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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

J.D. with Honors, May, 1997

James E. and Carolyn B. Davis Society; North Carolina State Bar Pro Bono Service Award;
Dan Pollitt Fellowship

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

M.A. in Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, May, 1992

Recipient of merit-based research and teaching fellowships

Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

A.B. with Honors in English, May, 1989

Ford Foundation Fellowship; National Endowment for the Humanities Younger Scholars
Award

EMPLOYMENT

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2013-present

Adjunct Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2009-2013

Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2003-2009

Managing Attorney, Legal Aid of North Carolina-Pittsboro office, 2004-2013

- Responsibilities included representing plaintiffs in domestic violence and family law matters in Orange and Chatham Counties and conducting outreach, community education programs, and trainings for lawyers, domestic violence advocacy programs, and social services providers in Alamance, Orange, Lee, Moore, and Richmond Counties.

Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of North Carolina-Hillsborough Office, 2003-2004

- Responsibilities included representing low-income clients in family law and domestic violence matters in Orange and Chatham County District Court.

Assistant Appellate Defender, North Carolina Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC, 2000-2003

- Responsibilities included representing indigent convicted felons on direct appeal to the NC Court of Appeals and the NC Supreme Court. Cases included first-degree murder (non-capital), second-degree murder, voluntary and involuntary manslaughter, and statutory rape, and involved oral arguments before the NC Supreme Court and the NC Court of Appeals.

Coordinating Attorney, Statewide Domestic Violence Initiatives, Legal Services of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC, 1997-1999

- Responsibilities included directing state-wide domestic violence projects; coordinating the Family Law Task Force; providing substantive assistance to domestic violence, family law, and benefits attorneys; coordinating trainings on domestic violence in the Latino community; conducting legal trainings on domestic violence, civil rights, immigration, and welfare issues; grant writing and administration; domestic violence and poverty policy advocacy in collaboration with other national and state non-profits, social service providers, domestic violence advocates, and the private bar.

CLINICAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Domestic Violence Clinic

- One-semester course for third-year law students combining seminar-based and experiential learning through representation of victims of domestic and sexual violence in civil domestic violence protective order hearings, collateral family law and criminal matters, and Title IX matters. Students also work with national, state, and local service providers and non-profits in areas related to policy and advocacy. (Developed in 2009; taught in 2009-2010; 2010-2011; 2011-2012; 2012-2013; 2015).

Immigration Clinic

- Year-long course for third-year law students combining seminar-based and experiential learning through representation of undocumented victims of domestic and sexual violence in immigration and related matters. (Taught in 2013-2014; 2014-2015).

Civil Legal Clinic

- Year-long experiential course for third-year law students representing low-income clients in a full-range of civil matters including landlord/tenant, housing, consumer, family law, employment, public benefits, and other civil rights and economic justice matters. (Taught in 2003-2004; 2005; 2005-2006; 2006-2007; 2007-2008; 2008-2009; teaching in Spring, 2016).

UNIVERSITY HONORS AND SERVICE

Faculty Member of the Year, UNC School of Law 2014 Pro Bono Publico Award

Developer, Planner, and Faculty Advisor, Family Law Friday Pro Bono Project, 2014-present

- Developed and sustained a pro bono project with law students conducting “open houses” at the Orange County courthouse. In partnership with private attorneys, law students conduct intake, provide advice, and assist with pro se pleadings in a full range of family law matters. This project is a collaboration between UNC School of Law, the Orange County Clerk of Court, the Orange County Bar Association, and Legal Aid of North Carolina

Developer, Planner, and Faculty Advisor, Pro Bono Divorce Project, 2010-present

- Developed and sustained a pro bono divorce clinic in which students prepare divorce pleadings on behalf of low-income clients and conduct hearings presided over by a local District Court judge in the Law School courtroom.

Faculty Advisor, Domestic Violence Action Project, 2004-present

- Training and supervising law students in two projects:
 1. Domestic Violence Advocacy Project: working with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Durham Crisis and Response Center to provide pro bono services to victims of domestic violence. (Winner of the University of North Carolina's 2015 Robert E. Bryan Public Service Award).
 2. Subpoena Defense Project: working with the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, and the Confidentiality Institute to provide pro bono advice and representation to domestic violence and sexual assault agencies defending against subpoenas.

Faculty Advisor, Judicial Bypass Project, Law Students for Reproductive Justice, 2013-present

- Working with state and national programs to train and supervise law students developing a pro bono project to assist minors seeking access to judicial waivers from parental consent to abortions.

Faculty Advisor, Community Legal Project, 2014-present

- Advising law students offering legal information to low-income clients at Compass Center in Chapel Hill.

Faculty Advisor, Jewish Law Students Association, 2015-present

Faculty Advisory Committee, University of North Carolina Honors System, 2015-present

Hearing Committee, University of North Carolina Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office, 2015-present

Faculty Hearing Board, University of North Carolina Honor Court, 2015-present

UNC School of Law Academic Affairs Committee, 2015-2016; 2013-2014

UNC School of Law "Beyond the JD" Committee, 2015-2016

UNC School of Law Crisis Response Team, 2013-present

SELECTED NATIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL SERVICE

American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, 2010-present

- Faculty member, providing training nationally on issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Selected by the Commission to participate in The Futures Without Violence Institute for Leadership in Education Development Faculty Development Workshop.

Durham-Orange Association of Women Attorneys' Committee on Child Sex Trafficking, 2014-present

- Committee researched and compiled the report "Child Sex Trafficking in Durham: Calling the Community to a Coordinated Response," currently under consideration by the Durham City Council and the Durham County Board of Commissioners.

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, Judicial Endorsements Committee, 2007-present

- Committee researches and provides endorsements for candidates for the North Carolina Judiciary.

North Carolina Bar Association Pro Bono Committee, 2012-2014

North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission, Legislative Subcommittee, 2009-2011

- Charged with drafting revisions to NCGS Chapter 50B to address procedural ambiguity.

Pro Bono Counsel, Imes v. City of Asheville, 359 N.C. 182; 606 S.E.2d 117 (2004)

- Argued before the NC Supreme Court on behalf of Legal Momentum (formerly NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund) as amicus curiae.

North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission, Law Enforcement Response Committee, 2000-2004

- Committee addressed issues including "pro-arrest" policies, uniform law enforcement responses, data collection, and firearm legislation. Drafted proposed state legislation prohibiting individuals subject to protection orders or convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence crimes from possessing or purchasing firearms.

North Carolina Child Wellbeing and Domestic Violence Task Force, 2002-2003

- Member of the Courts and Law Enforcement Committee which analyzed and made recommendations regarding judicial procedures and policies surrounding domestic violence and child maltreatment.

Compass Center for Women and Families, Board Member and Development Committee Member, 2015-present

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, 2013-2015

Invited Faculty, Litigation Training: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, December, 2015.

Guest Lecturer, Legal Responses to Gender-Based Violence

- Dr. Sandra Martin's graduate seminar, Gender-Based Violence, UNC School of Public Health, November, 2015.

Planner, School Legal Project

- Planner of UNC Clinical Program community education project in which Clinic students conduct trainings for school administrators on legal remedies and resources regarding housing, immigration, domestic violence, and juvenile justice issues, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City and Orange County School Districts, Chapel Hill, NC, November, 2014.

Invited Faculty, Representing Victims of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence in Civil Litigation

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, October, 2015.

Panel Discussant, UNC School of Public Health Gender-Based Violence Research Conference, April, 2015, Chapel Hill, NC

Invited Speaker, Domestic Violence in North Carolina: Statistics, Consequences, and Prospects for the Future

- UNC School of Government Judge's Seminar on Domestic Violence, March, 2015, Chapel Hill, NC

Panel Moderator, Police Violence in the Wake of Ferguson and Staten Island, UNC School of Law, January, 2015, Chapel Hill, NC

Invited Speaker, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

- CLE for the Durham County Bar, January, 2015, Durham, NC.

Trainer, Cross-Cultural Lawyering

- Presentations for Carolina Law's Winter Break Pro Bono Project Training, November, 2014 and November, 2015.

Trainer, Domestic Violence Legal Remedies for Court Advocates

- Presentations for biannual volunteer training programs, Orange County Compass Center, Chapel Hill, NC, October, 2015, April, 2015, October, 2014, March, 2014, October, 2013 and Chatham County Family Violence and Rape Crisis Center, Pittsboro, NC, June, 2015, November, 2014, March, 2014, October, 2013.

Invited Panelist, Gender Violence and the Law, Duke University School of Law, November, 2014, Durham, NC

Invited Panelist, Private Violence

- Discussant following screening of award-winning documentary, October, 2014, Chapel Hill NC.

Invited Faculty, Representing Victims of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence in Civil Litigation

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, September, 2014.

Planner and Faculty Member, Litigation Training: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- Partnered with the North Carolina Bar Association and the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence to plan and teach a 2-day Continuing Legal Education Program for private attorneys, Cary, NC, April, 2014.

Invited Faculty, Use and Integration of Interpreters in Civil Protection Order Representation of Victims of Domestic, Sexual & Stalking Violence

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, February, 2014.

Invited Faculty, Safety & Autonomy: Professional Considerations for Lawyers and Domestic Violence Clients

- Continuing Legal Education Program for Johnston County Bar, Smithfield, NC, November, 2013.

Public Lecture, The Social Ecology of Rape: Legal Responses & Their Limits

- Presentation on behalf of the UNC Interdisciplinary Working Group on Rape: Perceptions, Realities and Responses, UNC Chapel Hill, September, 2013.

Planner and Faculty Member, Domestic Violence and Children

- Developed and taught a training program for school administrators on the impact of domestic violence on children and legal and community resources, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School District, Chapel Hill, NC, February, 2013.

REPRESENTATIVE PAST PRESENTATIONS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Wake Forest School of Law, Gaining a Greater Understanding of Domestic Violence (Winston-Salem, NC, Invited Presenter); UNC Festival of Learning (Various programs on representing Plaintiffs in civil domestic violence litigation and ethical considerations, Chapel Hill); ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Child Custody Institute (San Diego, Invited Faculty); Fundamentals of Domestic Violence for Attorneys (CLE Planner, NC Bar Association, Cary); Domestic Violence and Family Law CLE (Greensboro, Instructor on the Violence Against Women Act Civil Rights Remedy and Immigration Remedies); LSNC Family Law Task Force (Cary, NC, CLE Instructor on Ancillary Relief in Domestic Violence Proceedings and Mediation in Child Custody Matters); Family Enrichment Conference (Kenansville, Keynote Discussant); Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence (Raleigh, Invited Presentation on Domestic Violence and Civil Justice); Virginia Legal Aid Statewide Conference (Roanoke VA., CLE Instructor on Developing Statewide Domestic Violence Initiatives), Corporate Responsibility for Domestic Violence in the Workplace (Charlotte, Philip Morris Conference on Domestic Violence in the Workplace), and various presentations on domestic violence, family law, criminal defense, feminist lawyering, ethics,

and research and writing for lawyers and the local bar at UNC Chapel Hill School of Law , UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine, Family Violence Prevention Center, Orange County, Family Violence Rape Crisis, Chatham County, and for lawyers and service providers in Richmond, Alamance, Wake, Cumberland, and Robeson Counties.

BAR ADMISSIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

North Carolina State Bar, admitted August, 1997
U.S. District Court for Middle District of North Carolina
Judicial District 15B Bar
Orange County Bar Association
Chatham County Bar Association
North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys
Durham-Orange Association of Women Attorneys
North Carolina Bar Association
North Carolina Advocates for Justice
American Bar Association