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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**DISTINGUISHED CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW; DIRECTOR, CRIMINAL AND YOUTH JUSTICE CLINIC; and JUSTICE VIRGINIA LONG SCHOLAR, Rutgers School of Law - Newark, Newark, New Jersey (January 2001 – present)**

* **Courses Taught:**
* **Criminal and Youth Justice Clinic** (formerly Urban Legal Clinic)

Provide legal representation to clients in actual innocence, criminal, parole, executive clemency, and other post-conviction relief matters in New Jersey and New York, as well as in juvenile post-disposition cases. Appear on behalf of *amici curiae* in New Jersey appellate courts. Closely supervise eight-twelve students each semester. Engage in legislative and regulatory advocacy. Teach seminar in lawyering theory and skills and lead group case rounds. Conduct annual mock trial program in the Essex County Juvenile Detention Center.

* **Representative litigation**:

Actual Innocence and Post-Conviction Relief:

* *People v. Huwe Burton* (client’s 1991 homicide conviction vacated and client exonerated by Bronx Supreme Court (2019) *State in the Interest of C.K.,* 233 N.J. 44 (2018)
* *People v. David McCallum* (client’s 1986 homicide conviction vacated and client exonerated by Brooklyn Supreme Court on wrongful conviction grounds (2014)
* *State v. Quincy Spruell* (client wrongfully convicted of homicide in 1985 granted executive clemency)(2010)
* *State v. Sean Cummings* (client wrongfully convicted of homicide in 1985 granted 25-year sentence reduction and immediate release from prison)(2015)
* *People v. Jasmine Valentin* (client convicted of homicide as adolescent and sentenced to 17 years to life granted parole at first hearing)(2017)
* *People v. Eric Campbell* (client convicted of homicide as adolescent and sentenced to seven years to life granted parole release)(2009)
* Numerous successful motions for early release of youth from juvenile incarceration in New Jersey (2010-present)

Strategic Litigation

* *State in the Interest of A.A.* (New Jersey Supreme Court, 2019)(children subjected to police interrogation have a due process right to private consultation with parent or other responsible adult before being asked to waive *Miranda* rights)
* *State in the Interest of C.K.* (New Jersey Supreme Court, 2018)(mandatory lifetime juvenile sex offender registration law violates substantive due process)
* *State in the Interest of N.H.,* (New Jersey Supreme Court, 2016)(youth facing waiver to adult court have right to full discovery at waiver hearing)
* *State in the Interest of V.A.* (New Jersey Supreme Court 2012)(increased procedural protections for children facing waiver to adult court)
* *State ex. rel. P.M.P.* (New Jersey Supreme Court 2009)(right to counsel for youth charged with delinquency attaches at time complaint is filed)
* *State in the Interest of X.L.* (Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, 2016)(court granted stay of transfer of client to adult prison and orders client returned to juvenile facility)
* *State in the Interest of Y.*C. (Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division, 2014)(children threatened with transfer from juvenile facility to adult prison entitled to due process; case led to passage of legislation that substantially enhanced procedural protections for youth facing such transfers)
* **Youth, Rights, and Race Seminar**
* **Juvenile Justice Seminar**
* **Introduction to American Law** (undergraduate survey course)
* **Youth Development and Juvenile Justice** (interdisciplinary undergraduate honors seminar)
* **Director, Rutgers Juvenile Justice Reform Project**: Created and oversee project that provides legal representation to incarcerated youth in New Jersey and advocates for systemic change. Supervise two grant-funded clinical fellows.
* **Co-Director, Rutgers Center on Youth Justice and Human Development**
* With Chancellor’s Seed Grant, co-founded and co-direct inter-disciplinary center with faculty from Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry.
* Plan and host state-wide conference for approximately 200 attendees each year.
* **Co-Director, Eric Neisser Public Interest Program** (2005-2012)
* Planned and oversaw public interest law programming. Provided support and guidance to student public interest fellows.
* With Rutgers Law Review editorial board, planned, hosted, and selected articles for three Law Review symposia: “When the Law is Guilty: Confronting the Crisis of Mass Incarceration” (2014); “The Promise of *In re Gault*: Promoting and Protecting the Right to Counsel in Juvenile Court” (April 2007); and “Righting the Wronged: Causes, Effects, and Remedies of Juvenile Wrongful Conviction” (March 2010).
* **Governance**
* Co-Chair, Budget and Planning Committee (2018-2019)
* Member, Chancellor’s Seed Grant Selection Committee (2016-2017)
* Member, Learning Outcomes and Assessment Committee (2015-present)
* Member, Promotion and Tenure Committee (2016-present)
* Member, Peer Evaluation Committee (2017 – present)
* Chair, Clinic Review and Promotion Committee (2014-2015; 2009-2010)
* Co-Chair, Public Interest Law Committee (2004 – 2014; 2015-present)
* Budget and Planning Committee (2011 – 2012)
* Co-Chair, Clinical Public Relations Committee (2008 – present)
* Co-Editor, *Rutgers Clinic News* (annual clinical program newsletter with national distribution)
* **Grants Awarded**
* Rutgers Law School Pratt Transparency Fund Grant (2018-2020)(Co-PI)
* Total Awarded: $150,000
* Fund for New Jersey (2014 - present)(PI)
* Total Awarded: $140,000.
* Community Foundation of New Jersey (2013-2018)(PI)
* Total Awarded: $161,000.
* Chancellor’s Seed Grants
* Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice (2015-present)(co-director)
* Youth Mentor Project (2016-present)(co-director)
* Lowenstein Sandler (2015-present)
* Total Awarded: $7500.
* John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation (2009-2013)(co-PI)
* Total Awarded: $650,000.
* New Jersey Department of Labor (PI)(2003)
* Total Awarded: $25,000.

**CO-DIRECTOR, NORTHEAST JUVENILE DEFENDER CENTER**, Newark, New Jersey (2004-2018, volunteer position)

* Led regional affiliate of the National Juvenile Defender Center.
* Provided training and other technical assistance and support to juvenile defenders in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

**SENIOR POLICY ANALYST, Violence Institute of New Jersey, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey (November 1999 - January 2001)**

* Developed, reviewed, and analyzed public policy recommendations in the area of youth and family violence prevention and reduction.
* Participated in policy reform efforts at the state and local levels through task force and working group activities.
* Analyzed and commented on pending legislation and regulatory reform proposals.
* Planned and oversaw conferences and training programs.

**DIRECTOR OF TRAINING, The Legal Aid Society--Juvenile Rights Division**

**New York, New York (September 1998-November 1999; Deputy Director, 1992-1998)**

* Developed curricula for, coordinated, and taught initial attorney and social worker training, advanced trial advocacy, and continuing legal education programs for large public interest law organization. Practice areas included juvenile defense, child welfare and foster care, status offenses, and education law.
* Provided ongoing assistance, including case supervision and legal research, to juvenile defense attorneys and law guardians.
* Represented the Legal Aid Society in numerous city-wide juvenile court and foster care system improvement task forces and committees.
* Directed public policy advocacy efforts on behalf of Division clients, including legislative analysis, drafting, testimony, and advocacy; media work; and participation on numerous coalitions, task forces, and working groups.
* Presented at national, state, and local conferences and training programs.
* Wrote grant and fellowship proposals.

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW, New York Law School, New York, New York (1992-1994)**

* Taught skills course on client interviewing, counseling, and negotiation.

**DEPUTY COURT MONITOR, United States District Court, San Juan, Puerto Rico**

**(November 1990 - March 1992)**

* Monitored compliance with District Court orders in class action challenging conditions of confinement in Puerto Rican prisons. Wrote compliance reports to the court. Prepared draft opinions and orders. Assisted parties in ongoing settlement negotiations.

**STAFF ATTORNEY, The Legal Aid Society -- Juvenile Rights Division, Bronx, New York**

**(November 1987 - November 1990)**

* Represented children in juvenile delinquency, child protective, status offense, and custody proceedings before the Family Court, as well as in administrative hearings involving education and mental health issues.

**LAW CLERK, D.N.A. - People's Legal Services, Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona**

**(August - November 1987)**

* Assisted attorneys in poverty law matters before tribal, state, and federal courts.

**CONSULTING**

**JUVENILE JUSTICE/UNICEF FELLOW, INTERNATIONAL LEGAL FOUNDATION**

**Mandalay, Myanmar (January – March 2020)**

Provided technical assistance, training, and intensive supervision to emerging juvenile defense system in Myanmar. Consulted with other non-governmental organizations regarding implementation of newly-enacted Child Rights Law.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION (2013-2017)**

Expert Due Process Consultant in pattern and practice investigation of constitutional violations in St. Louis County, MO Juvenile Court.

**NATIONAL JUVENILE DEFENDER CENTER**

Site Investigation Team Member, statewide assessments of access to counsel and quality of representation for youth in juvenile delinquency proceedings

* Oregon (2019)
* Arizona (2017)
* Delaware (2016)
* Pennsylvania (2003)

**NATIONAL JUVENILE DEFENDER CENTER (2010-2011)**

Expert Consultant for National Juvenile Defense Standards (2012)

**JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. McARTHUR FOUNDATION, NEW JERSEY JUVENILE INDIGENT DEFENSE ACTION NETWORK (2008-2013)**

Co-Team Leader –in collaboration with New Jersey stakeholders and team leaders in seven other jurisdictions, developed new models for improving access to and the quality of juvenile indigent defense representation

**JOHN D. AND CATHERINE T. McARTHUR FOUNDATION RESEARCH NETWORK ON ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE (2005)**

Consulted on the development of Thomas Grisso, Evaluating Juveniles’ Adjudicative Competence: A Guide for Clinical Practice (2005).

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER (2003)**

On-site Investigator for statewide assessment of access to counsel and quality of defense representation in juvenile delinquency proceedings in Pennsylvania

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books and Book Chapters**

Rights, Race, and Reform: 50 Years of Child Advocacy in the Juvenile Justice System (Routledge, 2018)( Kristin Henning, Laura Cohen, and Ellen Marrus, co-editors)

The *Gaul*t Case and Young People’s Rights: Debating Supreme Court Decisions (Enslow Publishers, Inc., 2006)

“I Want In: The Story of a Life Redeemed,” in Frank Askin, You Can Tell It to the Judge . . . True Tales of Law School Lawyering (2009)

**Law Review Articles, Essays, and Book Review**

*The Critical Role of Post-Disposition Representation in Addressing the Needs of Incarcerated Youth,* 48 John Marshall Law journal 311 (2015)(with Sandra Simkins)

*Extend the Guiding Hand: Incarcerated Youth, Law School Clinics, and Expanding Access to Counsel*, 17 University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law Social Change 410 (2014)

*Freedom’s Road: Youth, Parole, and the Promise of Miller v. Alabama and Graham v. Florida,* 35 Cardozo Law Review 1031 (2013)

*Kids Will Be Kids: Interviewing and Counseling Adolescent Clients*, 79 Temple Law Review 357 (2006)(with Randi Mandelbaum)

*Kids, Courts, and Cameras: New Challenges for Juvenile Defenders,* 18 Quinnipiac Law Review 701 (1999)

*Introduction: When the Law is Guilty: Confronting the Crisis of Mass Incarceration,* 66 Rutgers Law Review 841 (2014)

*Introduction: Righting the Wronged: Causes, Effects, and Remedies of Juvenile Wrongful Conviction,* 62 Rutgers Law Review 879 (2010)

Book Review, Christopher Slobogin and Mark R. Fondacaro, Juveniles at Risk: A Plea for Preventive Justice, Rutgers Criminal Law / Criminal Justice Book Reviews (Spring 2012), *available at* [www.clcjbooks.rutgers.edu](http://www.clcjbooks.rutgers.edu)

*Beyond Silberman v. Georges: Shielding the Artist from Claims of Libel,* 17 Columbia Human Rights Law Review 235 (1986)(student note)

**Professional Journals**

Juvenile Justice Columnist, American Bar Association Criminal Justice magazine (2017-present)

*Reforming the Juvenile Justice System,* New Jersey Lawyer 42 (October 2015)

*Lost in the Labyrinth: Children with Disabilities and the Juvenile Justice System*, Common Ground (New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities, November 4, 2013), available at http://www.njcommonground.org/lost-in-the-labyrinth-children-with-disabilities-and-the-juvenile-justice-system/

*New Hope Found in Practice Standards*, ABA Criminal Justice Magazine (Winter 2009)

*Jury Trials for Juveniles*, Indigent Defense (March-April 1998)

**MEDIA WORK**

**Print**: Opinion pieces and letters to the editor published in *The New York Times,* the Newark *Star Ledger,* the *New York Daily News*, and *New York Newsday*. Editorial board presentations to *The New York Times* and other major New York newspapers. Frequently interviewed and quoted on issues pertaining to criminal and juvenile justice and child welfare.

**Recent Opinion Pieces:**

“The Shifting Winds of Juvenile Justice,” Newark *Star-Ledger* (August 16, 2015)

“The Heartbreaking, Preventable Death of Kalief Browder,” Newark *Star-Ledger* (June 14, 2015)(with Alexander Shalom)

“Think Twice Before Trying Young Offenders as Adults,” Newark *Star-Ledger* (September 16, 2012)

“Why the Judge Got it Right in Dharun Ravi’s Sentencing,” Newark *Star-Ledger* (May 27, 2012)(with John J. Farmer, Jr.)

**Television and radio**: Recent appearances include WNYC Radio (“Kids in Prison,” October 2016); “Due Process” (“Falsely Imprisoned: The McCallum Case,” 2015); WNJN (commenting on New Jersey Supreme Court juvenile life without parole case, January 2013). Numerous other appearances on CNN, Court TV, Fox News Channel, “Due Process,” Tokyo Broadcasting System and TV Asahi (Japan), and various local news outlets as commentator on juvenile justice, criminal law, and child welfare matters

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Student-Elected Faculty Commencement Speaker, Rutgers School of Law-Newark (May 2015)

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Champion of Change Award (2012)

National Juvenile Defender Center, Robert E. Shepherd Leadership Award (2012)

ACLU of New Jersey Legal Leader Award (2013)

“Extraordinary Woman Award,” 24/7 World Impact Community Church, Newark (2015)

**SELECTED LECTURES, PANEL PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOP FACILITATION**

Global Alliance for Justice Education Bi-Annual World Conference, Pasundan University Faculty of Law, Bandung, Indonesia (December 2019), “Incarcerated Youth and Teaching Justice: A Clinical Paradigm,” (concurrent session)

United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Washington, D.C. (October 2019), invited talk on current issues in juvenile justice

National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, West Palm Beach, Florida (October 2019), plenary session on false confessions and wrongful convictions of youth

Louisiana State University Law School, Law Review Symposium: *Criminal Justice Reform: Celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of the Louisiana State University Law Clinics*, Baton Rouge, LA (February 2019), panel presentation on youth advocacy in a law school clinic

National Juvenile Defender Center, National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, St. Paul, MN, (October 2018)

* Plenary session on juvenile sex offender registration, moderator and panelist
* Workshop on juvenile sex offender registration, facilitator

New York State Courts Judicial Institute, Summer Judicial Seminar, Syracuse, NY, lecture on “Raise the Age” legislation (July 2018)

National Juvenile Defender Center, National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, Albuquerque, NM, plenary session on ethical issues in juvenile defense, moderator (October 2018)

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Multi-Systems-Involved Youth Symposium, Princeton, NJ, panelist (July 2017)

Columbia Law School Law and Justice Institute, Legal Outreach Program, New York, NY, lecture on juvenile justice (July 2017)

New York State Courts Judicial Institute, Summer Judicial Seminar, Rye, NY, juvenile interrogations and false confessions panel, panelist (June 2017)

Legal Aid Society-Juvenile Rights Practice, Gault@50 Conference, New York, NY, “Miranda Rights and Wrongs,” moderator ((May 2017)

National Juvenile Defender Center, National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, Atlanta, GA, panelist on challenging probable cause and workshop leader on legal ethics (October 2016)

## Delaware Criminal Justice Council and the Office of Defense Services, Wilmington, DE, “Gault and Beyond: Ensuring Justice, Fairness, and Success for All Children in Our Juvenile Justice System,” panelist (September 2016)

## Newark Youth Court, Newark, N.J.

## Graduation Speaker (2015)

## Participant Trainings, lecturer (2014-2016)

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, statewide and regional trainings on juvenile waiver reform

* Trenton, N.J. (March 2016)(panel)
* Union, N.J. (June 2016)(lecture)

Rutgers Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, Newark, N.J., first annual conference, panelist (June 2016)

New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education, Juvenile Justice Reform Seminar, New Brunswick, N.J., panelist (February 2016)

Columbia Law School, New York, N.Y., “Origins and Innovations: A Celebration of Clinics,” panelist (November 2015)

National Juvenile Defender Center, National Juvenile Defense Leadership Summit, Salt Lake City, UT, workshop leader on ethical issues in juvenile defense (October 2015)

Columbia Law School Legal Outreach Program, New York, N.Y., lecture on juvenile justice (July 2015 and July 2016)

John Marshall Law Journal Symposium, Atlanta, GA, “Decreasing Youth Incarceration through Quality Juvenile Defense, panelist (March 2015)

Rutgers School of Law – Camden, Camden, N.J., *Creating Bridges for Camden’s Youth: Juvenile Justice Concerns and Local Solutions,”* panelist (March 24, 2015)

University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA lecture on post-dispositional representation of incarcerated youth (December 2014)

New Jersey Juvenile Justice Coalition, Newark, N.J., Inaugural Roundtable on Juvenile Justice Reform, plenary address on incarcerated youth (December 2014)

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Juvenile Training Immersion Program, Newark, N.J., lecture on search and seizure and small group leader (December 2014)

National Juvenile Defender Center, National Juvenile Defense Leadership Summit, Louisville, KY, panel moderator on post-dispositional representation and regional caucus leader (October 2014)

National Juvenile Defender Center, National Juvenile Defense Leadership Council Inaugural Meeting, working group on Prison Rape Elimination Act (co-facilitator)(January 2014)

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Models for Change Conference, Washington, D.C., workshop on solitary confinement of juveniles (December 2013)

National Juvenile Defense Leadership Summit, Scottsdale, AZ, workshops on role of juvenile defense counsel and juvenile defender participation in system reform litigation and advocacy (October 2013)

The City University – London, Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, London, England, “From Dangerous Delinquent to Typical Teen: Challenging a Grand Narrative by Utilizing the Neuroscientific Research Relied on in Recent Supreme Court Decisions” (workshop) (July 2013)

Advocates for Children of New Jersey Annual Board of Directors Meeting, Long Branch, N.J., keynote presentation on incarcerated youth (June 2013)

Annie E. Casey Foundation Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, workshop on post-disposition representation of youth in custody (May 2013)

John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Models for Change Conference, Washington, D.C., workshop on post-dispositional advocacy for incarcerated youth (December 2012)

National Juvenile Defense Leadership Summit, Rio Mar, P.R., plenary program on adult prosecution of youth, moderator (October 2012)

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Ethical Issues in Juvenile Defense program, Trenton, N.J., lecturer on role of counsel (May 2012 and May 2013)

Practicing Law Institute, Children’s Law Institute, New York, N.Y., panel on youth with dual system involvement, moderator (August 2011)

National Juvenile Defense Leadership Summit, Washington, D.C., caucus leader (October 2010)

Broome County College, Binghamton, N.Y., lecture on adult prosecution of youth (March 2010)

New Jersey Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative Statewide Conference, Trenton, N.J., panelist (November 2009)

National Juvenile Defense Leadership Summit, Denver, CO, multiple workshop presentations (October 2009)

The Legal Aid Society, Intensive Trial Advocacy Program, New York, N.Y., group facilitator (July 2013, 2011 and 2009)

Practicing Law Institute Children’s Law Institute, New York, N.Y., panelist (August 2009)

Northwestern Law School Center on Wrongful Convictions of Youth, Chicago, IL, inaugural roundtable participant (March 2009)

New Jersey Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network, inaugural stakeholders’ meeting, Trenton, N.J., conference organizer and moderator (January 2009)

American Bar Association Annual Meeting, New York, N.Y., panel on youth participation as a vehicle for due process, panelist (August 2008)

Temple University School of Law and Juvenile Law Center Symposium on Adolescence and the Law, Philadelphia, PA, paper presentation on interviewing and counseling adolescent clients (2006)

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender Law Guardian Unit, Trenton, N.J., lecture on interviewing and counseling adolescent clients (2006)

The Legal Aid Society, Juvenile Rights Division, New York, N.Y., panel discussion on the role of the child’s attorney, panelist (2006)

National Juvenile Defender Center Leadership Summit, Los Angeles, CA, closing plenary on juvenile competency to stand trial, moderator (2005)

National Juvenile Defender Center Leadership Summit, Nashville, TN, workshop leader (2004)

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Statewide Public Defender Conference Atlantic City, N.J., panel discussion on the child welfare transformation plan, moderator (2004)

Rutgers Law School, Newark, N.J., New Jersey Summit on Child Advocacy and Juvenile Defense (conference co-chair) (2004)

University of Rochester Medical School, Rochester, N.Y., Janice Lynn Cohen Memorial Symposium, “When Families Split Up: Working with Children at Risk,” panelist (2004)

Columbia University School of Law, Human Rights Internship Program, New York, N.Y., workshop leader (2002, 2003)

American Bar Association Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, Miami, FL, “Media Advocacy and the Juvenile Defender,” panelist (2001)

New York State Unified Court System, Annual Judicial Training, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., “Adoption and Safe Families Act: Practical Problems,” panelist (1999)

New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, Electronic Monitoring Conference, Albany, N.Y., “Electronic Monitoring of Juveniles,” panelist (1999)

Columbia University School of Law, New York, N.Y., “Children, Law, and Media,” seminar presenter, (1999 -2001)

Quinnipiac College Law School, Hamden, CT, law review symposium, “Kids, Courts, and Cameras,” paper presentation (1998)

American Bar Association Juvenile Justice Center Juvenile Defender Summit, Chicago, IL, workshop leader (October 1998)

American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, “The Impact of Opening the Juvenile Court,” panelist (1998)

Practicing Law Institute Children’s Law Institute, New York, NY, plenary panel on the Adoption and Safe Families Act, moderator (1998)

American Bar Association Juvenile Justice Center Juvenile Defender Summit, Chicago, IL, “Jury Trials for Juveniles” and “Combating the Legislative Assault on Kids,” workshop leader (1997)

Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services, New York, N.Y., various workshops and lectures (1995-2000)

Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, N.Y., “Legal and Ethical Considerations in Working with HIV-Affected Children and Families,” seminar guest speaker (1996-1998)

National Legal Aid and Defender Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., “Coping with Expert Testimony in Disposition Hearings” and “Legislative Advocacy on Behalf of Youth,” workshop leader (1994)

Albert Einstein Medical College of Yeshiva University, New York, N.Y., Pediatric Grand Rounds, “An Introduction to the Child Welfare System,” lecture (1993)

**BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Senior Leadership Council, National Juvenile Defender Center, co-chair (2018-present)

Co-Founder and Steering Committee Member, Youth Justice New Jersey (statewide juvenile justice reform coalition)(2013 – present)

National Advisory Board, National Juvenile Defender Center (2003 - 2018)

Co-Team Leader, New Jersey Juvenile Indigent Defense Action Network (2008 – 2013)

Steering Committee, New Jersey Youth Summit (2007 – 2008)

Member, American Bar Association Juvenile Justice Committee (1994 - 1997)

Member, New York State Bar Association Committee on Children and the Law (1992-1994)

Co-Chair, Annie E. Casey Foundation Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative, New York City Committee on Over-representation of Youth of Color (1994)

**EDUCATION**

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, N.Y., J.D. 1987**

Managing Editor, Columbia Human Rights Law Review

Child Advocacy Clinic

**ROTARY INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE SCHOLAR, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE – GALWAY, Galway, Ireland, 1984 - 1985**

Engaged in graduate-level study of Anglo-Irish literature.

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, New Brunswick, N.J., B.A. summa cum laude 1983**

Honors: Highest Honors in English. Phi Beta Kappa. Jordan Lee Flyer Prize for outstanding

senior honors thesis.

Junior year: New York University in Paris, France

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Admitted to practice in New York and New Jersey.

Proficient conversational Spanish and French.