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LEGAL and RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Scharff Law Firm, Raleigh, NC, June 2018-present; **Owner & Managing Attorney**, September 2019-present; **Staff Attorney**, June 2018-August 2019.

- Represent victims of domestic violence (DV), sexual assault and stalking in civil, criminal, & campus cases
- Represent clients in misdemeanor and felony criminal cases, excluding predominant aggressors of stalking, domestic and sexual violence

Adjunct Associate Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law, Spring 2016- Present

- By request of the administration & student body, developed a new course: Sexual Violence & Law
- Teach “Sexual Violence & the Law” course as a rigorous writing seminar course as requested

Law Enforcement Contract Trainer, Wake Tech Comm. College, Raleigh, NC, Jan 2017- present

- Develop and conduct domestic violence training courses for law enforcement each semester
- Conduct NC Justice Academy domestic violence and legal update in-service training for law enforcement by request

Legal & Policy Director, NC Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCCADV), Durham, NC,
December 2013-June 2018

- Created and presented DV training statewide to judges, magistrates, clerks, prosecutors, law enforcement, advocates and others in the criminal and civil systems and allied professionals involved in service delivery or intervention for domestic violence
- Researched legal and policy best practices related to DV and provided technical assistance in the form of oral and written guidance to members, court personnel, law enforcement and other stakeholders involved in the service delivery or intervention for DV victims
- Coordinated with the NC Conference of District Attorneys, NC Conference of Clerks of Superior Court, UNC School of Government and others to provide DV training in line with best practices.
- Developed a legislative agenda, drafted legislation, and made recommendations to the General Assembly for the modification of laws, policies, and practices related to domestic violence.
- Monitored and analyzed proposed legislation and provided feedback to legislators.
- Supervised two Staff Attorneys and interns under administration of the direct legal services program
- Managed NC Governor’s Crime Commission Grants for provision of direct legal services

Domestic Violence Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of NC, Durham, NC, August 2013-December 2013;

- Represented victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in their civil domestic violence protective order and related hearings.

LEGAL and RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE CONT.

Assistant District Attorney, Wake County District Attorney's Office, Raleigh, NC, June 2009-July 2013 (Domestic Violence Unit, July 2010-Nov 2011).

- Prosecuted felony and misdemeanor cases in Superior, District, and Juvenile Courts
- Maintained ongoing caseload of DV felonies while assigned to Juvenile Court
- Prepared & prosecuted over 300 domestic violence cases per month in DV District Court
- Developed and presented domestic violence programs with Raleigh, and Apex Police Departments, Interact, Raleigh/Wake 911 and the Wake County DV Task Force
- Collaborated with community stakeholders to integrate knowledge of community resources for systems approach DV prosecution & actively participated in Wake County DV Task Force
- Researched & implemented case law on evidence-based DV prosecution/forfeiture by wrongdoing

PROFESSIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINER- selected trainings

- Co-developed and co-presented 4-hour virtual training with NC Conference of District Attorneys, **"Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence,"** November, 2020. Subject matters covered: 1) Trauma-informed lawyering, 2) Investigation and charging, 3) Confrontation clause, and 4) Forfeiture by wrongdoing.
- Developed and presented at NC Victim Assistance Network Fall 2020 Academy, November 2020, **"Utilizing/Maximizing CCR: Coordinated Community Response Teams."** Subject matters covered: 1) Defining CCRs, 2) Analyzing and overcoming challenges to CCR Teams, and 3) Protocol and policy development.
- Accepted to present at **End Violence Against Women International Conference**, April 2020 (Postponed due to COVID-19): "One Size Does Not Fit All: Moving Beyond False Dichotomies to Victim-Centered Change."
- Developed and presented Webinar **"ABCs of DVPOS: Where Criminal and Civil Law Meet"** for NC Conference of District Attorneys, April 2020 (200+ attendees). Subject matters covered: 1) Safety planning, 2) DVPO process & evidence collection, 3) criminal charging enhancements and 4) civil procedure issues.
- Developed and presented at NC Victim Assistance Network Spring 2020 Academy, March 2020, **"Utilizing/Maximizing CCR: Coordinated Community Response Teams."** Subject matters covered: 1) Defining CCRs, 2) Analyzing and overcoming challenges to CCR Teams, and 3) Protocol and policy development.
- Developed and co-presented 8-hour training with NC Conference of District Attorneys "Investigation and Prosecution of Domestic Violence," March 2020. Subject matters covered: 1) Dynamics of domestic violence, 2) Trauma-informed lawyering, 3) Investigation and charging, 4) Confrontation clause, 5) Hearsay exceptions and 6) Forfeiture by wrongdoing.
- Developed and presented multiple sessions for NC Advocates for Justice "Trauma-Informed Lawyering" full-day training, January 2020. Subject matters covered: 1) Overview of trauma-informed lawyering, 2) Client interviewing skills, and 3) Witness preparation.

PROFESSIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINER CONT.

- Co-Presenter at **National Lavender Law Conference**, August 2019: “Redefining Intimate Partner Violence & Sexual Violence for Trans, Queer & HIV-Affected Communities.” Subject matters covered: 1) Anti-LGBTQ discrimination exacerbates IPV, 2) Unique risk factors, 3) Strategies for prevention and barrier reduction.
- Developed and presented at UNC School of Government **Magistrate’s DV Training**, April 2019 & September 2017. Subject matters covered: 1) Dynamics of domestic violence; 2) Stalking; 3) Technology-facilitated crimes; 4) Setting pretrial release conditions; and 5) Issuing Ex Parte DVPOs.
- Co-developed and co-presented training “**Confrontation Clause: Making the Case for Admissibility**” with NC Conference of District Attorneys for DV and Sexual Violence Prosecutors and Law Enforcement, July 2018. Subject matters covered: 1) Dynamics of DV; 2) Confrontation clause; 3) Hearsay exceptions; 4) Interfering with State’s witnesses; and 5) Forfeiture by wrongdoing.
- Developed and presented 8-hour “**DV Investigations**” to law enforcement (LE), Wake Tech, Feb 2018- present. Subject matters covered: 1) Dynamics of DV; 2) Offender tactics to interfere with victims and their participation in the criminal justice process; 3) Best practices for on-scene law enforcement DV investigations; 4) Determining probable cause and predominant aggressor; and 5) Warrantless arrest.
- Developed and presented at UNC School of Government **Clerk’s DV Training**, October 2018. Subject matters covered: 1) DV dynamics and trauma-informed response; 2) Unauthorized practice of law; 3) language access; and 4) Clerk’s role.
- Developed and presented 16-hour “**Advanced DV Investigations**” to law enforcement, Wake Tech, May 2018. Subject matters covered: 1) Impact of trauma on DV victims; 2) Conducting trauma-informed interviews; 3) Prevalence, impact, and crime of stalking; 4) Prevalence, impact and crime of “revenge porn”; 5) Tools for investigating technology-facilitated crimes; 6) Enforcing pretrial release conditions; 6) Advanced investigation tactics; 7) Felony and habitual crimes; and 8) DV & firearms.
- Developed and presented 5-day “**DV Institute**” to law enforcement, NC Justice Academy, May 2018. Subject matters covered include all topics listed above in “DV and Advanced DV Investigations” as well as: 1) Understanding concepts of oppression; 2) DV in marginalized populations; 3) Developing cultural humility; and 4) Testifying.
- Developed and presented at NC **District Court Judges Summer Conference**, 2017. Subject matters covered: 1) Power & control dynamics; and 2) Batterer intervention programs.
- Developed and presented at NC **Clerks of Superior Court Summer Conference**, 2017. Subject matters covered: 1) System responses to increasing access for DV victims; 2) Increasing victim safety; 3) Providing trauma-informed services; and 4) Improving coordinated community response.
- Co-developed and co-presented with NC Conference of District Attorneys for three **DV Regional trainings for Law Enforcement & Prosecutors**, 2016-17. Subject matters covered: 1) Dynamics of DV; 2) Best Practices for on-scene law enforcement investigations; 3) Determining probable cause and predominant aggressor; 4) Confrontation clause & forfeiture by wrongdoing, and 5) “Revenge porn” and cyberstalking.

PROFESSIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TRAINER CONT.

- Co-developed and co-presented with NC Conference of District Attorneys for **three DV Regional trainings for Magistrates**, 2016-17. Subject matters covered: 1) Setting pretrial release conditions; 2) Lethality factors; 3) Victim safety considerations; 4) Violations of pretrial release conditions; 5) Issuing Ex Parte DVPOs; and 6) “Revenge porn” and cyberstalking.
- Developed & presented training at **Federal Violent Crimes Conf.**, March 2017. Subject matters covered: 1) DV & firearm lethality rates; 2) State and Federal firearm prohibitions; 3) DVPO & firearm surrender; and 4) State & Federal collaboration re: firearms & DV.
- Developed and presented DV supplemental training for each **Raleigh Police Department BLET Academy**, 2010-present. Subject matters covered: 1) Dynamics of domestic violence; 2) Offender tactics to interfere with victims and their participation in the criminal justice process; 3) Best practice for on-scene law enforcement DV investigations; 4) Impact of trauma; 5) Trauma-informed interviewing; 6) Determining probable cause & predominant aggressor; and 7) Warrantless arrest.
- Developed and presented 3-hour **DV training to entire Apex Police Department**, Fall 2012, Spring 2015, & Spring 2017. Subject matters covered: 1) Dynamics of domestic violence; 2) Offender tactics to interfere with victims and their participation in the criminal justice process; 3) Best practice for on-scene law enforcement DV investigations; 4) Impact of trauma; 5) Trauma-informed interviewing; 6) Determining probable cause & predominant aggressor; 7) Warrantless arrest; and 8) Maryland Model Lethality Assessment Protocol.
- Trained apx. 1,000 persons annually as Legal & Policy Director of NCCADV on topics such as:
 - Domestic violence dynamics/power & control & abuser tactics
 - Safety planning
 - Coordinated community response
 - Technology-facilitated crimes
 - Evidence-based prosecution
 - Best practices for law enforcement investigation
 - “Revenge” porn & stalking crimes
 - Impact of trauma
 - Criminal and civil justice systems
 - Cultural humility & DV in marginalized communities

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Co-author of publication: Responding to Domestic Violence in Your Community: A Model Protocol, Lisi Martinez-Lotz and Amily McCool, North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Durham, NC: 2017.
- Advisory board member, Courts Applying Solutions to End Intimate Partner Violence, CASE IPV, Department of Health Behavior, University of North Carolina, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Chapel Hill, NC, 2016.
- Co-author of publication: Guidance for Creating College and University Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Violence Prevention and Intervention Programs and Policies for Students, Juliette Grimmert, Amily McCool and Carolina Alzuru, North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Durham, NC: June 2015.
- Co-Author of 2015 Revisions to NC Justice Academy’s BLET DV Block Curriculum.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE Contd.

- Multiple media appearances related to gender-based violence including North Carolina Public Radio, local newspapers, and television. Selected appearances include:
 - Panelist: “Same-sex Couples and Domestic Violence Protection Orders”, March 2021, Hosted by Woodruff Family Law Group.
 - WUNC NC Public Radio, [The State of Things, COVID-19 is Creating Another Public Health Crisis: Domestic Violence](#), April 2020.
 - The Guardian: [North Carolina: No Protections for Same-Sex Domestic Violence Victims](#), Feb 2019.
 - WRAL Article: [Presumption of Fear, Part 3: Six Shots](#), Nov 2018.
 - CBS17 News: [Wake County Teen Shared Video of Sexual Encounter, Investigators Say](#), June 2018.
 - WUNC Article: [“Durham Stops Overnight Civil Restraining Orders for DV Victims,”](#) May 2018.
 - WHQR Public Media, Coastline: [Guns and Domestic Violence](#), Feb 2018.
 - WRAL Article: [Local Case Pokes Loophole in Domestic Violence Gun Prohibition](#), Dec 2017.
 - WRAL Article: [Apex Man Accused of Killing Wife Also Faces Domestic Violence Charges in Louisiana](#), Dec 2017.
 - WRAL Article: [Family Still Pushing for Stricter Domestic Violence Punishments as ‘Britny’s Law’ Takes Effect](#),” Dec. 2017.
 - WUNC Article, [“Bill Would Make it Easier to Seek First-Degree Murder Charges for Domestic Violence,”](#) April 2017.
 - Blog Talk Radio: [#MeToo Culture of Assault and How We Fight Back](#), October 2017.
 - WUNC NC Public Radio, The State of Things: [“You Don’t need to be in Handcuffs to Realize You have a Problem,”](#) Feb 2015.
- Active member of Administrative Office of the Courts Custody Mediation Advisory Committee, 2014-2018
- Active member of Administrative Office of the Courts DV Advisory Committee and Child Custody Mediation Advisory Committee, Dec. 2013-August 2018
- General Instructor Certification, NC Criminal Justice Education & Training Standards Commission, Probationary Sept. 2016-17; General effective Sept. 2017.
- NC Bar Admission: August 2008 (State Bar #38344)

EDUCATION

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

Juris Doctor, May 2008

GPA: 3.745; Class rank: 10/212

Honors: UNC School of Law Order of the Coif, NC State Bar Pro Bono Award; UNC School of Law Davis Society, UNC School of Law Pro Bono Graduating Student of the Year, Frank Porter Graham Honor Society; Honorable Mention Recipient of 2007 NALP/PSLawNet National *Pro Bono Publico* Award

Activities: Domestic Violence Advocacy Project, 50B Project Coordinator Fall 2005- Spring 2008; Class of 2008 Pro Bono Board Class Coordinator; Broun National Trial Team Member; 2007 TYLA Regional Competition 1st Place Winner; 2007 TYLA National Competition Quarter-Finalist Dean's Advisory Council Chair; Provided over 400 pro bono service hours

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Master of Social Work, May 2003

Honors: Jane Curtis Parker Scholarship; Joanna Finkelstein Gorham Scholarship

Activities: Carolina Women's Center Women's Week Planning Committee Member; Maternal and Child Health Leadership Training Program

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

BA in Psychology, December 2000, *summa cum laude*