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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Associate Professor of Clinical Legal Instruction, August 2022 – Present

Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Instruction, August 2019 – July 2022

Director, Criminal Defense Clinic, August 2019 – Present

Direct and manage all aspects of the law school's in-house criminal defense clinic. Supervise third year law students in representing criminal defendants in both trial-level and post-conviction cases in Alabama state and federal courts. Teach clinical seminar on criminal law, criminal procedure, and trial skills.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, New York

J.D., *magna cum laude*, May 2009

Honors: *Order of the Coif*

Vanderbilt Medal – awarded for outstanding contributions to the Law School.

Hays Fellow – awarded for legal ability and commitment to civil liberties.

N.Y.U. Review of Law & Social Change – *Student Article Development Editor*

Activities: Public Interest Law Foundation, Co-Chair

OutLaw LGBT Students Association, Co-Chair

Prof. Helen Hershkoff, Research & Teaching Assistant

Juvenile Defender Clinic

Children's Rights Clinic

Internships: Legal Aid Society – Juvenile Rights Practice, *Bronx & New York, New York*

New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, *New York, New York*

Bronx Defenders – Family Defense Practice, *Bronx, New York*

Urban Justice Center – Peter Cicchino Youth Project, *New York, New York*

Advocates for Children, *New York, New York*

Make the Road, *Brooklyn, New York*

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, TEACHERS COLLEGE, New York, New York

M.A. in English Teaching, May 2003

Honors: *Columbia Urban Educator*

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, COLUMBIA COLLEGE, New York, New York

B.A. in English with a concentration in Religion, *magna cum laude*, May 2001

TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

Clinical Teaching, Criminal Procedure, Evidence, Criminal Law, Criminal Justice (including Federal Sentencing), Immigration Law, Juvenile Law, Education Law, Trial Advocacy, Critical Legal Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Operation Lone Star (work in progress).

Alienating Criminal Procedure (work in progress).

Paying for a Clean Record, 112 J. CRIM. L & CRIMINOLOGY 439 (2022) ([link](#)).

Pretrial Release for Non-U.S. Citizen Clients: One Front of the War for Racial Justice, THE CHAMPION 16 (Jul. 2021) (with James M. Chavez) ([link](#)).

Violent Videos: Criminal Defense in a Digital Age, 37 GA. ST. U. L. REV. 301 (2021) ([link](#)).

- Selected as a “Must Read” article by the National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys’ Getting Scholarship into Courts Project.

Coordinating Community Re-entry Services for “Deportable Alien” Defendants: A Moral and Financial Imperative, 70 FLA. L. REV. 1019 (2018) ([link](#)).

Chapter 1: The Bail Reform Act, DEFENDING A FEDERAL CRIMINAL CASE, 2016 Ed. (2016).

Using Laws Designed to Protect as a Weapon: Prosecuting Minors under Child Pornography Laws, 34 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 299 (2010) ([link](#)) (cited in *United States v. C.R.*, 792 F. Supp. 2d 343, 510 (E.D.N.Y. 2011)).

EXPERIENCE

JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA, San Francisco, California
Attorney, Criminal Justice Services, March 2018 – June 2019

Provided written and oral legal advice to the Judicial Council of California and 58 county superior courts concerning issues related to criminal law. Performed analysis of recent legislation and statewide criminal justice policy trends, with an emphasis on issues relating to mental health. Worked with advisory committees of the Judicial Council to draft and revise California Rules of Court and state-wide forms.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, San Jose & Morgan Hill, California
Deputy Public Defender, July 2016 – March 2018

Represented indigent individuals accused of state crimes, including domestic violence, DUI, assault, theft, sex offenses and drug offenses. Conducted eight jury trials and one bench trial, with only one of these nine trials resulting in a guilty verdict as charged.

FEDERAL DEFENDERS OF SAN DIEGO, INC., San Diego, California
Trial Attorney, October 2009 – July 2016

Handled caseload consisting of drug-trafficking, immigration, fraud, habeas, sex-trafficking and child pornography cases at all stages from arraignment to appeal. Filed appeals and argued in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Conducted sixteen felony jury trials in federal court. Supervised junior attorneys in all aspects of federal criminal practice and gave training presentations to CJA panel attorneys and federal defenders. Successfully litigated motions challenging systemic delays in initial appearance and conditions of detention, resulting in two favorable written orders and district-wide improvements.

NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, New York, New York
Math Teacher at Middle School 246, September 2002 – June 2006
English Teacher at Intermediate School 172, July 2001 – June 2002

PRESENTATIONS

Alienating Criminal Procedure, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, 2022 Conference, Miramar Beach, Florida, July 27, 2022 (scheduled)

Operation Lone Star, CrimFest, Cardozo Law School, New York, New York, July 19, 2022 (scheduled)

Operation Lone Star, Decarceration Law Professors Virtual Works-in- Progress series, June 20, 2022 (presenter)

LGBTQ+ Veterans and Intimate Partner Violence, Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, June 17, 2022 (panelist)

Introduction to Criminal Trial Advocacy, University of Alabama School of Law, Summer Scholars Program, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, June 13, 2022

Leveraging the History of Racism in Written and Oral Advocacy, 2022 AALS Clinical Conference, May 10, 2022 (with Maneka Sinha, Daniel Harawa, and Vincent Southerland)

Alienating Criminal Procedure, 2022 Junior Scholars Conference, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, April 22, 2022 (presenter)

UA Law Clinics Information Session, University of Alabama Counseling Center, March 23, 2022 (with Kayleigh Furr)

Constitutionally Adequate Counseling after Padilla, Prof. Shalini Ray's Immigration Law Class, University of Alabama School of Law, March 3, 2022 (guest lecturer)

Medical Compassionate Release: What's Working and What's Not, Second Chances Symposium, University of Chicago School of Law, February 17, 2022 (panelist) ([link](#))

Alienating Criminal Procedure, Criminal Justice Reform Workshop Series, Deason Center, SMU Dedman School of Law, February 3, 2022 ([link](#))

Borderless: Discussing Immigration, Women and Gender Resource Center, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, October 6, 2021 (panelist)

Alienating Criminal Procedure, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer's Workshop, October 2, 2021

Alienating Criminal Procedure, CrimFest, July 19, 2021

Alienating Criminal Procedure, Decarceration Law Professors Virtual Works-in- Progress series, July 12, 2021 (presenter)

Criminal Justice Reform Panel: A Conversation with Organization on the Ground, Alabama House Democratic Caucus Pro-Growth Policy Conference, June 24, 2021 (panelist)

Collateral Consequences of Criminal Cases, Madison County Criminal Bar Association, Hunstville, AL, May 19, 2021 (presenter)

Criminal Legal System and Transgender Rights, OutLaw & Criminal Law Society, University of Alabama School of Law, April 7, 2021 (with Gabriel Arkles)

What Do You Do When the Man's Spying on You: The Intersection of Government Surveillance and Legal Advocacy, Virtual Symposium, *Journal of the Legal Profession*, University of Alabama School of Law, March 26, 2021 (moderator of panel *The Cost of Advocacy: Roadblocks to Representation at the Border*)

The Undocumented Lawyer, University of Alabama School of Law – Office of Diversity and Inclusion, February 3, 2021 (moderator) ([link](#))

The School to Prison Pipeline, Washburn University School of Law - Children and Family Center, Topeka, KS, November 12, 2020 (with Jenny Ryan)

Paying for a Clean Record, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer's Workshop, October 3, 2020 (presenter)

Diversity, Inclusion, and the Law School Community, 1L Orientation, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL, August 11, 2020 (with Joshua Porter, Dr. Christine Taylor, and Chenelle Jones)

LGBTQ Clinicians and the Fight for Racial Justice, Virtual Clinical Conference, CLEA/AALS, July 21 & 23, 2020 (with Daniel Harawa)

Viewing Violent Videos, Virtual Clinical Conference, CLEA/AALS, July 21, 2020

Paying for a Clean Record, CrimFest, July 13, 2020 (virtual)

Representing "Illegal People," University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, February 11, 2020

Paths to Public Defense, Public Interest Student Board, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL, February 6, 2020

Navigating the Workplace, OutLaw & Career Services Office, University of Alabama School of Law, Tuscaloosa, AL, November 7, 2019

Collateral Consequences of Criminal Cases, Criminal Defense Law, CLE Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, November 1, 2019

Violent Videos: Criminal Defense in a Digital Age, NYU Clinical Law Review Writer's Workshop, New York, NY, September 21, 2019

Mental Health Regional Round Tables, Judicial Council of California (with Judge Stephen Manley, Judge James Bianco, Judge Larry Brown, and Hallie Fader-Towe)

- Southern Round Table, Sacramento, CA, May 20, 2019

- Northern Round Table, Rancho Cucamonga, CA, April 5, 2019

Partnering with County Behavioral Health to Serve Justice-Involved Populations, Behavioral Health Education Series, Judicial Council of California, February 7, 2019

Serious Mental Health Conditions, Behavioral Health Education Series, Judicial Council of California, December 13, 2018

AB 1810 Implementation, Behavioral Health Education Series, Judicial Council of California, December 13, 2018 (with Arley Lindberg)

Plugged In: How Drug Courts Can Use Technology to Enhance Treatment, Supervision, and Training, California Association of Collaborative Courts Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA, September 2018 (with Precious Benally)

Taboos in Closing Arguments, Criminal Justice Act (“CJA”) Panel Training, San Diego, CA, October 2015 (with Harini Raghupathi)

Challenging Immigration Judge Deportation Orders, CJA Panel Training, San Diego, CA, July 2013 (with Sara Brin)

Litigating 8 U.S.C. § 1326 Cases, CJA Panel Training, Salt Lake City, UT, June 2012 (with Norma Aguilar)

1326(d) Motions (Real or Threatened), CJA Panel Training, San Diego, CA, March 2012 (with Norma Aguilar)

MEDIA

Angelo Fichera, *Post Comparing Abortion, Rape Penalties in Alabama Lacks Context*, AP NEWS (Jun. 29, 2022) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Connor Sheets, *‘I Need that Money’: Alabama Siphoning Inmates’ Stimulus Funds to Pay Fines, Fees, Restitution*, AL.COM (Jun. 5, 2021) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Mark Berman, *Former Prosecutors, Judges Join Push for New Trial in Alabama Death Row Case*, WASH. POST (Mar. 10, 2021) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Safiya Charles, *Many Americans Have Criminal Records, So Why Does Alabama Make It So Hard to Clear Your Name?* MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER (Nov. 12, 2020) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Chelsea Barton, *Mock Trials Help Law Students and Officers Gain New Skills*, WVUA 23 NEWS (Nov. 2, 2020) ([link](#)) (discussing the Criminal Defense Clinic).

Connor Sheets, *Alabama prison system’s COVID-19 Plan Anticipates Widespread Infection, Deaths, National Guard Intervention*, AL.COM (Apr. 5, 2020) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Carol Robinson, *Alabama defense lawyers: Release prison inmates most at risk of dying from coronavirus*, AL.COM (Mar. 27, 2020) ([link](#)) (quoted).

Greg Moran, *Prosecutor Slapped for Letting Law License Lapse*, SAN DIEGO UNION-TRIBUNE (Aug. 9, 2013) ([link](#)) (mentioned).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Alabama, California, Ninth Circuit, Southern District of California, Middle District of Alabama

SERVICE

Board Member, Redemption Earned, March 2021-present

Facilitator, Clinician Crew – Criminal Defense, AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education, 2021-2022

Faculty Advisor, OutLaw LGBTQIA+ Student Group, 2020-present

Faculty Advisor, Criminal Law Society, 2020-present

Member, University of Alabama Southern Behavioral Health and Law Initiative