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Director, Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES)
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EXPERIENCE

Villanova University School of Law

Professor of Law

Founding Director, Clinical Program (1999-2008)

Director, Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES) (1999-present)

Directed development and expansion of in-house Clinical Program. Founded and direct CARES clinic to represent asylum seekers in immigration and administrative proceedings. Teach *Comparative Asylum and Refugee Law and Policy*, a 3-credit course incorporating lectures, role plays, and group exercises. Co-taught and developed new undergraduate course, *Perspectives on Migration* for Honors, Peace and Justice and Global Studies Programs.

American University, Washington College of Law (WCL) (2008-2009)

Visiting Professor of Law

Taught in International Human Rights Law Clinic, Immigrant Rights Section for the 2008-09 academic year; taught a lecture course, Asylum and Refugee Law and Policy, during the Spring 2009 semester.

University of Malta (February-July 2006)

Fulbright Scholar

Awarded Fulbright Scholarship to teach law students immigration and refugee law and to assist in development of a legal clinic for the representation of refugees and asylum seekers. Trained Jesuit Refugee Services volunteer lawyers on refugee adjudication and advocacy skills. Consulted U.S. Embassy officials and Maltese government officials on migration and refugee issues and on clinical education. Lectured at the U.S. Ambassador's residence on immigration issues.

Center for Applied Legal Studies (CALS), Georgetown University Law Center (1997-1999)

Advocacy Fellow

Recipient of two-year teaching fellowship at clinic handling asylum and removal cases before immigration judges and appeals to the Board of Immigration Appeals. Responsibilities included: teaching classes on substantive law relevant to students' cases and lawyering and writing skills; supervising 2nd and 3rd year students in client representation; developing instructional materials; selecting students; grading; and conducting client intake.

Willkie Farr & Gallagher (1989-1997)

Telecommunications Associate, Washington, D.C. (1991-1997)

Senior Associate in general telecommunications regulatory practice. Responsibilities included: developing regulatory strategies on numerous communications matters for companies providing domestic and international satellite, wireless, cable, and common carrier services; drafting and reviewing contracts; advising clients on foreign ownership and transfer of control issues; drafting pleadings and filings before the Federal Communications Commission and the International Telecommunications Union; developing and implementing government relations strategies; meeting and corresponding with government officials; advising clients on regulatory implications of emerging communications technologies; and supervising and training junior associates. Other duties included membership on the Professional Personnel Committee, which was responsible for conducting attorney and summer associate recruitment and hiring, organizing the summer associate program, and responding to associate grievances.

Corporate Associate, New York (1989-1991)

General corporate and securities practice. Responsibilities included: drafting and reviewing contracts, partnership agreements, incorporation documents, and public offering memoranda; conducting due diligence reviews; and preparing and reviewing corporate governance documents.

Human Rights First (formerly Lawyers Committee for Human Rights)

Acting Legal Director, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 1995-May 1996, July 1996-September 1996)

This position was a full-time *pro bono* opportunity while I worked at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, during which I replaced Elisa Massimino while she was on maternity leave. My first major task in this position involved directing Congressional and regulatory advocacy on asylum and refugee issues. Specific responsibilities as to this task included: organizing and leading the Committee to Preserve Asylum, a nationwide coalition of human rights organizations and other non-governmental organizations to develop and implement government relations strategies and nationwide outreach to lawyers, law professors and bar associations concerning legislative initiatives; meeting and corresponding with members of Congress and their staffs, and Department of Justice and INS officials concerning immigration legislation; drafting proposed legislation; and developing organization's position on proposed legislation and regulations. My work in this position is discussed at length in Philip G. Schrag, *A WELL-FOUNDED FEAR: THE CONGRESSIONAL BATTLE TO SAVE POLITICAL ASYLUM IN AMERICA* (Routledge, 2000).

My second major task was to oversee human rights projects and the asylum representation program. Specific responsibilities here included: evaluating asylum cases; training and supervising volunteer lawyers; editing reports, briefs and affidavits prepared by volunteer lawyers; and advising lawyers about human rights, immigration law and litigation strategies.

Volunteer Lawyer (1991-1997)

Represented indigent clients seeking asylum and withholding of deportation. Supervised and trained junior and summer associates in same. Responsibilities included: drafting applications for asylum and client and witness affidavits; preparing asylum applicants for interviews with INS officials; representing clients in exclusion proceedings before immigration judges; drafting petitions for review, motions and appeals to Board of Immigration Appeals and federal district court; arguing motions in federal district court; and securing the release of detained clients.

Amnesty International, USA

Consultant (September 1996-September 1998)

Conducted legislative and administrative advocacy on immigration legislation, expedited removal, and refugee detention issues; drafted report and memoranda on INS implementation of expedited removal procedures and its impact on asylum seekers.

Committee to Elect Rachael-Scala Pistone as Town Commissioner of Highland Beach, Florida (January 2001 - 2007)

Campaign Manager & Consultant for three successful campaigns

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center

LL.M. in Advocacy, 1999

St. John's University School of Law

J.D. 1989, *Cum Laude*

Member, St. John's Law Review

Class Rank: Top 7%

American Jurisprudence Award for Excellence in Contracts, Dean's List

New York University, College of Business Administration

B.S. 1986, *Cum Laude*, Economics and International Business

Dean's List, University Honors Scholar

Studies Abroad: Sanno Institute of Business Administration, Tokyo, Japan; Luigi Bocconi University of Commerce, Milan, Italy; Universidad de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

PUBLICATIONS

Books

[STEPPING OUT OF THE BRAIN DRAIN: APPLYING CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN A NEW ERA OF MIGRATION \(Lexington Books 2007\) \(with John J. Hoeffner\)](#)

reviewed in: [11 Journal of Markets and Morality 303-19 \(Fall 2008\)](#) by Andrew Yuengert; [American Catholic Colleges and Universities, Research and Publications](#), Fall 2007 at 25-27 by Marisa Cianciarulo; 17 [Journal for Peace and Justice Studies](#) 74-77, Nov. 2008 by John Berteaux. Also reviewed in Mediterranean Journal of Human Rights and Catholic Library World (no hyperlinks available)

Book Chapters

But the Laborers are . . . Many? Catholic Social Teaching on Business, Labor and Economic Migration, in AND YOU WELCOMED ME: MIGRATION AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING (Lexington Books 2009), reviewed in 71 [Theological Studies](#) 747 (2010) by Alejandro Crosthwaite, O.P.

An Overview of United States Immigration Law, in MARRIAGE OF UNDOCUMENTED RESIDENTS (Canon Law Society of America, ed. 2006)

New Restrictions Placed on Asylum Seekers Should be Removed, in ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION (Helen Cothran, ed., Greenhaven Press 2001).

Asylum Changes and Expedited Removal, in UNDERSTANDING THE 1996 IMMIGRATION ACT (Federal Publications ed. 1997) (with Philip G. Schrag)

Articles

Unsettling Development: Terrorism and The New Case for Enhancing Protection and Humanitarian Assistance for Refugees and Displaced Persons, Including Victims of Natural Disaster, __ Colum. Hum. Rts J. __ (forthcoming 2011)

Asylum Rights and Wrongs: What the Refugee Protection Act Will Do and What More Will Need to be Done, 38 Fordham Urb. L.J. 247 (2010)

Bringing Clinical Legal Education to Europe: The Challenges Faced and Lessons Learned from Creating a Refugee Law Clinic at the University of Malta (in progress)

A More Perfect Union, in the Immigration Issue of Christian Reflection: A Series in Faith and Ethics, Baylor University, 26-34 (2008) (with John J. Hoeffner)

“In All Things Love”: Immigration, Policy-Making, and the Development of Preferential Options for the Poor, 5 J. Catholic Social Thought 175 (2008) (with John J. Hoeffner)

Preaching to the Unconverted: America’s Need for Skilled Foreign Workers, 26 Imm. Law Today 12 (Nov.-Dec. 2007) (with John J. Hoeffner)

The Subject of Rights Immersed in a “Sea of Troubles,” 11 Mediterranean J. of Hum. Rts. 9 (2007) (with Anna Gallagher and David Zammit)

Rethinking Immigration of the Highly-Skilled and Educated in the Post-9/11 World 5
Geo. J. Law & Pub. Policy 495 (2007) (with John J. Hoeffner)

The Acceptance of Immigrants: Lessons from the Past and Questions for the Future, 10
Mediterranean J. of Hum. Rts. 7 (2006) (with John J. Hoeffner) (peer reviewed)

No Admissions: Bureaucratic Denial and the Expansion of Expedited Removal, 11
Bender's Immigr. Bull. 771 (2006) (with John J. Hoeffner)

*Perspectives on the Content of the Church's Social Message: Should the Church Sound
its Voice in the Tower of Babel?* 5 Orbis 4 (summer 2006)

Religion And Public Affairs: Should the Church Sound its Voice in the Tower of Babel? 6
Orbis 4 (fall 2006)

[*Rules Are Made To Be Broken: How the Process of Expedited Removal Fails Asylum
Seekers* \(with John Hoeffner\), 20 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 167 \(2006\)](#)

Making the Department of Homeland Security's Senior Asylum Officer Position Count,
10 Bender's Immigr. Bull. 1789 (Dec. 1, 2005) (with John J. Hoeffner)

[*The Devil in the Details: How Specific Should Catholic Social Teaching Be?*, 2 J.
Catholic Social Thought 507 \(2004\)](#)

A Times Sensitive Response to Professor Aleinikoff's Detaining Plenary Power, 16 Geo.
Immigr. L.J. 391 (2002)

[*The New Asylum Rule: Improved but Still Unfair*, 16 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 1 \(2001\) \(with
Philip G. Schrag\)](#)

*Teaching International Law -- The Visible College of International Law Clinicians:
Making a Real Difference in Law School and in the World*, in American Society of
International Law Proceedings of the 95th Annual Meeting (2001)

[*Assessing the Proposed Refugee Protection Act: One Step in the Right Direction*, 14 Geo.
Immigr. L.J. 815 \(2000\)](#)

[*Justice Delayed is Justice Denied: A Proposal for Ending the Unnecessary Detention of
Asylum Seekers*, 12 Harv. Hum. Rts. J. 197 \(1999\)](#)

[*New Asylum Laws: Undermining an American Ideal*, CATO Institute, Policy Analysis
No. 299 \(1998\), reprinted in 3 Bender's Immigration Bulletin 496 \(1998\)](#)

The New Asylum Rule: Not Yet a Model of Fair Procedure, 11 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 267
(1997), reprinted in 2 Bender's Immigration Bulletin 385 (1997)

Asylum Filing Deadlines: Unfair and Unnecessary, 10 Geo. Immigr. L.J. 95 (1996)

The 1996 Immigration Act: Asylum and Expedited Removal Provisions--What the INS Should Do, 73 Interpreter Releases 1565 (1996) (with Philip G. Schrag)

Asylum and Exclusion Provisions in New and Pending Legislation: A Summary and Practical Guide, 73 Interpreter Releases 993 (1996)

[Revisiting APSO: Improving the System for Releasing Genuine Asylum Seekers from Detention, Refugee Reports, August 30, 1996, at 11 \(with Beth Lyon\)](#)

Somalia, in CRITIQUE OF 1994 STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS 223 (Lawyers Committee for Human Rights ed., 1994)

Somalia, in CRITIQUE OF 1993 STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS 326 (Lawyers Committee for Human Rights ed., 1993)

Developments in the Law -- The Effect of Court Imposed Jurisdiction on Arbitration, 62 St. John's L. Rev. 377 (1988)

Training Videos

[Best Practices in Representing Asylum Seekers: A Video Resource for Pro Bono Attorneys](#), produced by American Law Institute-American Bar Association (2005), with Introduction by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Editor and Author, duties included: conceptualizing the project; developing a client fact pattern; drafting a storyboard; creating the roles; drafting a script; drafting written training materials based on the fact pattern, such as a sample affidavit, brief, direct examination, and closing argument; overseeing production; and narrating the video.

CONFERENCES PLANNED AND ORGANIZED

Iraqi Refugee Crisis: Present-Day Challenges and Opportunities for Lasting Solutions, Overview of Crisis, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C. March 2009 (organized one day conference)

The Iraqi Refugee Crisis: Law, Policy and Practice, Villanova University School of Law, National Press Club, Washington, DC, April 4, 2008 (chaired organizing committee and raised approximately \$20,000 for one-day conference which was telecast on C-Span)

Human Trafficking in Philadelphia, Villanova University School of Law, February 22, 2007

Representing Asylum Seekers in the Circuit Courts, October 2006, (with Third Circuit Judge, Hon. Edward Becker, organized two one-day continuing legal education conferences for appellate advocates).

Journal of Catholic Social Teaching First Annual Symposium on Catholic Social Thought and the Law, Villanova Law School, October 3-4, 2003

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

How Emerging Innovations Will Disrupt Legal Education, The Eighteenth Annual Update for Feminist Law Professors, Villanova Law School, February 5, 2011

How Do We Assess Professional Identity Formation? Applying “Backward Design” Beyond Knowledge and Skills, Mini-Plenary, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Baltimore, MD, May 5, 2010

The Time is Now: Adding Clinicians’ Voices to the ABA Standard Review Committee’s Outcome Measures Conversation, Affinity Group Facilitator, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Cleveland, Ohio, May 6, 2009

Thinking Outside the Trial Paradigm, Preparing Students to Master the “Informal Encounter,” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Cleveland, Ohio, May 5, 2009

Mirror Images: Challenges for Arab & Islamic Studies, Workshop on Iraqi Refugees, Villanova University, April 3, 2009

Realizing the American Dream? Contemporary Challenges Facing H-2B Workers and their Advocates, American University, Washington College of Law, March 2009

Immigration and the New Administration, Penn State Law School, January 2009

Immigration and Pennsylvania, State Stakeholders Conference, Penn State Law School, January 2009

Presentation on Business Immigration Law, Working Conference with co-authors of book on Catholic Social Thought on Immigration, St. Paul’s College, Washington, D.C., August 2008

Works in Progress Panel Facilitator, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Tuscon, AZ, May 2008

Teaching Panel on Philip Schrag and David Kenney’s book, *Asylum Denied*, Immigration Professors Workshop, Miami, FL, May 2008

Faculty Workshop, The Iraqi Refugee Crisis, Widener University School of Law, Delaware Campus, April 9, 2008

Iraqi Refugees: Can't We Do More?, Villanova University, April 8, 2008

Iraqi Refugees: What Does the Future Hold?, Association of American Law Schools (AALS), International Human Rights Law Section, Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 2008

Asylum: A Home for the Oppressed, Pepperdine University, November 9, 2007, Malibu, CA

Immigration Reform: Where Culture, Politics & Principle Meet, St. Thomas of Villanova Academic Symposium, Villanova University, September 21, 2007, Villanova, PA

Can Migration Assist in Development?, Northeast People of Color Conference, Southern New England School of Law, September 14-15, 2007, Dartmouth, MA

Woodstock Theological Center: Reflection on Migration, Fairfield University, July 19, 2007

Immigration Reform in America, "Which Side of the Fence Are You On?" Debate at Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, March 28, 2007

Presented work in progress -- "Bringing Clinical Legal Education to Europe: The Challenges Faced and Lessons Learned from Creating a Refugee Law Clinic at the University of Malta," Mid-Atlantic Clinical Theory and Practice Workshop, Catholic University, Columbus School of Law, Washington, DC, Nov. 10, 2006

Presented work in progress -- "Bringing Clinical Legal Education to Europe: The Challenges Faced and Lessons Learned from Creating a Refugee Law Clinic at the University of Malta," New York Law School Clinical Theory Workshop, New York, Nov. 3, 2006

Options for Poor Migrants: Catholic Social Teaching on Migration, The Meaning of the Preferential Option for the Poor for Law and Policy Symposium, Villanova University, Oct. 26, 2006

Rethinking Catholic Social Thought on Skilled Migration, Immigration and the Plight of Immigrants: Politics, Policy, Morality Symposium, Duquesne University, Sept. 21, 2006

Migration to Malta, presentation to former Humphrey and Fulbright grantees, Residence of Molly Bordonaro, U.S. Ambassador to Malta, June 12, 2006

Integration of Immigrants in Europe, European Integration Conference, Universita Kore di Enna, Italy, May 30, 2006 (lecture delivered in Italian)

International Collaborative Teaching: An Asylum Clinic in Malta, (with Marisa Cianciarulo), Global Alliance for Justice Education Regional Conference, May 4, 2006, Fordham University Law School, New York, New York

How Should the Church Sound Its Voice in the Tower of Babel? Perspectives on the Content of the Catholic Social Message, Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice, March 23, 2006, Phoenician Hotel, Valletta, Malta

Rules are Made to Be Broken: Asylum Seekers and Expedited Removal, Faculty Colloquia and Distinguished Speakers Series, St. John's University School of Law, October 24, 2005, Jamaica, New York

Human Trafficking: Victimization of Women and Children, Vincentian Chair for Social Justice Conference 2005, October 22, 2005, St. John's University, Jamaica, New York

Can Skilled Emigration Help Countries Develop Economically? Strangers No Longer: Immigration Law & Policy in the Light of Religious Values Conference, February 2005, Fordham University School of Law, New York.

Stepping Out of the Brain Drain: A New Vision on Migration, Immigration Law Teachers' Workshop, June 5-6, 2004, Baltimore, Maryland.

Advanced Asylum Law Training, Mennonite Central Committee, Lancaster, PA, February 18, 2004

Globalization and the Migration of Skilled Workers, Catholic Social Thought and Globalization Symposium, Villanova University, November, 2003

Careers in Human Rights Law, Peace and Justice Center, Villanova University, November 2003.

Expedited Removal, Migration Policy Institute and U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom Roundtable, October 10, 2003

The Lawyer's Role in Pursuing Social Justice, PLUS Program, Lincoln University, May 2003

Speech and Presentation of 2003 Shanara Gilbert Emerging Clinician Award to Beth Lyon, Association of American Law Schools, Conference on Clinical Education, 2003 Award Luncheon, Vancouver, Canada, May 2003

Catholic Social Teaching on War and Peace: 40 Years After *Peace on Earth*, Villanova University, March 20-21, 2003 (panel organizer and presenter)

Human Trafficking: A Modern Form of Slavery, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2003 (Program Chair and presenter)

The Law of the Holocaust: A Lecture and Tour of the United States Memorial Holocaust Museum, AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., January 2003 (Program Chair)

Using Rights Presentations and Legal Volunteers to Handle High Volume Legal Services in Detention, Detention Watch Network, Washington, D.C., September 2002

Liberty v. Security Post-September 11th, at “A World at Odds: Conscience in a Time of Terror,” Villanova University, September 11, 2002

Immigration Law after 9/11, Pennsylvania Bar Association, Pro Bono Annual Meeting, Hershey, PA, May 1, 2002 (presenter and panel organizer)

Detention of Immigrants, Catholic Legal Immigration Network Annual Convening, Atlanta, GA, May 2002

“Impact of the USA Patriot Act,” Villanova University School of Law, March 2002

Asylum Seekers in Detention, at Thank You Pennsylvania for Welcoming and Protecting Refugees: An Educational and Cultural Forum, Harrisburg, PA, Feb. 2002 (panel organizer and presenter)

Working For Justice For All, Teach-in and Town Hall, Villanova University School of Law, Jan. 2002

The Supreme Court and Immigration Law, Georgetown University Law Center, Nov. 2001

Immigration and Criminal Law, Criminal Law Society, Villanova Law School, Nov. 2001

International Refugee Clinics, AALS Clinical Section, International Law Committee, May 2001

The Visible College of International Law Clinicians: Making a Real Difference in Law School and in the World, at the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., April 2001

Defining and Applying the ‘Best Interest of the Child’ in the case of Refugee Children, Detention Resource Project Training, Nov. 1999

On the Detention of Asylum Seekers, Immigration Law Teachers’ Workshop, University of California, Boalt Hall School of Law, May 1998

A Safe Haven No More? Fixing U.S. Asylum Law, The CATO Institute, March 1998

Reforming the Administrative Naturalization Process: Reducing Delays While Increasing Fairness, Georgetown Immigration Law Journal Symposium, March 1996

Panel on U.S. Asylum Law Reforms, International Law Symposium, The National Law Center, George Washington University and Georgetown University Law Center, 1996

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Co-Chair, American Bar Association (ABA) Section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Committee on Clinical Skills Education (2006-2010), Committee Member (2001-2010), Chair, Bar Examinations Sub-committee (2001-2003).

- Drafted comments, with committee members, to Standard Review Committee on its proposal to change the accreditation standards on Student Learning Outcomes
- Testified on behalf of committee before Standards Review Committee
- Initiated planning for 40th Anniversary of the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR)

Member, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section Scholarship Committee (2008-present)

Member, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section Nominations Committee (2008-present)

Mentor, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section, Mentorship Program (2010-present)

Member, Planning Committee for the Joint ABA, AALS and CLEA Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR)

Member, Planning Committee, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Clinical Section, 2009 Annual Meeting Program (2008-2009)

2004-05 Co-Chair, Pro Bono Committee, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Philadelphia Chapter

2004-05 Chair, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) International Human Rights Law Section

2003-04 Chair-Elect, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) International Human Rights Law Section

2003 Program Chair, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) International Human Rights Section

American Immigration Law Association, Legislative Committee (2001-2002)

Chair and Organizational Committee, Pennsylvanians for Refugee Protection (May 2001)

Executive Committee, St. John's Alumni Association, Washington, D.C. Chapter (1996-1999)

HONORS & AWARDS

Granted award by former Pakistani President, Pervez Musharraf, on behalf Christian League of Pakistan in America in recognition for work on behalf of immigrants

Recipient of City of Philadelphia Proclamation recognizing my contribution to protection of refugees in Philadelphia region.

Selected to receive scholarship to attend week-long Curriculum Development Seminar entitled Catholic Social Teaching: Issues of Justice in the Marketplace, May 2002, Villanova University

Granted first ever Award from Human Rights First (formerly Lawyers Committee for Human Rights) for “extraordinary contribution to the Committee” and “important work to preserve rights of refugees to seek and enjoy asylum in the United States” (1996)

MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Interviewed on Mike Janocik Show, WLCR AM 1040, Louisville, KY, Jan. 20, 2011

Immigration Law Today feature article, On the Record with John Hoeffner and Michele Pistone, *Authors, Scholars, Globe-Trotting Couple*, Nov./Dec. 2008

It's Your Call with Lynn Doyle, interviewed with U.S. Attorney for Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Patrick Meehan, during one-hour live television show on Human Trafficking, March 14, 2007 (show nominated for Emmy Award, Mid-Atlantic region)

Interviewed as an expert on immigration and refugee law on Visions (ABC News), CNN, KYW/CBS News, Fox News, BET, and WNYC Radio regarding human rights and immigration law. Interviewed by and quoted in print articles in, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, New York Newsday, Legal Intelligencer, Sun Sentinel, Pittsburgh Post Gazette, Associated Press, and The Baltimore Sun.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Iraqi Student Project
Board Member and Counsel (2007-2009)

Served on Board for not-for-profit organization that matches academically qualified students from Iraq and American colleges willing to offer them tuition waivers or full scholarships.

Mediterranean Journal of Human Rights

International Advisory Board Member (2007-present)

Special Editor, Volume 11, number 2, Migration and Human Rights in the Mediterranean Region, published 2007

Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center, York, PA

Board Member (2000 - 2008)

Georgetown Institute for the Study of International Migration-Catholic Legal Immigration Network (CLINIC), Human Rights Promoters Project

Advisory Board Member (2007 – 2008)

Provided advice on development of curriculum to teach immigration law practitioners about international human rights law and encourage implementation of international human rights law in domestic litigation of immigration cases.

New Yorkers Helping the Homeless

Founder and Chairperson (1989-1993)

Organized twenty-five member committee to host fund-raisers (raised \$20,000 - \$30,000/year) for not-for-profit organizations in New York. Participants included business executives, lawyers and law firm summer associates.

Developed and organized “Spirit of Giving” program, through which lawyers and corporate executives answered more than 300 letters written to Santa by homeless children. Solicited participants, distributed letters and collected gifts responding to the children’s holiday wishes.

Women in Need

Member of Board of Directors (1990-1993)

Board member for not-for-profit organization (annual budget of more than \$5 million) that provides services and shelter to homeless women and their children.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of PA, DC, NY and CT bars; American Bar Association; American Immigration Lawyers Association; Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA), Philadelphia Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Association; D.C. Bar Association