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MEMBERSHIPS & HONORS

- Fulbright Scholar, Australian-American Commission, 2019
- National Association of Counsel for Children, board member, 2019-present
- Maryland Citizens Review Board for Children, appointed member, 2017-present
- Maryland Bar, admitted 2007
- Leadership Trenton Fellow, 2006
- District of Columbia Bar, admitted 2000

PUBLICATIONS

- *Laws May Change, but Attitudes Remain the Same, in Reflections on Child Welfare Areas of Practice, Issues, and Service Populations: Sociological Autobiographies*, Child Welfare League of America (2020)
- *Backward Progress Toward Reinstating Parental Rights*, 41 NYU Rev. L. Soc. Change 507 (2018)
- *Establishing Legal Permanency for Children*, in *Child Welfare Law and Practice: Representing Children, Parents, and State Agencies in Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Cases* (2016)
- *(Re-)Grasping the Opportunity Interest: Lehr v. Robertson and the Terminated Parent*, 25 Kan. J.L. & Pub. Pol'y 31 (2015)
- *Avoiding Unintended Disclosure: Representing Clients with HIV and AIDS*, 43 Cap. U. L. Rev. 227 (2015)
- *Legal Orphans Need Attorneys to Achieve Permanency*, 33 ABA Child Law Practice 12 (2014)
- *Resurrecting Parents of Legal Orphans: Un-Terminating Parental Rights*, 231 PLI/Crim 297 (2012)
- *Resurrecting Parents of Legal Orphans: Un-Terminating Parental Rights*, 17 Va. J. Soc. Pol'y & L. 318 (2010)
- *A Lawyer for Every Child: Client-Directed Representation in Dependency Cases*, 47 Fam. Ct. Rev. 605 (2009)
- *Creating a Causal Connection: From Prenatal Drug Use to Imminent Harm*, 25 NYU Rev. L. Soc. Change 383 (1999)

PRESENTATIONS & MEDIA

- Supporting Diversity in the Academic Support Profession: Building, Maintaining and Nurturing the Relationship between the Academic Success Professional and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Bi-Annual Association of Academic Support Educators (AASE) Diversity Conference (2019)
- 21st Century Permanency: Current Trends and New Ideas, 43rd National Child Welfare Law Conference, National Association of Counsel for Children (2019)
- Foster Care Crisis Opens Doors to Second-Chance Parents, Pew Trust Stateline (July 2019) (quoted in)
- Examining Statutes to Reinstate Parental Rights: The Good, The Bad and... Next Steps, 17th National Conference on Children & the Law (2017)

- Future Challenges in Child Welfare, 25 Years of Family Defense: The Clinic, The Field, The Movement (2016)
- Expanding Permanency Options for Youth in Foster Care, 12th Annual Wells Conference on Adoption Law (2016)
- (Re-)Grasping the Opportunity Interest: Lehr v. Robertson and the Terminated Parent, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference (2016)
- Service-Learning in the Law School Curriculum: Teaching and Learning Social Justice Through Humanitarian Action, Society of American Law Teachers (SALT) Teaching Conference (2014)
- Naming Rights: Birth Fathers, Babies and Birth Certificates, Clinical Law Review Writers' Conference (2014)
- (Re-)Grasping the Opportunity Interest: Lehr v. Robertson and the Terminated Parent, Pre-tenured Clinical Faculty Scholarship Workshop (2014)
- Mother and Child: Should Child Welfare Laws Be So Rigid About Ending Parental Rights?, Ms. Magazine (Summer 2014) (quoted in)
- Post-Termination Reunification: Expanding Permanency Options for Legal Orphans, Mid-Atlantic People of Color Conference (2014)
- Child Custody and Permanency Planning, Hope & a Home Speaker's Series (2014)
- UDC HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic, "Sound Advice" television show, UDC-TV (2013) (guest)
- Parent Attorney Advocacy and Reinstatement of Parental Rights, PLI Adoption Law Institute (2012)
- Life After TPR: New Laws Give Some Families a Second Chance, Rise Magazine (2012) (published interview)
- Avoiding Unintended Disclosure: Representing Clients with HIV and AIDS, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Meeting (New Scholars Workshop) (2011)
- Reinstatement of Parental Rights: Overview of Statutes, Practical Impact, and Tips for Legislative Advocacy, ABA Center on Children and the Law 2nd National Parents' Attorneys Conference (2011)
- Legal Options for HIV Positive Mothers, Community Connections Isis Project (2011)
- Teleconference/Webinar: Reinstating Parental Rights for Youth in Care, National Resource Center for Permanency and Family Connections (2011)
- Restoration of Parental Rights and Post-Termination Reunification, University of Dayton School of Law Gilvary Symposium (2011)
- Child Custody and Permanency Planning, Hope & a Home Speaker's Series (2010)
- Constitutional Rights of Parents, Bar Association of the District of Columbia (BADC) Neglect & Delinquency Practice Institute (2010)
- Representing Non-Resident Fathers in Child Welfare Proceedings, District of Columbia Superior Court (2009)
- Important Legal Documents for People with HIV/AIDS, Miriam's House (2009)
- Representing Children in a Transformative Environment of Service Delivery and Resources: Tools for Engaging Youth in Their Court Proceedings, Virginia CLE (2009)
- Evolving Role of the Child's Counsel, 3rd Montana Leadership Summit on the Protection of Children (2009)
- Advocating for Your Client's Health From Birth Through Adolescence: Involving Court-Involved Children & Youth in Decisions about Their Health, ABA National Conference on Children & the Law (2009)

- The Unfulfilled Promise: The Right to Counsel for Parents and Children in Child Welfare Proceedings, ABA National Conference on Children & the Law (2009)
- Representing the Child Client: Defining Your Role and Responsibilities to the Client, Idaho CLE (2009)
- APPLA and Permanency for Older Youth, Catalyst for CARE 9th Annual Child Placement Conference (2008)
- Cross-Clinic Collaborations: Looking Forward and Reflecting Back, AALS Conference on Clinical Education (2008)
- Understanding APPLA, The Children's Law Center Annual Attorney Training (2008)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, DC

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, July 2016-Present

Ensure that the academic program meets the standards of the American Bar Association. Plan the academic calendar and course schedules, advise students on academic requirements, and oversee the faculty development program.

AUSTRALIAN CENTRE FOR CHILD PROTECTION, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA, Adelaide, SA

Fulbright Scholar, January 2020-March 2020 (ended due to COVID-19 pandemic)

Conduct research related to the provision of child abuse prevention services to Aboriginal communities in South Australia.

DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, DC

Associate Professor and Director of the General Practice Clinic, August 2012-July 2016

Co-taught bi-weekly seminar and case rounds, and engaged in course planning and preparation. Supervised student attorneys representing parents and caregivers in a variety of family law cases. Reviewed student legal work and provided appropriate feedback. Spoke at conferences and symposia on issues related to child welfare, adoption and termination of parental rights.

PUBLIC CATALYST, Iselin, NJ

Consultant, July 2012-September 2012

Provided support for the monitoring report for *Dwayne B. v. Snyder* (Michigan foster care reform class action) by performing data verification, policy and curricula reviews and report drafting.

DAVID A. CLARKE SCHOOL OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington, DC

Associate Professor and Co-Director of the HIV/AIDS Legal Clinic, May 2009-August 2012

Administered grant provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children, Youth and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Abandoned Infants Assistance Program. Assisted in grant writing and submitted quarterly reports. Provided legal services to persons infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, Washington, DC

Adjunct Associate Professor, January 2009-May 2009

Designed and taught course entitled, Juvenile Law: Children's Legal Rights. Prepared course syllabus, lesson plans, teaching aids, exams and other instructional materials. Organized series of guest lectures.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION CENTER ON CHILDREN AND THE LAW, Washington, DC

Staff Attorney, July 2008-May 2009

Oversaw the formation of pro bono programs providing legal assistance to former foster youth. Developed resources on issues affecting youth in and transitioning from the foster care system. Conducted trainings on various legal and judicial aspects of the child welfare system. Conducted site visits to evaluate legal representation for parents in child welfare proceedings in Michigan.

WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, Washington, DC

Practitioner-in-Residence, General Practice Clinic, July 2006-July 2008

Co-taught bi-weekly seminar and case rounds, and engaged in course planning and preparation with other faculty. Supervised student attorneys representing indigent clients in civil cases, including family law, probate, small claims and bankruptcy. Taught a course, Juvenile Law: Children's Legal Rights, outside of the clinical curriculum.

NEW JERSEY OFFICE OF THE CHILD ADVOCATE, Trenton, NJ

Assistant Child Advocate, November 2004-July 2006

Evaluated the performance of state agencies in providing services to families and children throughout the state. Visited juvenile detention facilities to ensure adherence to state regulations. Participated in audit of Department of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) case files to determine rate of compliance with state regulations and agency policies. Contributed to several publications, including *Families Under the Supervision of New Jersey's Division of Youth and Family Services: An Examination of Case Practice*, *Child Fatality Investigations 2005*, and *Child Fatality Investigations: Zion Nicholas, Angel Cartagena, Philip O'Donnell*.

THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER, Washington, DC

Supervising Attorney/Project Director, January 2004-November 2004

Supervised staff attorneys handling adoption, custody, and guardianship cases. Cultivated relationships and serviced as liaison with pro bono coordinators at area law firms. Developed training materials for the Center's Family Permanency Project. Developed training materials, organized and conducted on-going trainings. Provided mentorship to pro bono attorneys handling child welfare cases.

THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER, Washington, DC

Staff Attorney/Project Director, October 2001-January 2004

Trained and mentored pro bono attorneys litigating adoption, custody, and guardianship cases through the Center's Family Permanency Project. Worked with parents of disabled students to obtain appropriate special education services through the public school system. Served as guardian ad litem for children in the child abuse and neglect system.

THE CHILDREN’S LAW CENTER, Washington, DC

Skadden Fellow, October 1999-October 2001

Implemented a project designed to assist kinship caregivers in obtaining legal permanency for children in their care. Litigated adoption and custody cases in District of Columbia Superior Court. Assisted with the drafting of permanent guardianship legislation.

FAMILY DEFENSE CLINIC, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Student Attorney, August 1998-May 1999

Worked under supervision of experienced child welfare attorneys. Litigated family law cases in New York Family Court (Manhattan). Conducted legal research and successfully litigated motion to vacate order terminating client’s parental rights.

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

Teaching Assistant/Research Assistant (Constitutional Law), Professor Derrick Bell, August 1998-May 1999

Provided instructional support by assisting in planning instruction, viewing each class, preparing instructional materials (when needed), tutoring students, and responding to professor and student needs. Conducted research on constitutional law issues.

THE CHILDREN’S LAW CENTER, Washington, DC

Bergstrom Child Welfare Law Fellow, Summer 1998

Attended three-day training at the University of Michigan Law School on representing children and parents. Assisted special education attorney with due process hearings and school placement issues. Researched case law relating to child welfare and prepared memoranda. Observed child neglect and abuse hearings and adoption trials.

DeKALB COUNTY JUVENILE COURT, Decatur, GA

Legal Intern, Child Advocacy Unit, Summer 1997

Interviewed abused and neglected children and presented findings in detention and adjudicatory hearings. Conducted home evaluations and visited schools, institutions, emergency shelters, and group homes to ensure that children received appropriate services.

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., May 1999

Honors: Derrick Bell Scholarship for Public Service
 Bergstrom Child Welfare Law Fellowship
 Public Interest Committee (PIC) Grant
 Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholarship
 Skadden Fellowship

SPELMAN COLLEGE, Atlanta, GA

B.A., English, *summa cum laude*, May 1996