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EDUCATION:

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

Master of Laws in Advocacy, May 1992

Teaching Fellowship recipient

University of San Francisco School of Law, San Francisco, CA

Juris Doctor, May 1990

Law Review Member, Fall 1988

Best Oral Argument - Moot Court, Spring 1988

Charles R. Lawrence III Scholarship, Spring, 1990

Kean College, Union, N.J.

B.A., Elementary Education, 1973

Dean's List

SCHOLARSHIP:

What's Race Got to Do With It? Just about Everything: Challenging Implicit Bias to Reduce Minority Youth Incarceration in America, 8 J. MARSHALL L. J. 437 (Spring 2015) (published September 2017) (co-author Nadia Seeratan).

Education in Black America: Is It the New Jim Crow?, 68 ARK. L. REV. 27 (2015).

Feminist Jurisprudence and Child-Centered Jurisprudence: Historical Origins and Current Developments, 46 HOUS. L. REV. 671 (2009).

Gault, 40 Years Later: Are We There Yet?, 44 No. 3 CRIM. LAW BULL. (Summer 2008).

Can I Talk Now?: Why Miranda Does Not Offer Adolescents Adequate Protections, 79 TEMP. L. REV. 515 (2006).

Roper v. Simmons and Strickland v. Washington: Dancing With Death, 42 CRIM. L. BULL. 153 (2005) (co-author Irene Merker Rosenberg).

After Roper v. Simmons: Keeping Kids Out of Adult Criminal Court, 42 S.D.L.REV. 1151 (2005) (co-author Irene Merker Rosenberg).

Fostering Family Ties: The State As Maker and Breaker of Kinship Relationships, 2004 U. CHI. LEG. FORUM 315 (2004).

Fifth Circuit Survey: Criminal Procedure, 35 Tex. Tech. L. Rev. 683 (2004) (co-author Sandra Guerra-Thompson).

“That Isn’t Fair Judge:” The Costs of Using Prior Juvenile Delinquency Adjudications in Criminal Court Sentencing, 40 U. Hous. L. Rev. 1323 (2004).

Effective Assistance of Counsel in the Wonderland of “Kiddie Court” – Why The Queen of Hearts Trumps Strickland, 39 CRIM. L. BULL. 393 (2003).

Best Interests Equals Zealous Advocacy: A Not So Radical View of Holistic Representation For Children Accused Of Crime, 62 MD. L. REV. 288 (2003).

How Gault Plays in Texas, 9 JUVENILE JUSTICE UPDATE 10 (2003).

Crack Babies and the Constitution: Ruminations About Addicted Pregnant Women After Ferguson v. City of Charleston, 47 VILL. L. REV. 299 (2002).

Over The Hills And Through The Woods To Grandparents’ House We Go: Or Do We, Post - Troxel?, 43 ARIZ. L. REV. 751 (2001).

Selling Justice Short: Juvenile Indigent Defense In Texas, (with co - authors) (Appleseed Foundation, Oct. 2000).

Where Have You Been Fran? The Right of Siblings to Seek Court Access to Override Parental Denial of Visitation, 66 TENN. L. REV. 977 (1999).

Please Keep My Secret: Child Abuse Reporting Statutes, Confidentiality and Juvenile Delinquency, 11 GEO. J. OF LEGAL ETHICS 509 (1998).

BOOKS:

GLOBAL REFLECTIONS ON CHILDREN’S RIGHTS AND THE LAW: 30 YEARS AFTER THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, Routledge Press, (co-editor Pamela Laufer-Ukeles) (July 2021).

CHILDREN AND JUVENILE JUSTICE, Carolina Academic Press, (3rd Edition December 2020).

CHILDREN AND JUVENILE JUSTICE (3RD ED.), TEACHER’S MANUAL, Carolina Academic Press (December 2020).

RIGHTS, RACE, AND REFORM 50 YEARS OF CHILD ADVOCACY IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, Routledge Press (Laura Cohen, Kristen Henning, & Ellen Marrus eds.) (Oct. 2018).

CHILDREN, SEXUALITY, AND THE LAW, NYU Press, (co-editor Sacha Coupet) (2015).

CHILDREN AND JUVENILE JUSTICE, Carolina Academic Press, (co-author Irene Merker Rosenberg) (2012) (2nd Edition).

CHILDREN, LAW AND DISASTERS: WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED FROM THE HURRICANES OF 2005 (American Bar Association) (Howard Davidson, Ellen Marrus, & Laura Oren co-editors) (2008).

CHILDREN AND JUVENILE JUSTICE, Carolina Academic Press, (co-author Irene Merker Rosenberg) (2007).

BOOK CHAPTERS:

My Voice Must Be Heard Too: Why Children Need a Voice in Custody Hearings in GLOBAL REFLECTIONS ON CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND THE LAW: 30 YEARS AFTER THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, Routledge Press (Pamela Laufer-Ukeles co-editor) July 2021 (co-authors Malikah Marrus and Rifqa Sa'Aadat).

Arizona Before and After In Re Gault: Has Arizona Realized the Promises of In Re Gault, in RIGHTS, RACE, AND REFORM 50 YEARS OF CHILD ADVOCACY IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, Routledge Press (Laura Cohen, Kris Henning & Ellen Marrus, eds.) (Oct. 2018) (co-author Chris Phillis).

Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice: Definitely Not the Girls in the Juvenile Justice System, in CHILDREN, SEXUALITY, AND THE LAW, NYU Press, (Ellen Marrus & Sacha Coupet, eds.) (2015).

Holistic Lawyering, in NACC CHILDREN'S LAW MANUAL SERIES ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN 403 (Colene F. Robinson ed., 2003).

OTHER WORKS:

Juvenile Practice is Not Child's Play: A Publication of the Center for Children, Law & Policy at the UHLC,
(<https://www.law.uh.edu/center4clp/downloads/attorney/homepage.html#p=1>),
(December 2020).

Opinion: Children as young as 11 do not belong in detention in best times and not during a pandemic, Houston Chronicle, 6/24/20.

Navigating the Juvenile Justice System, (with Gavriella Roisman) (Center for Children, Law & Policy, 2019).

En Banc Brief of Amici Curiae In Support of the Appellees in the cases of In Re Ta.L., In Re A.L., In re Petition of R.W., & A.W., and In re Petition of E.A., December 2017.

In Re Gault: Mock Trial for High School Students (with Lauren Neely), UHLC Street Law Program (2017)

Raising Race (with Kristen Henning), Juvenile Training Immersion Program, National Juvenile Defender Center (2015).

Juvenile Practice Is Not Child's Play, (with co-authors) (Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center, Appleseed Foundation, Hogg Foundation, 2002, update 2005).

Navigating the Juvenile Justice System, (with co-authors) (Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center, Appleseed Foundation, Hogg Foundation, 2002, update 2005).

Survey of Arizona Juvenile Detention Issues, (Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center (2000).

Justice by the People (National Institute for Citizen Education in the Law, 1992).

United States v. David Jones (D.C. Street Law Project, Spring 1992).

Chris M. v. Newcal Public Schools (D.C. Street Law Project, Spring 1991).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Professor of Law, emerita (Fall 2021 to present)

Royce Till Professor of Law (September 2017 - 2021)

George Butler Research Professor of Law (September 2005 - 2017)

Professor of Law (September 2004 - 2005)

Associate Professor (August 1995 - August 2004)

University of Houston Law Center

Houston, TX

Courses Taught: Children and the Law; Children and the Law Practice Course; Children and the Law Lab; Client Interviewing and Counseling; Criminal Procedure; Holistic Lawyering; Juvenile Justice Seminar; Juvenile Law; Practice Skills (first year elective); Professional Responsibility; Street Law; and Clinical Courses - Civil Clinic, Criminal Defense Clinic, Criminal Prosecution Clinic, Externships, Judicial Internships, Juvenile Defense Clinic, and Mediation Clinic.

Assisted in establishing an intersession course examining racial justice issues and taught the session on Cradle to Prison Pipeline in Winter 2021 and Conception to Prison in Winter 2022.

Instituted a Street Law course at the University of Houston Law Center. It is currently being offered as a year long course to various high schools and juvenile probation programs in Harris County.

Established the clinical courses at the Law Center and added a comprehensive academic component for all clinics, which included substantive law, lawyering skills, and values and ethics.

Developed a course entitled Children and the Law. This course examines the following categories in relation to children: abuse and neglect, custody, school law, tort law, health law, mental health issues, employment law issues, and constitutional rights.

Established a practice skills course for Dependency Cases that included a “lab” component where students represented child clients in dependency cases in conjunction with the course.

Additionally, developed and taught a practice skills elective course for 1Ls in which they developed a case from the beginning (client interview) through all steps up until trial. The students did not complete a trial, but many students settled the case through negotiations and mediations.

My Professional Responsibility course is geared towards those students interested in practicing as public interest attorneys or solo/small firm (2-3 attorneys) practice. The course deals with ethical dilemmas that arise in these settings.

I developed and co-taught a course entitled Holistic Lawyering. This multidisciplinary course encourages students to explore various ways the legal system affects every aspect of individuals’ daily lives, while examining topics not covered in other law school classes.

Visiting Scholar (October 2016 and Spring 2018)

Hillary Rodham Clinton College of Law

Swansea University

Swansea, Wales

Investigated and developed recommendations for the start of a Street Law program at Swansea and discussed the clinical programs that were to be offered at Swansea University. Presented a talk on juvenile justice in the United States.

Taught the initial Street Law course being offered at the Hillary Rodham Clinton College of Law, worked with the clinical programs and another new course Research with Children. Developed ideas for collaborative international work with the Children’s Observatory and the Children’s Legal Centre.

Director, Clinical Legal Education

University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX

August 1995 - May 2005

I expanded the number of clinical offerings beyond the single Civil Clinic course available at the time I became Director. During my tenure I developed and added the following clinics: Immigration, Mediation, Criminal Prosecution, Criminal Defense,

Child Advocacy: Delinquency and Dependency, Consumer, Transactional, Health Law, and Environmental Law clinics and extensive Externship and Judicial Internship placements. I hired staff attorneys for several of the clinics and gained approval to make three of these positions clinical faculty. The student enrollment increased from an average of 10 students per semester to approximately 75 students per semester, with summer enrollment reaching over 100. I increased revenues for clinical programs by over \$750,000 through grants, donations and collection of attorney fees.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Consultant with Department of Justice

2020 – Present

Review and rate grant proposals on juvenile and criminal justice.

Consultant with Department of Justice

2015-2017

Interviewed participants in truancy courts in Texas, researched due process issues in the juvenile process in relation to truancy, and researched adolescent development issues that affect youth in school performance and attendance which resulted in a report that changed the truancy laws in Texas.

Director

2007 - Present

*Center for Children Law & Policy, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX
Founded the Center to advance children's interests through scholarship, advocacy and teaching. The Center coordinates major gatherings for professionals from a variety of disciplines to closely examine important issues relating to children's rights, collaborates with community organizations to improve the lives of children regionally and nationally, assists in developing related courses at the Law Center, and provides legal training on children's issues for attorneys. Through the Center I presented on various topics regionally, nationally, and internationally on such topics as international children's rights, holistic lawyering, racial disproportionality in the juvenile justice system, gender discrimination in the juvenile justice system, juvenile representation in various hearings, detention hearings during COVID, transfer hearings, working with other professionals on behalf of children, dual status youth, child abuse and neglect, and adolescent development.*

Co-Director

Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center, Houston, TX

April 2000 - 2019

This is a separate non-profit, high profile organization that provides assistance and resources for juvenile defenders in the Southwest region: Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado. The Center also conducts regional studies regarding juvenile representation and confinement, and assists with the development of juvenile justice policy. It was through my efforts that the Center is located at the Law School. The Center conducts frequent conferences on hot topics in delinquency representation.

SWJDC is now a program of CCLP. Participated in state assessments of juvenile justice systems. Interviewed youth, families, defense attorneys, prosecutors, judges, and program providers to gather information to determine the strengths and weaknesses in the system.

Deputy Conflict Public Defender

Solano County Conflict Public Defender Office, Fairfield, CA

August 1992 - June 1995

I had a caseload of approximately 130 clients, representing children in all delinquency and dependency proceedings. I trained and provided resources for other juvenile attorneys, judges, social workers, probation departments and foster parents. In addition, I provided information for criminal attorneys regarding developments in juvenile law and their effect on adult criminal proceedings.

Law Clerk

Legal Services for Children, San Francisco, CA

January 1990 - June 1990

I provided legal services to children in a variety of areas including dependency, delinquency, status offenses, guardianships, emancipations, school discipline, and immigration cases.

Law Clerk

Child Care Law Center, San Francisco, CA

Summer, 1988

I assisted staff attorneys with litigation regarding welfare reform, and I investigated and organized research for a legal handbook regarding liability issues for child care resource and referral agencies.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

Clinical Fellow, Georgetown University Law Center, D.C. Street Law Project, Washington, D.C., August 1990 - August 1992

I supervised law students in a clinical program designed to improve their lawyering skills by teaching the law to high school students in D.C. Public Schools. I also researched and wrote mock trials for clinic competitions.

Co-Supervisor, Georgetown University Law Center, Center for Applied Legal Studies, Washington, D.C., December 1991 - May 1992

I supervised law students in an advocacy clinic as they represented clients in social security and consumer protection cases.

Teaching Assistant, USF Law School, Academic Support Program, San Francisco, CA, September 1988 - May 1990

I instructed first year students in Torts and Civil Procedure. I prepared exams, developed course materials and evaluated students' written exams.

Coordinator, USF Law School/Street Law Program, San Francisco, CA, March 1988 - May 1990

I observed and evaluated law school students teaching Street Law in Bay Area high schools. I also taught and developed the curriculum for the Alameda County Juvenile Court Street Law Program.

Instructor, Chabot Community College, Hayward, CA 1985-90

I developed curriculum and taught courses in various areas of early childhood education including child care and the law, employment, supervision, parent relations, and fund-raising.

Director, Vesper Children's Services, San Leandro, CA 1982-87

I established programs for children and families, provided technical assistance and classes for providers, community agencies and businesses. I researched and prepared written and oral presentations for government and private agencies.

Director, A Safe Place, Oakland, CA 1980-82

I directed a shelter for battered women and their children. I prepared temporary restraining orders and custody orders in conjunction with the legal clinic, and I wrote successful funding proposals.

PRESENTATIONS:

"Who Will Tell Your Story: Children's Voices," Children's Human Rights Conference, Salem University via Zoom, June 22, 2022.

"Bars Between Youth and Their Babies: Justice Involved Children Having Children," National Association of Forensic Social Work, New Orleans, LA, June 16, 2022.

"Teaching Street Law to Justice Involved Youth: An Inter Professional Approach," National Association of Forensic Social Work, New Orleans, LA, June 15, 2022.

"Bars Between Youth and Their Babies: Confined Youth Separated From Their Babies," Annual Children of Incarcerated Parents National Conference, held virtually, April 6, 2022.

"Street Law: Using Social Work Students as Teachers," CSWE, Orlando, FL, November 2021.

"Teaching Street Law to Youth in Conflict With the Law," SWJDC and NJDC webinar, July 23, 2021.

"Intellectual Property and Juvenile Justice Amid the Coronavirus Pandemic," Behind the Lines, The Houston Lawyer Podcast, <https://behind-the-lines-the-houston-lawyer.buzzsprout.com/930415/5081108-intellectual-property-and-juvenile-justice-amid-the-coronavirus-pandemic>, August 25, 2020.

“Zealous Advocacy for Detention Hearings,” Center for Children, Law & Policy at the University of Houston Law Center, June 5, 2020

“Youth Advocacy in COVID-19,” Center for Children, Law & Policy and the Harris County Public Defender Office, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX April 14, 2020.

“My Voice Needs to Be Heard Too: Why the Convention on the Rights of the Child Should Influence Proceedings in the United States Courts,” International Society of Family Law’s Regional Conference, Hod HaSharon, Israel, December 2019.

“Adolescent Development,” Zealous Advocacy Conference, University of Houston Law Center, July 2019.

“Raising Race,” Zealous Advocacy Conference, University of Houston Law Center, July, 2019.

“Challenging the Status Quo,” Arizona Public Defender Association, Mesa, AZ, June 2019.

“Collateral Consequences to Adjudication,” Harris County Juvenile Law Conference, Houston, TX April 2019.

“Holistic Representation: Better Outcomes for Children,” National Association of Counsel for Children, San Antonio, TX, August 2018.

“Zealous Advocacy Conference – JTIP Training,” University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX, August 2018.

“Ethics in Juvenile Practice,” Arizona Public Defender Association, Mesa, AZ, June 2018.

“The Role of the Lawyer for Children in Conflict With the Law,” World Congress on Justice for Children, Paris, France, May 2018.

“Street Law, Street Wise: An Introduction to Street Law,” Fearless Youth Conference, Wales, March 2018.

“Street Law – Its Purpose and Value,” Public Law Symposium, Swansea University, Swansea, Wales, January 2018.

“Decision to Challenge Competence,” Navigating the New Competency Standards, Tulsa Oklahoma, December 2017.

“Whether to Seek a Competence Evaluation,” Navigating the New Competency Standards, Tulsa Oklahoma, December 2017.

“Adolescent Development, Client Interviewing, and Competency: What Does a Juvenile Defender Do?”, Albuquerque, New Mexico (June 2017).

“Legal Ethics and the Juvenile Justice System: An Updated Story of In re Gault,” Zealous Advocacy Conference, Houston, TX, April 2017.

Children Displaced Across Borders: Bridging Policy, Practice and Disciplinary Approaches to Further Human Rights, Best Interests Panel, Joint Program with Swansea University College of Law and Criminal Justice and the University of Houston Graduate School of Social Work, November 2016.

“Gault @ 50: Lessons Learned and Juvenile Justice in the United States,” Presentation at Swansea University, Wales, UK November 2016.

Ethical Dilemmas in Juvenile Justice, National Juvenile Defender Center Summit, Atlanta, GA October 2016.

“Role of Counsel,” Training for West Virginia Juvenile Defenders, West Virginia August 2016.

Raising Race,” Training for West Virginia Juvenile Defenders, West Virginia (August 2016).

“Child Rights: Wales and the United States, NAASWCH, Harvard University, July 2016.

“Raising Race in Juvenile Justice Cases,” National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, Monterey, CA July 2016.

“ACEs and Juvenile Justice,” Zealous Advocacy, Houston, TX July 2016.

“The Role Adolescent Development Plays in Representing Juveniles in Delinquency Court,” Arizona Public Defender Association, Tempe, AZ, June 2016.

“Professional Responsibility,” University of Houston Law Center Pipeline Program, Houston, TX, June 2016.

“Racial Issues in Juvenile Delinquency Cases,” Southern Juvenile Defender Center Summit, June 2016.

“Zealous Advocacy for the Juvenile Defender,” Training for Rural Juvenile Defenders, Los Lunas, New Mexico, April 2016.

“Using Adolescent Development in the Representation of Youthful Offenders,” Training for Rural Juvenile Defenders, Los Lunas, New Mexico, April 2016.

“Zealous Advocacy for the Juvenile Defender.” Training for Rural Juvenile Defenders, Las Cruces, New Mexico, April 2016.

“Using Adolescent Development in the Representation of Youthful Offenders,” Training for Rural Juvenile Defenders, Las Cruces, New Mexico, April 2016.

“Recognizing Adverse Childhood Experiences in Justice-Involved Youth and Devising an Evidence-Based Antidote of Resiliency, A Workshop on Childhood, Vulnerability and Resilience, Emory University School of Law, December 2015.

“The Development of the Adolescent’s Brain: The Journey to Age 24 and Studies That Show How Brain Development Gets Delayed,” New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyer’s Association, Las Cruces, New Mexico, December 2015.

“Ethical Duties of an Attorney When Temptation Calls,” New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyer’s Association, Las Cruces, New Mexico, December 2015.

“Raising Race in Juvenile Delinquency Cases,” National Juvenile Defender Summit, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2015.

“Considering Ethical Dilemmas in Juvenile Practice,” National Juvenile Defender Summit, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 2015.

“Ethics Jeopardy,” Zealous Advocacy Conference, University of Houston Law Center, September 2015.

“Girls in the Juvenile Justice System,” Zealous Advocacy Conference, University of Houston Law Center, September 2015.

“Raising Race,” Zealous Advocacy Conference, University of Houston Law Center, September 2015

“Ethical Dilemmas in Juvenile Practice,” Zealous Advocacy Conference, University of Houston Law Center, September 2015.

“Raising Race,” Arizona Public Defender Association Conference, Tempe, AZ, June 2015.

“Juvenile Law,” University of Houston Law Center Pipeline Program, Houston, TX, June 2015.

“Professional Responsibility,” University of Houston Law Center Pipeline Program, Houston, TX, June 2015.

“Racial Issues in Juvenile Delinquency Cases,” Southern Juvenile Defender Center Summit, June 2015.

“Raising Race,” Memphis Public Defenders, Memphis, TN, August 2014.

“Boot Camp for Juvenile Defenders,” Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC, June 2014.

“Ethics for Juvenile Defenders,” Zealous Advocacy, Houston, TX, May 2014.

“Training for Juvenile Public Defenders in New Mexico,” Albuquerque, NM, March 2014.

“Expressed Interests vs. Best Interests,” NJDC Annual Summit, Phoenix, AZ, October 2013.

“Role of Counsel,” Colorado Juvenile Defender Conference, Denver, CO, October 2013.

“Applying *Roper* and *J.D.B.* to Juvenile Interrogations,” Law and Society, Honolulu, HI, June 2012.

“Using *Roper*, *Graham*, and *J.D.B.* to Change the Charging of Juveniles in Delinquency Court,” Arizona Public Defender Association Conference, Phoenix, AZ, June 2012.

“Ethics and Juvenile Justice,” Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, TX, March 2012.

“Why *Miranda* Does Not Work For Juveniles,” Arizona Public Defender Association Conference, Phoenix, AZ, June, 2010.

“Ethics and Juvenile Practice,” Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, TX, May 2010.

“Best Practices in Juvenile Practice,” Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, TX, May 2009.

“Collateral Consequences and Juveniles,” National Juvenile Defender Summit, October 2009.

“Ethics and Juvenile Practice,” Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, TX, May 2008.

“Children and the Law After the Katrina Disaster: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Young Evacuees,” Moderator for panel on Foster Care and Juvenile Justice, Center for Children, Law & Policy, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, TX, April 2007.

“Representing Children in Juvenile Court Post Roper,” Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, TX, March 2007.

“Ethics and Juvenile Practice,” Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, TX, May 2006.

“Know Your Rights,” Hays Center, Houston, TX, April 2006.

“Why *Miranda* Does Not Offer Adolescents Adequate Protection,” Adolescents and the Law Symposium, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, March 2006.

“The Team Approach: Attorneys and Social Workers Working Together for the Child Client,” Mississippi Child Welfare Institute, Jackson, MS, February 2006

“Working in Juvenile Court,” Galveston Bar Association, Juvenile Law Section, November 2005.

“Representing Children in Dependency and Delinquency Cases”, Juvenile Court Training, McAllen, TX, November 2005.

“Zealous Advocacy and Ethical Considerations When Representing Juveniles in Delinquency Proceedings,” HACC, Houston, TX, November 2005.

“Providing Holistic Representation to Juveniles,” San Antonio, TX, November 2005.

“Sealing Juvenile Records,” Houston Bar Association, October 2005.

“Strategies for Representing Juveniles in Delinquency Proceedings,” Dallas, TX, October 2005.

“Juvenile Practice Is Not Child’s Play,” Midland, TX, November 2004.

“Strategies for Litigating Systemic Indigent Defense Issues,” National Juvenile Defender Summit, Nashville, TN, October 2004.

“Ten Tips For Representing Juveniles,” Juvenile Law Section, Houston Bar Association, Houston, TX, October 2004.

“Representing Juveniles in Delinquency Proceedings From A to Z,” Starr County Juvenile Defense Bar, Starr, TX, October 2004.

“Teens and the Juvenile Justice System,” People’s Law School, Houston, TX, October 2004.

“Allegations of Abuse and the Operation of the Texas Juvenile Detention Centers.” Testimony before the Texas House Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues , Houston, TX, September 2004.

“Effective Assistance of Counsel for Juveniles,” Southwest Juvenile Defender Center Regional Conference, Houston, TX, May 2004.

“Back to the Basics,” small group facilitator, Associate of American Law Schools, Clinical Section, San Diego, CA, May 2004.

“Juvenile Justice System, Teens, and School,” People’s Law School, Houston, TX, April 2004.

“Compatible and Sometimes Conflicting Duties of Clinicians,” Rocky Mountain Regional Clinical Conference, Houston, TX, November 2003.

“Fostering Family Ties,” University of Chicago Law School Legal Forum Symposium: The Public and Private Faces of Family Law, October 2003.

“Assessment of Juvenile Defense Representation and Policy Recommendations for Improvement,” National Association of Counsel for Children, National Children’s Law Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 2003.

“A Holistic Approach to Representing Children in Delinquency Proceedings,” National Association of Counsel for Children, National Children’s Law Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 2003.

“Ethical Considerations for Attorneys Representing Children in Delinquency Proceedings,” Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center, Regional Conference, Houston, TX, June 2003.

“Teaching Lawyering Skills through Family and Child Advocacy Clinics,” Rocky Mountain Regional Clinical Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 2002.

“The Role of A Juvenile Defense Attorney,” Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center, Regional Conference, Houston, TX, June 2002.

“Testifying As An Expert Witness At Trial,” University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work, April 2002.

“Social Workers and Lawyers: Working Hand in Hand,” University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work, April 2002.

“Children’s Rights in the United States and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child,” University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work, February 2002.

“Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?,” Rocky Mountain Regional Clinical Conference, Estes, Colorado, October 2001.

“Over The Hills And Through The Woods To Grandparents’ House We Go: Or Do We, Post - *Troxel?*,” Southeast Association of American Law Schools, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, July 2001.

“Increasing the Age of a Person Eligible for the Death Penalty in Texas From 17 to 18,” Testimony before the Texas House Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence on a Austin, TX, Spring 2001.

“Clinical Collaborations With The Equal Justice Community.” Association of American Law Schools Equal Justice Colloquium, Austin, TX, Spring 2001.

“Support of Legislation Strengthening Presumption Against Perpetrator of Domestic Violence Getting Joint or Sole Child Custody.” Testimony before the Texas Senate Jurisprudence Committee, Austin, TX, Spring 2001 (Legislation passed, effective 9/1/2001).

“Challenging Juvenile Defenders to Address Diversity and Cultural Competency.” National Juvenile Defender Summit, Houston, TX, October 2000.

“Enforcement of Child Support and Visitation in Texas.” Testimony before the Texas Senate Jurisprudence Committee, Houston, TX, Spring 2000.

“Child Visitation Enforcement in Texas.” Testimony before the Texas Senate Jurisprudence Committee, San Antonio, TX, Spring 2000.

“The Ethical Responsibilities of Attorneys Representing Children,” Families in Crisis, Tenneco Symposium, University of Houston, January 2000.

“Domestic Violence and Legal Education,” Conference sponsored by the State Bar of Texas and the University of Texas School of Law, Austin, TX, Spring 1999.

“Children Behind Bars: The Juvenile Detention System in the U.S.,” Amnesty International, University of Houston Chapter, Spring 1999.

“Scenes From A Clinic Redux: Diversity in Hiring for Clinical Programs,” Association of American Law Schools, Washington, DC, Winter, 1999.

“Domestic Violence and Family Law,” Association of Women in the Law, University of Houston Law Center, Fall 1998.

“Representing Girls Across Systems: Multidisciplinary and Cross-Systems Strategies,” The National Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit, Chicago, IL, Fall 1998.

“Lawyers + Doctors + Social Workers + Therapists + Educators . . . An Holistic Approach to Representing Juveniles,” The Juvenile Justice Counter - Reformation: Children and Adolescents as Adult Criminals, Quinnipiac College School of Law, Connecticut, Fall 1998.

“The Juvenile Justice System: Is It New and Improved?”, University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work, Spring 1998.

“Children and the Law: Changes in the 1997 Juvenile and Education Codes,” Presenter, University of Houston, Alumni Organization and the Social Sciences Alumni Association, October, 1997.

“Family Law Practice and Domestic Violence,” Houston Area Women’s Center, Fall 1997.

“The Legal System’s Response to Family Violence,” University of Houston, Graduate School of Social Work, Spring 1997.

“Time Management for Law School,” University of Houston Law Center, Black Law Student Association Orientation, Fall 1996.

“Race and the Criminal Justice System - Panel Discussion,” Moderator, University of Houston Law Center, Black Law Student Association Program, Spring 1996.

“Running a General Civil In-House Clinic,” Small group discussion leader, Association of American Law Schools, Clinical Conference, Miami, FL, May 1996.

“Organizing and Supervising the Field Experience in Clinical Programs,” Washington, DC, Association of American Law Schools, January 1992: Pre-Conference Session - Law Related Education Programs.

“An Overview of the Jury System in the United States,” Washington, DC, Summer 1991, National Institute for Citizen Education in the Law.

“Conflict Resolution Styles and Their Use in Mediation,” Summer 1991, University of Maine, School of Law.

“Supervising and Evaluating Law Students.” Washington, DC, Association of American Law Schools, January 1991, Law School Project Directors Conference.

MEDIA PRESENTATIONS:

Samantha Ketterer, *Family support could send crucial message for teen charged in parents’ death*, Houston Chronicle, 4/14/19.

The Isiah Factor, Fox 26 News (discussing the opposition to Judge Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation) 10/7/18.

Houston Matters, commenting on the signing of a letter that appeared in the New York Times opposing the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, audio available at

<https://www.houstonpublicmedia.org/articles/news/2018/10/04/306820/houston-law-professors-among-those-petitioning-against-kavanaugh-confirmation/>. (10/4/18)

UH Law Center Professor Marrus takes street law and message of holistic lawyering international, UH News and Events, 8/8/18.

University of Houston Law Center Hosts "Street Law" Mock Trial Competition for High School Students, AALS Legal Education News Week, ending 3/30/18.

Zealous Advocacy Conference Commemorates 50-Year Mark of Gault Decision, UHLC Briefcase, 2018.

Alyssa Grasiniski, *Sasha M. Coupet and Ellen Marrus (Eds.): Children, Sexuality, and the Law*, Book Review, 11 Journal of Youth and Adolescence 2383-2386 (Nov. 2017),

Zealous Advocacy Conference to Highlight 50th Anniversary of Gault Decision, Austin Business Journal, 4/18/17.

Kate McGee, *Despite State Decriminalizing Truancy Austin Students Can Still Get Charged for Skipping*, Austin Monitor, 4/13/17.

KUT Radio, *Despite State Decriminalizing Truancy Austin Students Can Still Get Charged for Skipping*, 4/13/17.

Briefcase Radio, *Juvenile Due Process*, KUHT, 3/8/17.

Zealous Advocacy Conference to Emphasize Ethics, Impact of Trauma in Juvenile Justice, Targeted News Service, 6/22/16.

Houston Matters, *Judge Orders Revamp of Texas Foster Care System*, KUHT, 3/30/16.

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Ellen Marrus, *Executed Texan Lived and Died in Wrong State*, *Houston Chronicle*, A45, 5/31/2002.

Newsmakers, discussion on juvenile death penalty, Channel 2, Houston, TX, 8/2001.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

State Bar of California - Inactive Member.

American Bar Association.

Houston Bar Association.

A.A. White American Inns of Court.

Association of American Law Schools, Children and the Law Section - Founding Chairperson, section member of Children and the Law (Executive Committee), Clinical

Education, Family and Juvenile Law (Executive Committee), Criminal Law, and Women In the Law.

Association of American Law Schools, Committee on Clinical Legal Education, 2002 to 2007.

Co-Chair Program Committee, Clinical Education Section, Association of American Law Schools, 1999.

Clinical Legal Education Association (CLEA), Board Member 2004 to 2007.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Generation to Generation, Founder and Board Member, 2022 to present.

Youth Justice Alliance, Board Member – 2020 to present

Harris County Youth Advocates, 2020 to Present

Juvenile Detention Subcommittee, Harris County, TX, March – April 2019.

Leadership Committee, Center for Urban Transformation, Fifth Ward, Houston, TX August 2018 – Present.

Board Member, Children’s Legal Centre, Swansea University 2017 to present.

Advisory Board Member, Outreach to Southwest Rural and Tribal Defenders 2016-2019.

Co-Chair of the Collateral Consequences Committee of the ABA’s Juvenile Justice Committee - conducted and edited research on juvenile collateral consequences.

American Bar Association, Site Visit Evaluator, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010. 2014, 2015

Co-Director, Southwest Regional Juvenile Justice Center, 2000 to 2019.

Advisory Board Member, Southwest Regional Juvenile Defender Center, 2000 to present.

Grant Reviewer, Hogg Foundation, 2003 to present.

Advisory Board Member, National Juvenile Justice Center, 2000 to present.

Texas Appleseed Foundation, Interviewer for study on indigent juvenile defense in Texas, Summer 2000.

Board Member - Gulf Coast Legal Foundation, 1995 - 2004.

President - Gulf Coast Legal Foundation - 2000 - 01.

Vice-President and Board Member - Crossroads: Community Partnership for Youth, 1995-1997.

Board Member - Crossroads: Community Partnership for Youth, 1998.

AWARDS:

Outstanding Advocacy on Behalf of Children Award, NJDC October 2020.

Ethel Baker Award, UHLC, Outstanding Faculty Award, Spring 2017.

UH Alumni Organization, Fall 2000.

Outstanding Faculty Support, Public Interest Law Organization, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004.

Most Supportive Faculty Member, Black Law Student Association, 2000.

Outstanding Service to Black Law Student Association, 1996 and 1997.

National Certificate of Recognition for Child Advocacy from the American Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division, 1998.

Certificate of Service, Harris County Juvenile Probation, 1996 and 1997.

Outstanding Young Women of America, 1983.

Key to the City of East Orange, NJ, 1980.

LAW CENTER SERVICE:

Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2020-21
Chair, Part-time Committee, Fall 2017
Lateral Hiring Committee 2015-17
Clinical Promotion Committee 2015-16
Pipeline program at UHLC, Juvenile Law and Professional Responsibility 2015 to present
Dean Search Committee 2014
Promotion and Tenure Committee – 2014-15, 2016-19
Executive Committee, 2007, Chair
Executive Committee, 2008
Curriculum Committee, Chair, 2006 - 2010
Honor Code Revision Committee, Chair, 2003 to present.
Appointments Committee - 2003.
Curriculum Committee, 1999 – 2004.
Admissions Committee, 2001 - 2003.
Facilities Committee, 1999 - 2000.
Hiring Committee for Trial Advocacy Director, 1999 - 2000.
Professionalism Committee, 1995 - 99.
Chair, Student Services Committee, 1998.
Student Services Committee, 1997 -98.
Faculty Mentor for First Year Students, 1995 to present.
Faculty Advisor for Public Interest Law Organization, 1997 to present.
Co-Faculty Advisor for Black Law Student Association, 1997 to present.
Co-Faculty Advisor for Houston Association of Counsel for Children, 2003 to present.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

University Grievance Committee 2015 – 2018

University Student Fee Advisory Committee 2002 - 2004

My interactions with various colleges in the University of Houston include:

- * Reached out to the Honors College for volunteers for the Street Law Mock Trial.
- * Presented a class at the Honors College on Juveniles and the Death Penalty
- * I assisted the Business School's Small Business Center by providing legal services through the Law Center's Transactional Clinic.
- * I invited students studying foreign languages at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to translate legal documents in and out of court for the clinics, and to act as interpreters in court.
- * I work with the Graduate School of Social Work to train its students to give expert testimony in court.