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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK
Juris Doctorate, May 1980
Class Award, 1980 - Criminal Law
Notes & Comments Editor, Hofstra Law Review, 1979-80
Hofstra Law Review Staff, 1978-79

UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT, BURLINGTON, VERMONT
B.A. in history, May 1977
Phi Beta Kappa Award - Outstanding Sophomore

LINCOLN COLLEGE, OXFORD UNIVERSITY, OXFORD, ENGLAND, FALL 1975

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE

WASHINGTON STATE
FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT (WESTERN DISTRICT)
FEDERAL APPEALS COURT (NINTH CIRCUIT)

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CLINICAL PROFESSOR OF LAW

Clinical Law Program, Seattle University School of Law, July 1997 - Present

Teach seminar and clinical components, supervise legal work of second and third year law students on cases involving public benefits, special education, Medicaid, estate planning, and administrative law. Teach Elder Law substantive course.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

Office of Administrative Hearings, Olympia, WA, July 1996 - March 1997

Appointed by Governor Mike Lowry to manage the independent administrative hearing agency of approximately 130 staff as Director and Chief Administrative Law Judge. Responsibilities included oversight of the hearing process, budget development, quality assurance, technology planning, hiring, training, the development of new policies and programs, day-to-day operations, and dealing with staff disciplinary matters.

CHIEF REVIEW JUDGE

Office of Appeals, Department of Social & Health Services, May 1995 - June 1996

Administered and supervised the legal work of a 17 person administrative review office deciding appeals of public assistance, child support, facility licensing, and rate cases. Responsibilities included oversight of decision writing, development and provision of judicial training, managing budgets, writing and reviewing regulations, and coordination between Office of Administrative Hearings, DSHS, and appellant representatives on issues affecting the hearings process.

CONTRACT TRIBAL TRIAL AND APPELLATE COURT JUDGE

Northwest Intertribal Court System, March 1997 - Present

Hear and decide cases and appeals in all areas of law for Indian tribes throughout the Pacific Northwest.

WASHINGTON AND OREGON BARBRI PROFESSOR FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

2003 - present

Lecture, write outlines, review bar questions and answers on Administrative Law in Oregon and Washington State for bar exam preparation course.

ELDER LAW AND SUPERVISING ATTORNEY

Puget Sound Legal Assistance Foundation, Olympia, Washington 1981 - 1995

Supervised attorneys in 9 person law office specializing in the legal problems of low-income and elderly clients. Management tasks included priority setting, supervision and review of legal work of paralegal and attorneys. As attorney for elder law project, provided advice and representation to clients in the areas of Public Assistance, Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security.

LEGISLATIVE STAFF COUNSEL

Washington State Senate, Olympia, Washington 1980-1981

Analyzed and drafted legislation, organized testimony, advised legislators, appeared before committees in the areas of energy conservation, alternative energy resources, nuclear power issues, social and health services issues.

PUBLICATIONS

The ADA: One Avenue to Appointed Counsel Before a Full Civil Gideon, 2 Seattle J. Soc. Just. 609 (2004) (with Susan McClellan and Elizabeth Anderson).

Implementing Psychiatric Advance Directives: Provider Issues and Answers, 30 J. Behav. Health Servs. and Res. 253 (2003) (with Debra Srebnik).

Lifting Burdens: Proof, Social Justice, and Public Assistance Administrative Hearings, 32 N.Y.U. Rev. L. & Soc. Change 131 (2008).

Can the Professor Come Out and Play? Scholarship, Teaching, and Theories of Play, Journal of Legal Education Vol. 5804 (2009) (with Bryan Adamson, Marilyn Berger, Anne Enquist, Paula Lustbader, and John B. Mitchell).

Planning for Alzheimer's Disease with Mental Health Advance Directives, forthcoming in The Elder Law Journal (University of Illinois), Fall 2009.

SIGNIFICANT LEGAL BRIEFING

1. *Andersen v. King County*, 158 Wash.2d 1, 138 P.3d 963 (2006):

Filed Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of Senior Services of Seattle/King County, Services and Advocacy for Gay/Lesbian Elders (SAGE), and Rainbow Train, arguing that, without marriage protection, same-sex elder couples risk impoverishment, the loss of the family home, and loss of health when one partner gets sick. Brief at 2005 WL 723804.

2. *Gormley v. Robertson*, 120 Wash.App. 31, 83 P.3d 1042 (Wash. App. Div. 3, 2004):

Filed Amicus Curiae Brief on behalf of the Northwest Women's Law Center (with Julie Shapiro and Kellye Testy), arguing that the meretricious relationship doctrine should be applied to separating same-sex couples.

3. *Burnham v. State Dept. Of Social And Health Services*, 115 Wash.App. 435, 63 P.3d 816, (Wash.App. Div. 2, 2003):

Filed brief arguing that a client's service animal should be covered by Medicaid as durable medical equipment or a prosthetic device.

AWARDS

Washington Women Lawyers 2002: *Special Contribution to the Judiciary Award*

Seattle University School of Law OUTLAWS Student Organization 2006: *Outstanding Faculty Award*

Seattle University School of Law Access to Justice Institute, *Social Justice in Teaching Award* 2008 – First Faculty Recipient.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Access to Justice Board Impediments Committee Member, 2005 - present

CIRCLE member, 2005 - present

Washington State Bar Association Elder Law Section Board Member, 2009 - 2011

Washington State Bar Association Legislative Committee Member, 2007 - present

AALS Executive Committee, Elder Law Section, 1997-1999

Council on Public Education, Board Member, 2000
Washington Women Lawyers Foundation, Secretary, 1997 - 1999
Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington, Board Member, 1999 - 2005
Northwest Women's Law Center
Washington Women Lawyers, Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee
Administrative Law and Elder Law Sections, Washington State Bar Association
Northwest Justice Project, Pro Bono Volunteer Attorney
Government Lawyers Bar Association, Secretary 1995 - 96

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2008 -2009:

King County Bar Association – Elder Law Section, April 2009: Presentation on the new Domestic Partnership Act Amendments in 2009 Session and impact on elderly clients.

Elder Law Statewide Conference CLE, September 2008: Speaker on amendments to new Domestic Partnership Act and impact on elderly.

Washington State Senate CLE, September 2008: Presentation on Creation and Regulatory Powers of State Agencies.

Washington State House of Representatives, October 2008: Presentation on Regulatory limits of state agencies.

Legal Writing 1L experimental section on Lawyering, September 2008: Developed and presented two classes on Client Interviewing and Client Counseling in collaboration with Raven Lidman, Mimi Samuels, and Laurel Oats.

PILF 15th Anniversary Celebration Speaker, November 2008

2006 – 2007:

May 22, 2006: Alzheimer's Association Conference Speaker: *The use of Mental Health Advance Directives for people with Alzheimer's Disease.*

September 7 and 8, 2006: National Association of Administrative Law Judges Conference Speaker: Plenary Session on *Career Paths for ALJs*, and *Access to Administrative Courts for People with Disabilities.*

December 1, 2006: Co-chair and speaker: Seattle University School of Law Conference on Access to the Courts for people with disabilities. I spoke on the topic of *Attorneys as ADA Accommodations: Legal Strategies.*

December 5, 2006: Washington State Bar Association CLE Speaker: *Mental Health Advance Directives: An Update.*

October 1, 2006: Northwest Clinical Law Conference Speaker: *Technology tips for clinical faculty*.

March 19, 2007: REI speaker: *Estate and Disability Planning for REI Employees*.

April 21, 2007: Northwest Trust Conference Speaker: *Special Needs Trusts for Elder Clients*.

May 8, 2007: 4th International Conference on “Administrative Justice Without Borders”, Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals Speaker: *Tribunals for Diverse Users*.

2007 – 2008:

Joint workshop of Outlaws and UW GLBT student group September 2007: Presentation on Planning for Incapacity for GLBT couples.

WSTLA Roundtable CLE November 2007: Medicare and Medicaid coverage of Long term Care: What every PI lawyer should know.

AALS Conference NYC January 2008: Open Source Presentation on Play in Scholarship and Teaching (with John Mitchell, Marilyn Berger, Paula Lustbader, Anne Enquist, and Bryan Adamson).

QLaw CLE Panel for WSBA March 2008: No Country for Old GLBTs – financing long term care and planning for incapacity and death.

Seattle University School of Law CLE Advising Clients Concerning End of Life Issues April 4, 2008: Panel presentation on client representation.

2001 – 2005:

October 26, 2005: Spoke at KCBA CLE on End of Life Decision Making: On panel “*A Practical Look at Balancing Legal, Medical and Spiritual Factors*”. I spoke about the misconceptions that clients have about end of life decisions and how lawyers can alleviate.

November 5, 2005: Northwest Clinical Conference Speaker: *The Lowest of Low Tech Teaching Tools*.

February 22, 2004: SU Corporate ethics conference, panel moderator on non-profit conversions.

April 23, 2004: Trained OAH ALJs on the advocate’s view of the CARE tool.

May 8, 2004: Speaker at Thurston County Bar CLE on durable powers of attorney and health care directives.

September 21, 2004: Fall Judicial Conference speaker on Sexual Orientation/Family law panel. I spoke on public benefits issues and sexual orientation issues that will come before the court,

and appropriate treatment of gay litigants before the court (considerations).

September 29, 2004: Statewide Legal Services Conference at Sleeping Lady, Speaker on panel on civil Gideon. I discussed litigation/advocacy strategies for advancing the ADA argument for counsel at administrative hearings and in court.

June 7-8 2003: Washington State Access to Justice Conference: Panel presenter on administrative hearing process and social justice.

June 19, 2003: Seattle King County Bar Association: speaker on Mental Health Advance Directives.

October 9, 2003: Washington State Bar Association Presenter: The new Mental Health Advance Directives Legislation.

November 10, 2003: Speaker at training for Professional Guardians on Mental Health Advance Directives and their effect on Guardianship.

November 14, 2003: National Legal Aid and Defender Association Conference: Speaker on Civil Gideon Panel on Attorneys as an Accommodation under the ADA.

December 11 and 16, 2003: WSBA CLE Speaker: The new MHAD Legislation.
2000 - 2002

WSBA Financing Long-term Care CLE: I co-chaired, organized, and presented at this day long CLE. I created an overview hypothetical that was used by each presenter in their segment, and spoke on the topic of Medicare financing of long-term care. January 2001.

Seattle University School of Law, Special Education CLE: With other clinical faculty and staff, I helped put together this free training for attorneys who, in exchange for the CLE credits, agreed to represent one disabled student to obtain special education services from their local school district. I created the overview hypothetical used by all the speakers, and taught the section on the overview of the IDEA and what services can be obtained under the statute (PowerPoint presentation). June 2001.

University of Washington School of Law, National Indian Law Conference: I presented on the Indian Civil Rights Act and its implications for tribal sovereign immunity (PowerPoint presentation). September 2001.

Seattle University School of Law, National Conference on Law and Sexuality: I presented on the implications of assimilation and resistance from the perspective of being both Jewish and a lesbian. September 2002.

University of Washington, Department of Psychiatry presentation Mental Health Advance Directives: I did trainings for the Post-doctorate program students at Western State Hospital on the legal implications and effects of MHADs. May 2000 and June 2001.

Seattle King County Bar Association Elder Law and Guardianship section CLE program on the Use of MHADs and their applicability to Elder Law Practice: I developed and presented a training to elder law attorneys on MHADs and their use for the elderly. February 2002.

Northwest Clinical Law Conference 2000: I co-taught a segment entitled, “Integrating Clinical Teaching into the Traditional Law School Curriculum.”

Northwest Clinical Law Conference 2001: I presented a segment on the use of technology in clinical teaching, focusing specifically on the use of TWEN.

Jim Lehrer Newshour segment on Food Stamp Access in Washington State: I researched and consulted with PBS on the eligibility issues related to three applicants for Food stamps who had been denied by the Department of Social and Health Services. The results of my analysis of these cases were used to question the agency about the denials and the barriers to eligibility faced by low-income and disabled clients. I was also interviewed on camera for the program. The videotape of this program is now used as a training tool by the Northwest Association of Community Organizations. April 2001.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Singer/songwriter/bass player in performing group, *The Righteous Mothers*
Bass player/back-up singer in legal services band, *Func Pro Tunc*

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST