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## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

### **Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Chicago, IL**

Clinical Professor of Law, Director, Health Justice Project, August 2017 – Present

- Direct a medical-legal partnership clinic focused on interdisciplinary advocacy, upstream practice, and holistic legal care.
- Partner with a large federally qualified health system and major urban legal aid program to provide legal services to address the health harming legal needs of patients in poverty.
- Teach a clinical seminar course on substantive law, social determinants of health, and legal practice skills.
- Supervise second- and third-year law students in the representation of clients in a variety of civil matters related to access to healthy housing, access to health care, and disability advocacy with the purpose of improving health and well-being.
- Develop interprofessional curricular offerings with the school of public health, medicine, nursing, and social work, including a course on end of life care and planning with social work and legal didactics, interprofessional simulations, and culminating in an experiential opportunity for drafting health care power of attorneys for seniors.

### **University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI**

Clinical Teaching Fellow, Pediatric Advocacy Clinic, July 2014 – July 2017

- Co-taught weekly four-hour seminar class focused on substantive law and lawyering skills including client interviewing and counseling, client-centered lawyering, case planning, trial skills, negotiations, mindfulness and self-care, child health, EPSDT, interdisciplinary and upstream practices, and special education.
- Supervised second- and third-year law students representing clients in special education, public benefits, EPSDT & health care access, family law, and housing cases, as well as health and education policy matters. Supervision focused on developing independence and sound legal reasoning as well as fostering a holistic and upstream approach to client representation encompassing direct representation and systemic advocacy strategies.
- Engaged in systemic advocacy related to the Michigan Department of Education's state complaint procedures, resulting in changes to practices and policies enhancing outcomes for parents and students, and related to access to care for Medicaid-eligible children, obtaining changes to the state Medicaid plan and regulations regarding the definition of medical necessity for children under EPSDT and changed policies and guidelines related to access to related therapies, as well as training for state hearing officers on EPSDT.
- Provided training to health care providers and lawyers on topics including upstream advocacy, poverty and health, EPSDT and access to health care, and special education.

**Tulane University Law School, New Orleans, LA**

*Kramer Fellow, The Public Law Center, November 2006 – June 2007*

- Provided technical assistance to community groups and nonprofit organizations promoting housing and economic redevelopment in New Orleans post-Katrina through the use of Community Land Trusts and Community Benefit Agreements.
- Conducted research on legislative and policy issues for nonprofit organizations and city agencies including rental rate restrictions, expropriation laws, lobbying restrictions for nonprofits, city code enforcement procedures, and landlord-tenant regulations.
- Assisted in website development for The Public Law Center.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Toledo Medical Legal Partnership for Children, Toledo, OH**

**Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. and Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.**

*Legal Director, Staff Attorney, April 2008 – June 2014*

- Collaborated with medical providers to improve the health and well-being of children in poverty and their families through the provision of professional consultations and on-site legal services for patients.
- Developed and implemented a comprehensive training curriculum for medical providers covering poverty law issues in the framework of social determinants of health, including such topics as access to health care through Medicaid and EPSDT coverage, public benefits, special education, housing, domestic violence, and advocacy skills as a means to improve child health and well-being.
- Provided direct representation to children and their families in civil legal matters including access to education, access to health care, housing, public benefits, family and juvenile law, and consumer matters.
- Engaged in systemic advocacy on behalf of children with medically complex health related needs seeking durable medical equipment and prescription coverage, obtaining state policy changes related to pediatric hospital bed billing rates for Medicaid-eligible children and changes in Medicaid Managed Care practice related to access to the drug Synagis, and on behalf of children with disabilities and children of color facing inadequate identification and evaluation procedures under special education law and disproportionate and discriminatory disciplinary removals.
- Filed systemic complaints with the Ohio Department of Education, the Office of Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Education, and the United States Department of Justice and worked collaboratively with these oversight agencies to advocate for district policy and practice changes related to child find and disciplinary removals.
- Provided testimony before the Ohio Legislature on school discipline.
- Developed website, educational materials, and advocacy resources for medical providers and families: <http://mlpc.ablelaw.org/toledo/>.

**Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA**

*Policy Director, Staff Attorney, Consultant, October 2003 – March 2006*

- Completed two published projects intended to catalyze reform of the juvenile indigent defense system including drafting a memorandum on best practices for juvenile indigent defender programs and writing a Louisiana juvenile defender trial practice manual.
- Represented young people in pre-adjudication and post-disposition proceedings in juvenile and appellate courts throughout the State of Louisiana.

- Participated in extensive legislative and policy work on juvenile justice and indigent defense reform efforts including drafting legislation and resolutions; preparing and coordinating testimony before the legislature; and participating in legislative task forces on juvenile indigent defense, juvenile competency, and juvenile prison conditions.
- Monitored Louisiana juvenile prisons for compliance with a settlement agreement reached in a federal court and worked in collaboration with the State Department of Youth Services and the United States Department of Justice to ensure implementation of juvenile prison reforms resulting in improved conditions, services, educational programming and a decrease in the number of incarcerated youth by more than half.
- Supervised project staff and managed summer law student intern and volunteer program.

**Legal Aid Chicago (Formerly Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago), IL West-Side Office and Central Intake Office**

*Staff Attorney*, September 2000 – September 2003,

- Represented indigent clients in civil matters and administrative proceedings, state circuit court, appellate court, and federal district court in housing, family law, employment law, consumer, and public benefits matters.
- Assisted in revising a statewide utility manual for legal services providers and preparing comments on agency rules and policies regarding public housing reform in Chicago.

**EDUCATION**

**Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, IL**

*Juris Doctor, Cum Laude*, May 2000

*Honors*: Dean's List

*Activities*: Student Funded Public Interest Fellowships, Board Member; Public Interest Law Week Planning Committee; Public Interest Law Group; Feminists and Women's Coalition, Co-Chair; Julius Minor Moot Court Competition (Octofinalist/Top Five Brief)

**Beloit College, Beloit, WI**

Bachelor of Arts, *Magna Cum Laude*, May 1996

*Majors*: Sociology and Theater Arts - Dance Concentration

*Minor*: Civil Rights (self-designed interdisciplinary minor)

*Honors*: Presidential Scholar, Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa, Honors in Theater

*Special Studies*: Associated Colleges of the Midwest Urban Studies Program, Fall 1994

Senior Project in Theater: Produced, directed and choreographed a dance concert entitled

*Celebrating Women: A Dance of Body and Mind*, Spring 1996

*Activities*: Chelonia Dance Company, Amnesty International, the Breakfast Club

**PUBLICATIONS**

*An Interprofessional Anti-racist Curriculum is Paramount to Addressing Racial Inequities in Health*, with Abigail Silva and Maya Watson, JOURNAL OF LAW, MEDICINE, AND ETHICS ON HEALTH LAW AND ANTI-RACISM (*forthcoming* Winter 2022)

*The Promise and Failures of Children's Medicaid and the Role of Medical-Legal Partnerships as Monitors and Advocates*, 30 HEALTH MATRIX ISS. 1 (2020),

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3367011](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3367011).

*Counseling Clients on Advance Directives at the End of Life: An Interprofessional Course for Social Work and Law Students*, 4 J HEALTH SCI EDUC 3 (2020), <https://escires.com/articles/Health-1-185.pdf>

*"We Can't Tolerate That Behavior in This School!" The Consequences of Excluding Children with Behavioral Health Conditions and the Limits of the Law*, 41 N.Y.U. REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 3 (2017), [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3046706#](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3046706#).

*Louisiana Juvenile Defender Trial Practice Manual*, Principal Author, Published by the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana and the Southern Juvenile Defender Center (2007) <http://lpdb.la.gov/Supporting%20Practitioners/Practice%20Manuals/txtfiles/pdf/Juvenile%20Defender%20Trial%20Practice%20Manual.pdf>.

*Principles in Practice: Promoting Accountability, Safety and Fairness in Juvenile Delinquency Proceedings*, Contributing researcher and author, National Juvenile Defender Center in cooperation with the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana and the Southern Juvenile Defender Center, Produced by the Southern Poverty Law Center (2007) <http://njdc.info/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Principles-in-Practice-Promoting-Accountability-Safety-and-Fairness-in-Juvenile-Delinquency-Proceedings.pdf>

## **MEDIA**

*The Vicious Cycle: How lawyers can break the link between poverty and poor health*, Chicago Lawyer, Dustin J. Siebert, June 2018, [https://www.chicagolawyermagazine.com/cl0618\\_q-a-20180605](https://www.chicagolawyermagazine.com/cl0618_q-a-20180605).

*Michigan has one of the harshest school discipline laws in the country, but not for long*, Michigan Public Radio, Jennifer Guerra, June 13, 2017, <http://michiganradio.org/post/michigan-has-one-harshest-school-discipline-laws-country-not-long>. (Assisted with and pitched this story highlighting PAC clients facing harsh disciplinary removals.)

*Doctor's Orders: Call Your Lawyer*, University of Michigan Law Quadrangle, Spring 2015: [http://quadrangle.law.umich.edu/spring2015/features/doctors-orders-call-your-lawyer/?utm\\_source=Law+Quadrangle+Notes&utm\\_campaign=cb0a53f96a-2014\\_10\\_30\\_Law\\_Quadrangle\\_Notes04\\_09\\_2015&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_891f5ef100-cb0a53f96a-208830513](http://quadrangle.law.umich.edu/spring2015/features/doctors-orders-call-your-lawyer/?utm_source=Law+Quadrangle+Notes&utm_campaign=cb0a53f96a-2014_10_30_Law_Quadrangle_Notes04_09_2015&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_891f5ef100-cb0a53f96a-208830513).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

*Engaging Students in Race and Health Equity Education and Practice*, ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Boston, MA, June 10, 2021 (with Abigail Silva & Maya Watson).

*Cultivating Professional Identity in the First Year of Law School*, AALS Clinical Conference, May 1, 2021 (with Miranda Johnson, Jaqueline Ross, Carla Coupet, and Josie Gough).

*Innovations in Integrated Care: Medical Legal Partnerships*, Dominican University, River Forest, IL, April 16, 2021 (with Maya Watson).

*Innovating to Address COVID-19*, Webinar Series: Beyond Crisis Management Preparing for What's Next, Loyola University Quinlan School of Business & Parkinson School of Health Sciences and Public Health, Chicago, IL, July 9, 2020 (with Seth Green, Carolyn Kmet, Amy Luke, Elaine Morrato, Elizabeth Stranges, Abigail Silva, and Zach Waickman).

*Why Can't We Be Friends? Collaborating with Non-Clinical Faculty*, Midwest Clinical Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2019 (with Allison Bethel, Colleen Boraca, & Wendy Vaughn).

*Preparing Students to be Interdisciplinary Collaborators for Change*, AALS Conference on Clinical Education, San Francisco, May 2019 (with Yulanda Curtis, Crystal Grant, Samir Hanna, Rachael Kohl, & Dana Thompson).

*Breaking Down Barriers: Medical-Legal Partnerships Enhance Access to Care for Youth with Cerebral Palsy*, American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, October 2018 (with Rita Ayyangar, MBBS, Virginia Nelson, MD, MPH, and Brittany Shupe-Sawyer, MSW).

*Experiential Health Law Opportunities through the Medical-Legal Partnership Model*, ASLME Health Law Professors Conference, Cleveland, June 2018 (with Debra Chopp, JD).

*The Intersection Between EPSDT & the IDEA*, Loyola University Chicago Community and Family Service Center, November 8, 2017.

*Manifestation Determination Reviews (MDRs): Did the Disability Cause the Behavior?* National Business Institute Conference: Special Education: The Ultimate Guide, Toledo, Ohio, November 2016.

*Accommodating Diabetes in School*, University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Diabetes Clinic School Program, Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Ann Arbor, MI, November 2016 (with Jacinta Florek, LMSW, MPH).

*Medicaid for Children: What is EPSDT and What Does it Cover?* University of Michigan Health System Orthotics and Prosthetics Center, Ann Arbor, MI, May 2016 (with Virginia Nelson, M.D., M.P.H.).

*The Rights of Students in School Disciplinary Proceedings: Enhanced Protections Under the IDEA and Section 504*, University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic, Ann Arbor, MI, May 2016.

*Child Poverty, Health and Public Benefits*, Pediatric Resident Didactic Talk, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, University of Michigan Medical Center, Ann Arbor, MI, March 2016.

*Integrating Legal Advocacy into Health Care Settings*, Child Health Evaluation and Research Unit Training, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2015 (with Debra Chopp, JD).

*Child Poverty, Health, and EPSDT*, Michigan Poverty Law Project Roadshow, Okemos, Michigan, October 2015.

*Case Studies in Special Education Law*, Department of Pediatric Rehabilitative Medicine, Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan, July 2015 (with Debra Chopp, JD).

*Practicing Law Upstream: Transforming Legal Care*, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medical-Legal Partnership Summit, McLean, Virginia, April 2015 (with Dawn Bolyard, APN, and George Thomas, JD).

*Medicaid for Children: EPSDT*, Pediatric Residency Conference Series, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, Michigan, January 2015 (with Virginia Nelson, MD, MPH, Annalyce Herera, JD candidate).

*Social Determinants of Health and Patient Advocacy*, Program on Global Health Disparities, University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, MI, September 2014 (with Debra Chopp, JD).

*The Current State of Health Coverage for Kids: What you should know about the ACA, EPSDT, and how to get pediatric patients the care they need*, Pediatric Grand Rounds, Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, May 2014 (with Kim Reno, MSW, LISW, and David Koeninger, JD).

*School Discipline: Rules, Trends, Rights, Special Circumstances*, Community CLE for Community Legal Aid, Akron, Ohio, April 2014.

*The Importance of Early Identification and Referral for Intervention and Special Education Services*, Pediatric Grand Rounds, St. Vincent Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, February 2014 (with Mary Beth Wroblewski, M.D., and Karla Spangler, Ph.D.).

*Risks to Low-Income Students from School Expulsion and School Safety Proposals*, CORT Webinar (Committee on Regional Training consortium for legal aid advocates in Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia and Indiana), December 2013 (with Sarah Biehl, Esq., Stephanie Moes, Esq., Erin Davies, JD).

*Special Education: Knowing the Basics, School Disciplinary Proceedings and the School-to-Prison Pipeline*, Full day retreat for Education Practice Group at Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Findlay, Ohio, October 2013 (with Kristin Hildebrant, JD).

*Understanding Domestic Violence and its Impact on Child Health and Well Being*, Pediatric Grand Rounds, Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, May 15, 2013 (with Dan Nathan, JD and Melissa Welch, LSW, MSW).

*Improving the Health and Well Being of Children in Poverty through Patient Advocacy*, Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps Regional Conference, Bowling Green, Ohio, April 2013.

*Public Utilities and Child Health*, Pediatric Grand Rounds, St. Vincent Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, March 13, 2013 (with Ramalinga Reddy, MD, and Dawn Bolyard, APN).

*Childhood Disability Benefits (SSI): Ensuring Support for Children in Poverty*, Pediatric Grand Rounds, Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, October 24, 2012 (with David Koeninger, JD).

*Panelist of Parent and School attorneys answering questions on the legal implications related to the requirements of IDEA, Ohio Department of Education Office for Exceptional Children Annual Special Education Leadership Conference, September 27, 2012, Columbus, Ohio.*

*Education Advocacy for Physicians: Ensuring Patient Access to Appropriate Educational Programming and Services, Pediatric Grand Rounds, Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, April 11, 2012 (with Cathi Badik, MD).*

*Patient Advocacy and the Medical Legal Partnership for Children; Pediatric Grand Rounds, Toledo Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, October 12, 2011 (with Cathi Badik, MD).*

*Collaborative Strategies for Improving the Educational and Health Outcomes of Children with Mental Health and Behavioral Disorders, National Center for Medical-Legal Partnership 2010 Summit, Arlington, VA, March 25-26, 2010 (with Dr. Joan Griffith, MD, and Aaron Cromley, LCSW).*

*Clinicopathology Case (CPC): A 12-year-old Boy with Autism, CPC Grand Rounds, St. Vincent Mercy Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, January 20, 2010 (with Mary Wroblewski, MD and Anderia Riley, M.Ed.).*

*Lead Exposure Advocacy Strategies, National Center for Medical Legal Partnership 2009 MLP Summit, Cleveland, OH, March 26-27, 2009 (with Dr. David Krol, MD, and Robert Cole, JD).*

*Juvenile Competency, Louisiana Public Defender Association Annual Criminal Litigation Seminar, Lafayette, LA, November 19-20, 2004.*

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND GRANTS**

- Faculty Lead, COVID Equity Response Collaborative Loyola (CERCL)
- Appointment, Ambassador of the Loyola University Chicago Institute for Transformative Interprofessional Education (“I-TIE”)
- Appointment, Center for Health Outcomes and Informatics Research (CHOIR), Health Sciences Division, Loyola University Chicago
- Health EQ Collaborative funding granted for interprofessional grant proposal titled “Strengthening collaborations among medicine, public health, nursing, social work and law at Loyola University Chicago through new cohesive interprofessional education programs” (July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 cycle, renewed for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)
- Appointments Committee, August 2018 - Present
- Clinic & Public Interest Committee, August 2017 – Present

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

Steering Committee Member, National Safe and Healthy Housing Coalition  
Chicago Bar Association  
Association of American Law Schools  
Clinical Legal Education Association  
American Bar Association

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Illinois, November 2000

Louisiana, April 2004 (inactive)

Ohio, January 2009 (inactive)

Michigan, October 2014

United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, November 2000

United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, June 2008