

# RENEE NEWMAN KNAKE

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## EDUCATION

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL**, Chicago, IL, J.D., 1999

**NORTH PARK COLLEGE**, Chicago, IL, 1996, *Summa Cum Laude*

B.A. Communication Arts & Economics

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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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**UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON LAW CENTER**, Houston, TX

Professor of Law and Doherty Chair of Ethics (2016 to present)

*Courses*: Constitutional Law; Professional Responsibility

*Service*: Lateral Appointments Committee (2016-17); Student Affairs Committee (2016-17);  
1L faculty mentor (2016-17)

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**, East Lansing, MI

### *College of Law*

Foster Swift Professor of Legal Ethics (2015-2016); Professor of Law (2014-2016);  
Associate Professor of Law (2011-14, tenure granted in 2013); Assistant Professor of Law  
(2010-11); Assistant Professor of Professional Responsibility (2009-10); Lecturer in Law  
(2007-09); Visiting Professor (2006-07)

*Administrative leadership*: Co-Director, Kelley Institute of Ethics and the Legal Profession  
(2011-2016); Director, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Law Practice Summer Program in London, UK (2011-  
14); Co-Founder, ReInvent Law Laboratory for Law, Technology, Innovation, and  
Entrepreneurship (2012-14) (secured over \$250,000 in grant funding and private donations)

*Courses taught*: Constitutional Law Topics—Freedom of Expression; Entrepreneurial  
Lawyering; Federal Jurisdiction; Foundations of Law; First Amendment and Regulation of  
Lawyers' Speech; Lawyer Ethics and Regulation in a Technology-Driven World; Lawyers &  
Ethics; Professional Responsibility; 21<sup>st</sup> Century Law Practice—New Models and Markets

*Service*: Appointments Committee (2011-12, 2014, Chair 2015-16); Search Committee, Dean  
of Career Services (2014); Promotion Advisory Committee (2013-14); Curriculum  
Committee (2013-14); University College Honors Program Committee (2012-16); Ralph M.  
Freeman MSU Law School Scholarship selection judge (2009-13); Admissions Committee  
(2012-13); Faculty Secretary (Fall 2011); Law Journals Committee (2009-11)

### *Honors College*

Professor of Law (2014-15)

*Courses taught*: Honors Research Seminar

### *Eli Broad College of Business*

Associate Professor (2013-14)

*Courses taught*: Legal, Ethical and Intellectual Property Issues in Big Data Analytics

**STANFORD LAW SCHOOL, CENTER ON THE LEGAL PROFESSION**, Palo Alto, CA

Scholar-in-Residence (2015 sabbatical leave)

**AMERICAN BAR FOUNDATION**, Chicago, IL

Visiting Scholar (2015 sabbatical leave)

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY: A CONTEMPORARY APPROACH, 2<sup>ND</sup> ED. with Russell Pearce, Daniel Capra, Bruce Green and Laurel Terry (West Publishing 2013, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition forthcoming 2017)

### Articles

*Lawyer Speech in the Regulatory State*, 84 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 2099 (2016)

*Legal Information, the Consumer Law Market, and the First Amendment*, 82 FORDHAM LAW REVIEW 2843 (2014)

*Democratizing Legal Education*, 45 CONNECTICUT LAW REVIEW 1281 (2013)

- Reviewed by Elizabeth Chambliss the *Journal of Things We Like Lots (JOTWELL)*, Apr. 29, 2013

*Democratizing the Delivery of Legal Services*, 73 OHIO STATE LAW JOURNAL 1 (2012)

- Winner, Association of American Law Schools Professional Responsibility Section Paper Competition (2012)

*Attorney Advice and the First Amendment*, 68 WASHINGTON & LEE LAW REVIEW 639 (2011)

*The Supreme Court's Increased Attention to the Law of Lawyering: Mere Coincidence or Something More?* 59 AMERICAN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1499 (2010) (lead article)

*From Research Conclusions to Real Change: Understanding the First Amendment's (Non)Response to the Effects of Media on Children*, 63 SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 101 (2010)

### Essays/Reviews

*The Commercialization of Legal Ethics*, 29 GEORGETOWN JOURNAL OF LEGAL ETHICS 715 (2016)

- Reviewed by Amy Salyzyn in *Journal of Things We Like Lots (JOTWELL)*, Nov. 21, 2016

*Cultivating Learners Who Will Invent the Future of Law Practice: Some Thoughts on Educating Entrepreneurial and Innovative Lawyers*, 38 OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 1 (2012)

*Why the Law Needs Music: Revisiting NAACP v. Button through the Songs of Bob Dylan*, 38 FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL 110 (2011)

*The Progress of Women in the Legal Profession*, 29 PACE LAW REVIEW 293 (2009) (book review for special issue devoted to women lawyers, reviewing Mary Jane Mossman's THE FIRST WOMEN LAWYERS and Jean McKenzie Leiper's BAR CODES)

*Resolving Ethical Dilemmas in James Welch's The Indian Lawyer*, 33 AMERICAN INDIAN LAW REVIEW 13 (2008-09)

*Beyond Atticus Finch: Lessons on Ethics and Morality from Lawyers and Judges in Postcolonial Literature*, 32 JOURNAL OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION 37 (2008)

## **PUBLICATIONS continued**

### **Co-Authored Articles and Essays**

*Shortlisted*, UCLA WOMEN'S LAW JOURNAL (forthcoming 2017) (with Hannah Brenner)

*What We Know and Need to Know About "Access to Justice" Research*, 67 SOUTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 193 (2016) (with Elizabeth Chambliss and Robert Nelson)

*A Taxonomy of Lawyer Regulation*, LEGAL ETHICS (2014) (peer reviewed) (with Russell Pearce and Noel Semple)

*Gender and the Legal Profession's Pipeline to Power*, 2012 MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW 1419 (2012) (with Hannah Brenner)

*Rethinking Gender Equality in the Legal Profession: A Study on Media Coverage of Supreme Court Nominees*, 84 TEMPLE LAW REVIEW 325 (2012) (with Hannah Brenner)

- Winner, Association of American Law Schools New Voices in Gender Competition (2012)

### **Online Essays and Articles**

*How Big Data Analytics is Changing Legal Ethics*, BLOOMBERG LAW (2016)

*Why Law Students Should Be Thinking About Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Legal Services*, BLOOMBERG LAW (2012)

*Contemplating Free Speech and Congressional Efforts to Constrain Legal Advice*, 37 RUTGERS LAW RECORD 12 (2010)

*Prioritizing Professional Responsibility and the Legal Profession: A Preview of the United States Supreme Court's 2009 Term*, 5 DUKE JOURNAL OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW & PUBLIC POLICY SIDEBAR 1 (2009)

### **Works-in-Progress**

*Gagging Judges*

*The Lawyer Monopoly*

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## **SELECT CONSULTING/CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

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### **CLE – A Legal Ethics Agenda for Big Data Analytics**

- *Transportation Law Institute*, Houston, Nov. 4, 2016
- *Houston Intellectual Property Law Association Annual Institute on Intellectual Property*, Galveston, TX, Oct. 6, 2016
- *Intellectual Property Owners Annual Meeting*, New York, Sept. 13, 2016

### **CLE – The ABA Report on the Future of Legal Services in the United States**

- *ABA Tech Show*, Chicago, Mar. 2017
- *ABA Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, Aug. 6, 2016

### **Consulting – *In re Honorable Michelle Slaughter*, Special Court of Review of Texas**

- Consulting and testifying expert in support of successful reversal of discipline by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct for judge's comments on social media.
- Opinion available at [www.scjc.texas.gov/media/34159/In-re-Slaughter.pdf](http://www.scjc.texas.gov/media/34159/In-re-Slaughter.pdf), issued Sept. 2015

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## SELECT PRESENTATIONS

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### Competitively Chosen Presentations

- *Yale Law School Freedom of Expression Scholars Conference*, May 2, 2015
- *Georgetown University Law Center for the Study of the Legal Profession*, Apr. 12, 2013
- *AALS Annual Meeting Professional Responsibility Program*, Washington, DC, Jan. 6, 2012
- *AALS Annual Meeting New Voices in Gender Program*, Washington, DC, Jan. 5, 2012
- *Washington and Lee University Junior Faculty Workshop on Children & Law*, July 16, 2009
- *MSU National Conference: Consumer Culture & Ethical Treatment of Children*, Nov. 12, 2009
- *AALS Annual Meeting Poster Presentation*, San Francisco, Jan. 7, 2009

### Invited Presentations

- *University of Houston Law Center Yale Rosenberg Annual Lecture*, March 23, 2017
- *Touro Law Review Brandeis Symposium*, March 31, 2016
- *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics Colloquium*, March 18, 2016
- *Fordham Law Review Symposium*, Oct. 25, 2015
- *National Conference of Bar Presidents*, Chicago, Aug. 1, 2015
- *Stanford Law School*, Apr. 30, 2015
- *ABA Standing Committee on Public Education*, Apr. 10, 2015
- *American Bar Foundation*, Apr. 8, 2015
- *University of Maryland School of Law*, March 27, 2015
- *Washington & Lee Law School Faculty Workshop*, Nov. 17, 2014
- *American Bar Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, Aug. 9, 2014
- *University of Arizona Law School Faculty Speaker Series*, Apr. 17, 2014
- *Keynote, South Carolina Law Review Symposium on Legal Education*, Feb. 28, 2014
- *Fordham Law Review Symposium on Lawyers' Monopoly*, Oct. 18, 2013
- *George Mason Law School Research Roundtable*, Sept. 20, 2013
- *University of Florida Law School*, Sept. 12, 2013
- *Keynote, Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers Annual Meeting*, Aug. 8, 2013
- *Legal Services Board*, London, UK, June 12, 2013
- *Gruter Institute Conference on Innovation and Growth*, May 21, 2013; May 22, 2012
- *Keynote, University of Oregon Law School Judge Helen Frye Tribute*, Apr. 5, 2013
- *Northeastern University Law School Faculty Colloquium*, March 29, 2013
- *Pace Law School Annual Phillip A. Blank Lecture on Attorney Ethics*, March 18, 2013
- *Stanford Law School*, March 6, 2013
- *Connecticut Law Review Symposium on Future of Legal Education*, Nov. 16, 2012
- *Northeastern Law School Symposium on Experiential Education in Law*, Oct. 27, 2012
- *Vermont Law School*, Oct. 26, 2012
- *Ohio Northern Law Review Symposium*, March 26, 2012
- *University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law*, Apr. 8, 2011
- *Fordham Law Urban Law Journal Symposium*, Apr. 5, 2011
- *Michigan State University Sandra Seaton Roundtable*, November 11, 2010
- *ABA Annual Conference on Professional Responsibility*, Seattle, June 4, 2010
- *MSU College of Law Indigenous Law and Policy Center*, October 19, 2007

## **SELECT PUBLICATIONS continued**

### **Workshop/Conference Presentations**

- *International Legal Ethics Conference VII*, Fordham Law School, July 2016
- *International Legal Ethics Conference VI*, City Law School London, July 11, 2014
- *American University Washington College of Law Faculty Workshop*, March 21, 2014
- *International Legal Ethics Conference V*, University of Calgary, July 13, 2012
- *Arizona State University College of Law Junior Scholars Conference*, March 17, 2012
- *University of Tennessee College of Law Faculty Workshop*, Feb. 9, 2012
- *Indiana University School of Law Big Ten Untenured Conference*, Aug. 3, 2011
- *Law and Society Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA, June 7, 2011
- *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Conference*, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, March 11, 2011
- *First Annual Loyola Constitutional Law Colloquium*, Loyola University Chicago School of Law School, Nov. 5, 2010
- *University of Illinois College of Law Faculty Workshop*, Aug. 26, 2010
- *International Legal Ethics Conference V*, Stanford Law School, July 16, 2010
- *Law and Society Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL, May 29, 2010
- *International Legal Ethics Conference III*, University of Queensland and Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia, July 15, 2008
- *Association for the Study of Law, Culture and Humanities Conference*, Georgetown University, March 24, 2007

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### **CONFERENCES/LECTURES ORGANIZED**

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- *Kelley Institute of Ethics and the Legal Profession Annual Lecture Series* (1) Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman (2015); (2) Justice Michael Cavanagh and Governor James Blanchard (2014); (3) Senator Carl Levin (2013); (4) Prof. Richard Susskind (2012); (5) Attorney General Lisa Madigan (2011); (6) Prof. Deborah Rhode (2010); (7) Prof. David Wilkins (2009).
- *ReInvent Law Conference Series* (1) University of Westminster, London (June 2014); (2) Great Hall, Cooper Union, New York, NY (Feb. 2014); (3) CBI Centre, London (June 2013); (4) Computer History Museum, Mountain View, CA (March 2013); (5) Dubai International Financial Centre for Excellence (Dec. 2012); (6) CBI Centre, London (June 2012).
- “Gender and the Legal Profession’s Pipeline to Power,” *Michigan State University Law Review Symposium*, Detroit, MI, Apr. 12-13, 2012. Organized conference with Hannah Brenner for 25 speakers, including Hon. Nancy Gertner, Linda Greenhouse & Deborah Rhode.
- “Legal Education’s Response to Economic Realities Facing the Profession,” *Legal Ethics Forum Blog*, Feb. 2012. Organized online symposium for over 20 contributors.
- “Workshop on Changes in Law Practice; Implications for Legal Education,” *AALS Annual Meeting*, Washington, DC, Jan. 5, 2012. Planned workshop for over 600 attendees.
- “The U.S. Supreme Court’s Increased Attention to the Law of Lawyering: Mere Coincidence or Something More?” *AALS Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 7, 2010. Competitively selected as Hot Topic Panel by AALS Executive Committee.

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## GRANTS/AWARDS

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- Award. Named fellow to the American Bar Foundation, “an honorary organization of attorneys, judges, law faculty, and legal scholars whose public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession, ... limited to one percent of lawyers licensed to practice in each jurisdiction” (2016 to present).
- Grant (\$6,000). Received MSU Undergraduate Honors Research Seminar Grant (2014-15).
- Award. Named as an American Bar Association Journal “Legal Rebel,” an “annual honors program for the change leaders of the legal profession” (2013).
- Award. Named as one of the Fastcase 50, an award that “recognizes 50 of the smartest, most courageous innovators, techies, visionaries, and leaders in the law” (2013).
- Award. Recipient of the Innovation Award from the College of Law Practice Management, honoring “lawyers, law firms, and other deliverers of legal services who are currently engaged in some extraordinary innovative efforts” (2013).
- Grant (\$150,000). Received grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation for projects related to technology, innovation, and entrepreneurship in legal services (2012-14).
- Grant. Received Purdue Pre-Tenure Fellowship to fund attendance at Annual Conference for Pre-Tenure Women at Purdue University (2010).
- Grant. Received National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism Fellowship to fund attendance at annual conference (2009).
- Grant (\$2,000). Received grant to support research on ethical treatment of children from Michigan State University Children’s Central Research Collaborative and the Michigan Children’s Trust (2009).

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## PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

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### **Responsive Law**

*Board of Directors* (2016-present)

### **American Bar Association**

*Reporter*, ABA Presidential Commission on the Future of Legal Services (2014-2016)

### **State Bar of Michigan**

*Co-Chair*, Regulatory Reform, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Law Practice Task Force (2015-2016)

*Advisor*, Standing Committee on Lawyers and Judges Assistance (2009-10)

### **World Economic Forum**

*Delegate*, Global Agenda Councils on Rule of Law (2013-14) and Justice (2014-16)

### **The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)**

*Board of Directors* (2014-2016)

### **Association of American Law Schools**

*Treasurer*, Professional Responsibility Section (2017-18)

*Executive and Nominating Committees*, Professional Responsibility Section (2010-13)

*Planning Committee*, Annual Meeting Workshop on Changes in Law Practice (2011-12)

### **International Association of Legal Ethics**

*Chair*, Outreach Committee (2012-14)

### **Referee/Outside Reviewer**

*Yale Law Journal* (2015)

*International Review of Law and Economics Journal* (2013)

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## SELECT MEDIA

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- Quoted in *The Lawyerist*, “Big, Unanswered Questions on Big Data and Ethical Obligations,” Sept. 29, 2016.
- Quoted in *Corporate Counsel*, “In-House Lawyer’s DQ in Patent Case Offers Lessons for Legal Departments,” Sept. 20, 2016.
- Mentioned in *Bloomberg Big Law Business*, “Good and Bad News from the ABA Futures Report,” Sep. 6, 2016.
- Quoted in *Law360*, “5 Conversations Lawyers Should Avoid at Work,” Aug. 25, 2016.
- Mentioned in *Above the Law*, “This Week in Legal Tech,” Aug. 22, 2016.
- Interviewed in *All Things Considered, National Public Radio*, “Out of State Lawyers Descend on Flint, Mich., Aid Water Crisis,” Apr. 14, 2016.
- Quoted in *Macomb County Legal News*, “Experts: Used Wrongly, Social Media Can Sting,” Jan. 22, 2016.
- Quoted in *Texas Lawyer*, “Facebook Judge Gets New Trial in Judicial Ethics Matter,” July 23, 2015.
- Quoted in *Law360*, “US Law Firms Still Flirting with Going Public,” July 1, 2015.
- Entrepreneurial Lawyering class featured in *New York Times*, “This is Law School?” Aug. 1, 2014.
- Quoted and research featured in *ABA Journal*, “Best Way to Boost Access to Justice? Change Ethics Rules,” Sept. 1, 2013.
- Mentioned in *ABA Journal*, “Legal Rebels or Just Weavers of the New Normal Fabric?” June 26, 2013.
- Quoted in *American Lawyer*, “The Future of Law from Silicon Valley,” March 10, 2013.
- Quoted and research cited in *Wall Street Journal*, “Women Notch Progress: Females Now Constitute One-Third of Nation’s Ranks of Lawyers,” Dec. 5, 2012.
- Featured in *Detroit Legal News*, “Pipeline to Power Symposium explores gender equality in the legal profession,” Apr. 11, 2011.
- Contributor, *Truth on the Market Blog Symposium*, “Unlocking the Law: Deregulating the Legal Profession,” Sept. 19-20, 2011.
- Quoted in *Ingham County Legal News*, “MSU’s Frank J. Kelley Institute of Ethics sponsors lecture,” Aug. 29, 2011.
- Radio interview, KUCI 88.9FM, *The Docket* with Evan Simon, Aug. 11, 2011.
- Quoted in *California Lawyer Magazine*, “Full Disclosure: Investors at Gates,” Aug. 2011.
- Quoted in *ABA Journal*, “Seduced: For Lawyers, the Appeal of Social Media Is Obvious. It’s Also Dangerous,” Feb. 1, 2011.
- Quoted in *National Law Journal*, “Lawyering Suits Pile Up at High Court,” July 6, 2010.
- Author, Amicus, “The Supreme Court’s Recent Focus on Lawyering Cases,” 2010.
- Quoted in *National Law Journal*, “High Court Justices to Take Up Lawyer Ethics, Errors,” Sept. 28, 2009.
- Contributor to the *Legal Ethics Forum Blog*, 2009-present.

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## AMICUS BRIEFS

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- North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission, No. 13-534 (U.S. 2014), Co-Signer and contributor to Amicus Brief of Law Professors, et al.
- Maples v. Thomas, No. 10-63 (U.S. 2011), Co-Signer to Amicus Brief of Legal Ethics Professors and Practitioners and the Ethics Bureau at Yale as Amicus Curiae in Support of Petitioner, cited by majority in Maples v. Thomas, 132 S.Ct. 912 (2012).
- Holland v. Florida, No. 09-532 (U.S. 2009), Co-Signer to Amicus Brief of Legal Ethics Professors and Practitioners and the Stein Center for Ethics in Support of Petitioner Albert Holland, cited by majority in Holland v. Florida, 130 S.Ct. 2549 (2010).

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## LAW PRACTICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **Piedmont Virginia Community College**, Charlottesville, VA

Assistant Professor (Jan. – Apr. 2005)

Taught business law course.

### **Office of the City Attorney**, Charlottesville, VA

Assistant City Attorney (Dec. 2001 – Apr. 2005)

One of four attorneys responsible for advising and representing all city departments, officials, boards, agencies, and employees on a wide variety of civil matters. Areas of responsibility included zoning, parks, housing authority, state legislation, police, economic development, cable, workers' compensation, foster care, and social services.

### **Hunton & Williams**, Richmond, VA

Associate (Jan. 2001 – Dec. 2001)

Defended and advised businesses and corporations engaged in litigation involving telecommunications, corporate governance, derivative suits, and consumer protection. Served as pro bono counsel for the Commonwealth of Virginia in child support cases.

### **Mayer, Brown & Platt**, Chicago, IL

Associate (Aug. 1999 – Dec. 2000); Summer Associate (1998)

Defended management in labor/employment litigation and general corporate litigation. Prepared cases for trial by conducting discovery, writing motions/briefs, taking depositions, drafting witness exams and opening/closing statements, and composing pretrial pleadings.

### **Debevoise & Plimpton**, Washington, DC

Summer Associate (1998)

Worked for corporate, banking, and litigation groups (permanent offer extended).

### **Professor Stephen Schulhofer**, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Research Assistant (1997-98)

Conducted research for and edited book, UNWANTED SEX: CULTURE OF INTIMIDATION AND FAILURE OF LAW (Harvard 1998).

### **Mandel Legal Aid Clinic**, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, IL

Law Clerk (1997)

Worked with anti-poverty child support project on legislative and court reforms.



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**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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- Parent Volunteer, Donley Elementary (2010-14), Whitehills Elementary (2014-2015)
- East Lansing School Board, K-8 Facilities Committee (2010-11)
- Commissioner, City of East Lansing Zoning Board of Appeals (2009-10)
- Vice Chair and Commissioner, City of East Lansing Cable Commission (2006-08)

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**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

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Michigan (2006)

Virginia (2001-associate)

Illinois (1999-inactive)

Fourth and Seventh Circuits U.S. Court of Appeals

Northern District of Illinois