progress).

PRESENTATIONS

- ***Natural Disasters as Both Unifying and Disorienting Moments in Clinical Teaching: Lessons Learned from the Tuscaloosa Tornado***, International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference (Durham, England) July 11-13, 2012.
- ***Truthiness, Father's Rights, and Domestic Violence: The War on the War Against Violence Against Women***, Ohio Legal Scholarship Summer Workshop, West Virginia University College of Law (Morgantown, WV) June 14, 2012.
- ***Motivations for Law Student Pro Bono: Lessons Learned from the Tuscaloosa Tornado***, Sixteenth Annual Ohio Legal Scholarship Workshop, Capital University School of Law (Columbus, OH) February 20, 2012.
- ***Re-envisioning Women in College: The Time for Collective Action to Take Back Our Campuses***, keynote speaker, University of Alabama Annual Take Back the Night, (Tuscaloosa, AL) April 20, 2010.
- ***Protection Orders: Best Practices in Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Law Cases***, Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, (Topeka, KS) May 19, 2009; (Wichita, KS) May 20, 2009.
- ***Best Practices in Representing Immigrant Victims in Protection Order Cases***, National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women Annual Conference, (Lexington, KY) November 2007.
- ***Community Response to School Consolidation in Appalachia***, Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference, (Knoxville, TN) March 25, 2000.
- ***The Impact of School Closings on West Virginia Communities***, Appalachian Regional Commission Annual Meeting (Washington, DC) July 21, 1999.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- **Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Grant Peer Reviewer**, "OVW Grant Review" (Washington, DC), May 7, 2013; May 7, 2012; April 24, 2011, April 2010; March 2009.
- **American Bar Association Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence and the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Faculty**, "Fundamentals of Domestic Violence & Basic Trial Skills Training" (Boulder, CO), August 13-14, 2012.
- **National Institute for Trial Advocacy and the American Bar Association, Commission on Domestic Violence, Faculty**, "Litigation Using Expert Witnesses" (New Orleans, LA), January 25-28, 2011.
- **American Bar Association, Commission on Domestic Violence and U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, Faculty**, "Best Practices for Lawyers Assisting Pro Se Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking with Civil Protection Order Cases" (Miami, FL), December 7, 2010.
- **American Bar Association, Commission on Domestic Violence, Faculty**, "Fundamentals of Domestic Violence" (Chicago, IL), July 21, 2010.

EDUCATION

Washington and Lee University School of Law (Lexington, VA)

Juris Doctor, May 2005

- *Honors*: Virginia Bar Family Law Section Award, Shepherd Poverty Alliance Fellowship.
- *Activities*: Member of a three-student committee that researched, designed, and presented a Loan Repayment Assistance Program proposal implemented in 2005. Service Chair for the Women's Law Student Organization, Public Interest Law Student Association. Regional ABA Representation in Mediation Competition (2004). Extern with the Virginia Legal Aid Society in Lynchburg, VA (2003-2004) and the Staunton Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court (2004).

University of Kentucky (Lexington, KY)

Candidate for Masters of Arts in Sociology, two year course of study completed.

- *Honors*: Reedy Achievement Fellowship (selected for a full graduate fellowship and stipend.)
- *Focus Areas*: Appalachian Studies, Rural Education, and Family Violence.

Emory University (Atlanta, GA)

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, May 1998

- *Honors*: Emory Honors Program, National Sociology Honors Society.

BAR MEMBERSHIP

- Maryland (2005), West Virginia (2011), U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (2011), U.S. District Court, Northern District of West Virginia (2011).

COMMUNITY SERVICE POSITIONS

- **Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center** (Morgantown, WV)
Board Member, Pro Bono Attorney, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, 2011-present
- **Turning Point** (Tuscaloosa, AL)
Board Member, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, 2009-2011
- **Project Horizon** (Lexington, VA)
Crisis Counselor and Volunteer, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Program, 2002-2005
- **Paris-Bourbon County YMCA** (Paris, KY)
Program Director, Free Camp for Low-Income Children, 2000
- **Bluegrass Rape Crisis Center** (Lexington, KY)
Hospital Advocate and Crisis Counselor, Sexual Assault Program, 1998-2001
- **Americorps/ Georgia 3PM Project** (Atlanta and Decatur, GA)
Volunteer, After-School Programs for At-Risk Middle School Students, 1996-1998
- **Dekalb Rape Crisis Center** (Decatur, GA)
Volunteer, Sexual Assault Program, 1997-1998
- **San Antonio Rape Crisis Center** (San Antonio, TX)
Hospital Advocate and Crisis Counselor, Sexual Assault Program, 1995-1996
- **Heartly House** Domestic Violence (Frederick, MD)
Shelter Volunteer, Domestic Violence Shelter, 1991-1993