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WORK EXPERIENCE:

Washington College of Law, American University:

Professor of Law, 1994 to present; Assoc. Professor of Law, 1991-4; Asst. Professor of Law, 1988 –91;
Clinical Lecturer, 1984-8

Director, Washington College of Law Clinical Program, January 2003 through July, 2006.
Responsible for developing and coordinating programmatic activities, and for overseeing logistical
administrative support, for nine in-house clinics, twenty-two full time clinical faculty, and five full time
administrative staff serving an annual student enrollment of 180-250;

Director, Community and Economic Development Law Clinic, 1998 to present. Established the
Washington College of Law's first transactional legal services clinic, representing community-based
nonprofit organizations, tenants' associations and small businesses serving poor neighborhoods in the
District of Columbia and its metro area. Designed teaching structure, case management system,
comprehensive syllabi for orientation and the academic year, simulations, and instructional materials.
Continuing responsibilities include teaching the classroom component of the clinic, supervising students in
representing clients, conducting education and outreach to potential partners and client groups, and
representing the Clinic at local, regional, national and international conferences.

Director, Public Interest Law Clinic, 1984-1998. Supervised, administered and taught in an
administrative advocacy clinic with seminar component. Areas of representation included enforcing clients'
rights in public housing and overnight shelter; securing disability benefits for individuals in the social
security and veterans' benefits systems; and assisting low wage federal employees before the Merit Systems
Protection Board.

Harvard University Law School: Visiting Professor of Law, January Term, 2002. Taught intensive course
on community economic development.

Maryland Legal Aid Bureau: Staff attorney, 1979 - 84. Practiced in civil legal services office for the greater
Baltimore metropolitan area, with specializations in housing, consumer and administrative law.

The Commonwealth School: High school teacher, 1973 – 4. Taught Latin and medieval history in a private
high school in Boston, Massachusetts.

EDUCATION:

J.D., 1979 - Columbia University, New York, New York.

M.A., 1975 - Yale University, Department of History, New Haven, Connecticut.

B.A., 1973 - Yale College, Magna cum laude, major in History.

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE: Maryland (state and federal courts); District of Columbia (state and federal courts)

SELECTED DIRECTORSHIPS AND BOARD MEMBERSHIPS:

Irish Review of Community Development Law and Policy: International Advisory Board, 2011 to present;

Public Interest Committee, District of Columbia Bar: Member, 2012 to present;

Interpreter Bank Project, D.C. Access to Justice Commission: Member, Advisory Board, 2006 to present;

Local Human Rights Lawyering Project, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law: Member, Advisory Board, 2011 to present;

Community and Economic Development Project of the Pro Bono Program of the District of Columbia Bar: Advisory Board Chair, 2011-2012; Vice Chair, 2009-11; Member, 2006 -2012;

American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Homelessness and Poverty: Member, 2007 – 2010;

Section on Poverty Law, Association of American Law Schools (AALS): Chair, 1996-7, Executive Committee 1992-8, 2006 -9, Program and Nominating Committees Coordinator, 2008-9;

Legal Educators Division, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, Co-chair, 1999-2001;

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty: Co-chair, 1996-8; Secretary, 1994 - 6, 1998-9, Board of Directors, 1992 – 2000.

PUBLICATIONS:

(with Brenda Blom, Louise Howells & Deborah Kenn), COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LAW: A TEXT FOR ENGAGED LEARNING (Carolina Press, 2012);

Constructing the Social Impact Statement to Measure the Full Cost to Public Housing Tenants of Urban Renewal, in AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS 129-167, Nestor Davidson & Robin Malloy, eds, (Ashgate Publishing 2009);

Creating a Client Consortium: Building Social Capital, Bridging Structural Holes, 13 CLIN. L. REV. 67 (2006);

Embracing the Ill-Structured Problem in a Community Economic Development Clinic, 9 CLIN. L. REV. 45 (2002);

Little Engines That Could: Community Clients, Their Lawyers, and Training in the Arts of Democracy, 2002 WISC. L. REV.469;

“The Possibility of a Beloved Place:” Residents and Placemaking in Public Housing Communities, 19 ST. LOUIS UNIV. PUB. L. REV.257 (2000), reprinted in ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, REPRESENTING THE POOR AND HOMELESS: INNOVATIONS IN ADVOCACY 55 (2001);

On Long-Haul Lawyering, 25 FORDHAM URB.L.J.771 (1998);

“No Relief but upon the terms of coming into the house”: Controlled Spaces, Invisible Disentitlements, and Homelessness in an Urban Shelter System, 104 YALE L.J. 2157 (1995);

The Threat of the Wandering Poor: Welfare Parochialism and Its Impact on the Use of Housing Mobility as an Anti-Poverty Strategy, 22 FORDHAM URB.L.J.1207 (1995);

(with Kathleen Sullivan), Disentitling the Poor: Waivers and Welfare "Reform," 26 MICH. J. OF L. REFORM 741 (1993);

Heartbreak Hotel: The Disharmonious Convergence of Welfare, Housing and Homelessness, 1 MARYLAND JOURNAL OF CONTEMPORARY LEGAL ISSUES 27 (1990);

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS (DOMESTIC, 2005 TO PRESENT)

Presenter and panelist, “Challenges in the Ethics of Multiple Representation,” 21st Annual Conference on Affordable Housing and Economic Development, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, May 25, 2012 (Washington, D.C.);

Presenter and panelist, “Community, Collaboration and Narrative: A Workshop at the Intersection of Scholarship, Teaching and Practice,” AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 2, 2012 (Los Angeles, CA);

Metro Connection, WAMU-FM: Interviewed as housing expert on current developments in the loss of affordable workforce and artists’ housing in the District of Columbia (aired February 3, 2012);

Presenter and panelist, “Under Milkweed: A Chronicle for a Pedagogy of Community Economic Development Law and Community Lawyering,” Workshop on the Future of Legal Education, AALS Annual Meeting, January 5, 2012 (Washington, D.C.);

Co- presenter (with Louise Howells), “The City as Protagonist, the Professor as Archaeologist: Five Years of Excavating the Chronicle of Milkweed Park,” Applied Legal Story-telling Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, July 9, 2011 (Denver, CO);

Presenter and panelist, “How Multiple Cooks Make Broth: Decision Making and Organizational Clients,” AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, June 16, 2011 (Seattle, WA);

Presenter and panelist, “Foreclosure Outreach and Organizing: Lawyers and Community Organizations Partner to Empower Clients,” Maryland Partners for Justice Conference, Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland, May 26, 2011 (Baltimore, MD);

Co-presenter (with Brenda Blom, Louise Howells and Deborah Kenn), “Community Economic Development Law: A Text for Engaged Learning,” New York Clinical Theory Workshop, New York Law School, April 8, 2011 (New York, NY);

Moderator and organizer, "Lawyering for Community," Seventh International Conference on Clinical Legal Education, UCLA, November 5, 2010 (Lake Arrowhead, CA);

Moderator and organizer, "Creating Change In and Through the Core Classroom Curriculum," Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, AALS, May 8, 2010 (Baltimore, MD);

Moderator, “Foreclosing on the American Dream: The Housing Crisis and the Role of Lawyers and Laws in Securing Housing Justice,” ABA Mid-Year Meeting, Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, February 13, 2009 (Boston, MA);

Moderator and Program Chair, “Privatization: Pitfall and Promise at the Intersection of Law, Markets and Poverty,” Program of the Section on Poverty Law, AALS Annual Meeting, January 9, 2009 (San Diego, CA);

Moderator, Long Term Affordability in Home Ownership, 17th Annual Conference on Affordable Housing and Economic Development, ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, May 22, 2008 (Washington, D.C.);

Presenter and panelist, “Remote Control? Contingencies, Risks and Rewards in Supervising Students Representing ‘Long Distance’ Clients, AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 7, 2008 (Tucson, AZ);

Presenter, “Constructing the Social Impact Statement to Measure the Full Cost of Urban Renewal,” Program on Affordable Housing and Public/Private Partnerships, University of Colorado Law School, October 20, 2007 (Boulder, CO);

Presenter and Trainer, On Interviewing and on Establishing the Client-Lawyer Relationship, New Lawyer Training, D.C. Consortium of Legal Services Providers, October 4, 2007 (Washington, D.C.);

Presentation to Faculty and consultation on developing transactional law clinics, Wake Forest University Law School, September 20, 2007 (Winston Salem, N.C.);

Presenter, Symposium, "What is the Place of Poverty Law in the Law School Curriculum?" Fordham University Law School, March 5, 2007 (New York, NY);

Presenter, "Insuring Access to Housing for Persons with Limited English Proficiency," ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, Program on Creating Healthy Communities: Ending Homelessness, February 23, 2006 (St. Louis, MO);

Paper presentation, "The Community Lawyer: Enhancer of Social Capital, Manager of Structural Holes," Sixth International Conference on Clinical Legal Education, October 30, 2005 (Lake Arrowhead, CA);

Presenter, "Service to Clients Having Limited English Proficiency," Bellow Scholars Program, AALS Annual Meeting of Section on Clinical Legal Education, May 2, 2005 (Chicago, IL);

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS (INTERNATIONAL)

Presenter (with John Eidleman), "American Family Law," Ballymun Community Law Centre, July 16, 2012 (Dublin, Ireland);

Presenter, "Regeneration/Renewal: Towards a Transatlantic Curriculum in Social Justice, Community Lawyering, and Community Economic Development Law," Tenth International Clinical Legal Education Conference, July 11, 2012 (Durham UK);

Team Member and Presenter, Establishing and Enhancing Clinical Legal Education in China: Concluding Conference, China University of Political Science and Law, January 14-7, 2009 (Beijing, P.R.C.);

Co-Presenter and Team Member, Establishing and Enhancing Clinical Legal Education in China: Faculty Workshop Presented by Washington College of Law, American University, Zhejiang University School of Law, July 28- August 6, 2008 (Hangzhou, P.R.C.);

Presenter, "Reflections on Three Weeks: the 'China Rule of Law Project: Training Clinical Teachers in China, July 16 - August 3, 2007, Conference on US AID Rule of Law Project on Clinical Teaching in China, McGeorge School of Law, January 23-4, 2008 (Sacramento, CA);

Co-Presenter and Team Member, Establishing and Enhancing Clinical Legal Education in China: Faculty Workshop Presented by Washington College of Law, American University, South China University of Technology, July 16 - August 3, 2007 (Guangzhou, P.R.C.);

Presenter and Co-Organizer, Project on Clinical Legal Education in China, Zhejiang University School of Law, December 13 - 16, 2006 (Hangzhou, P.R.C.);

Presenter and co-organizer: Public Interest Law Initiative, New Teacher Training, October 2001 (Riga, Latvia);

Organizer and Presenter: Panel on Social Capital(ism) and Heavy Lifting, Annual Meeting of Law & Society Association, July 5, 2001 (Budapest, Hungary)

AWARDS:

Washington College of Law Public Interest/Public Service Scholars: Outstanding Faculty Award, September 2007;

AALS Section on Clinical Legal Education, Public Interest Committee: Bellow Scholars Award (on behalf of the Washington College of Law Clinical Program), January 2005;

Washington College of Law: Pauline Ruyle Moore Scholar in Public Law, 1997-8; 2003-4