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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA** Spring 2014-present  
*Adjunct Faculty*

- Developed curriculum and teach course in Introduction to Law (Management 260) at Isenberg School of Management

**Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, MA** Summer 2011-2016  
*Adjunct Faculty*

- Developed curriculum and teach course in Family Law and Social Work

**Bay Path College, Longmeadow, MA** 2005 – 2009, 2011  
*Adjunct Faculty, Department of Legal Studies*

- Developed curriculum and teach course in Litigation Skills
- Developed curriculum and taught course in Family Law

**Western New England School of Law, Springfield, MA** 2008  
*Adjunct Faculty, Legal Services Clinic Class*

- Taught classroom component of Legal Services Clinic, teaching students theory and practical lawyering skills in the context of representing poor and underserved communities

**University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO** Academic year 2005-2006  
*Visiting Professor, Civil Litigation Clinic*

- Developed curriculum and co-taught classroom component of Civil Litigation Clinic
- Supervised 14 students in every phase of civil litigation representing low-income clients in housing, civil protection and asylum matters

**EXCEL Student Programs, Putney, VT** Summers 1998-99, 2001-05  
*Instructor*

- Developed curriculum and taught criminal and civil justice seminar to gifted high school students at Amherst College summer program

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst MA** 2003  
*Adjunct Faculty, Department of Legal Studies*

- Developed curriculum and co-taught course in Women and the Law

**University of Connecticut Law School, Hartford, CT** 2001, 2002  
*Adjunct Instructor, Lawyering Process Program*

- Taught lawyering skills to first year law students

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Community Legal Aid (formerly Western Massachusetts Legal Services)** 2011-present  
*Managing Attorney for Berkshire, Franklin and Hampshire County Offices*

- Supervise attorneys, paralegals and support staff
- Manage offices in three counties (Franklin, Hampshire and Berkshire)
- Engage in outreach to bar associations, community and social service organizations
- Write and administer grants

### **Western Massachusetts Legal Services, Springfield, MA**

*Staff Attorney*

2000 - 2011

*AmeriCorps Attorney*

1996 - 1997

- Represented over 500 indigent battered women in family law and related matters
- Represented over 500 low-income tenants in housing-related matters
- Supervised attorneys, paralegals law and undergraduate students
- Represented WMLS in state-wide family and housing law meetings
- Trained community groups in housing, family and domestic violence issues
- Collaboratively developed annual priorities for advocacy/lobbying strategies regarding issues affecting victims of domestic violence and low-income tenants
- Collaborated on a position paper and lobbied legislators regarding custody legislation
- Argued appellate cases Martin v. Martin, Code Enforcement Dept. of Springfield v. Segelman, Shalom Segelman v. City of Springfield Code Enforcement Division et. al., impounded guardianship case
- Collaborated on filing and briefing Brantley v. Hampden Division of the Probate and Family Court Department, Billie Dee Smith et. al. v. Justices of the Hampden Division of the Probate and Family Court of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth et. al.

### **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Probate & Family Court Springfield, Pittsfield, Greenfield and Northampton, MA**

*Judicial Law Clerk*

1999 – 2000

- Provided research and writing to 8 justices in cases involving domestic relations, guardianships, termination of parental rights and probate matters

### **YWCA of Western Massachusetts, Springfield, MA**

*Contract Attorney*

1998 – 1999

- Represented low-income clients of YWCA battered women's program in family law matters through a grant with the Massachusetts Bar Foundation

### **Necessities/Necesidades, Northampton, MA (now called Safe Passage)**

*Interim SAFEPLAN Regional Coordinator*

1997 – 1998

- Coordinated regional program of court-based lay advocates for victims of domestic violence
- Supervised 6 domestic violence advocates in Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties
- Established Hampden County Probate & Family Court SAFEPLAN program
- Coordinated and taught 3-day statewide training

### **Legal Internships and Clinics:**

- *Northwest Women's Law Center*, Seattle, WA 1995, 1996
- *Norfolk County District Attorney's Office, Domestic Violence Unit*, Dedham, MA 1995
- *NARAL (National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League)*, Washington, DC 1995
- *Northeastern School of Law, Domestic Violence Advocacy Project*, Boston, MA 1994-95
- *California Rural Legal Assistance*, Santa Rosa, CA 1994
- *Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center*, Boston, MA 1994

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

#### **Bridge Street Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, Northampton, MA**

*Executive Board, Clerk* 2016-present

#### **Franklin County Bar Association, Greenfield, MA**

*Executive Board, Clerk* 2013-present

#### **Hampshire County Bar Association, Northampton, MA**

*Executive Board, Clerk* 2014-present

#### **Safe Passage, Northampton, MA**

*Board of Directors* 2002-2007

*Co-Founder and Coordinator, Mayor Higgins' Hot Chocolate Run to Benefit Safe Passage* 2004 - present

- Founded and coordinate annual charity event that has raised approximately \$3.1 million for Safe Passage

#### **City of Northampton Office of Planning and Development, Northampton, MA**

*Board Member and Vice Chairperson* 2004-2014

*Planning Board representative to the Northampton Housing Partnership* 2010-2014

#### **City of Northampton Housing Partnership**

Committee Member 2014-2015

#### **Center for Human Development and Behavioral Health Network, Springfield, MA**

*Member, Human Rights Committee* 2001-2005

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Northeastern University School of Law**

**J.D., 1996**

#### **Haverford College**

**B.A., Sociology, 1989**

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Contributing Author, *Neighborhood Blight, Neglected and Abandoned Properties, Receiverships* (Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education 2008)

Contributing Author, *Legal Tactics Vol. II: Public and Subsidized Housing* (Massachusetts Law Reform Institute 2007)

Author, “Individual and Systemic Challenges to Section 8 Voucher Terminations for Failure to Submit Income Verification” *Clearinghouse Review* (March-April 2006)

Author, “Judicial Deference or Bad Decision Making: Why Massachusetts Courts Won’t Hold the Police Liable for Failing to Enforce Restraining Orders,” with Carolyn Grose, 38 *Suffolk Law Review* 557 (2005)

Contributing Author, *Transfers in Public Housing* (Massachusetts Law Reform Institute 2004)

Contributing Author, *Family Law Advocacy for Low and Moderate Income Litigants* (Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education 1999, revised edition 2008)

Contributing Author/Editor, *Where Do We Go From Here? A Self-Help Guide for Domestic Violence Survivors and Advocates* (Western Massachusetts Legal Services 1997, revised edition 2003)

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education: *Divorce in a Time of Economic Upheaval* (2012)

Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education: *Neighborhood Blight, Neglected and Abandoned Properties, Receiverships* (2008)

University of Denver Sturm College of Law: *Town of Castle Rock v. Gonzalez*: Some Are Guilty, All Are Accountable (2006)

National Legal Aid and Defender Association Annual Substantive Law Conference, Women and Family Law Track (2003)

#### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Massachusetts

#### **LANGUAGES**

Conversational Spanish

Submitted: August 5, 2020