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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin
Director, Consumer Law Clinic, Economic Justice Institute, 2008 - Present
Clinical Professor of Law, 2018 - Present

HONORS

Clinical Teacher of the Year Award, University of Wisconsin Law School, 2014 – 15

BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection

Member, Data Privacy and Security Advisory Committee, October 2019 – September 2020

University of Wisconsin

Member, Law School Dean Five-Year Review Committee, Office of the Provost, 2015 – 2016

University of Wisconsin Law School

Member, Committee on Academic Staff Issues Board, 2016 – 2021

Legal and Advocacy Communities

Member, Wisconsin Consumer Roundtable and Advocacy Coalition, 2014 - Present
Member, Wisconsin Chapter, National Association of Consumer Advocates, 2009 – Present
Founding Member, Dane County Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, 2009
Member, Mediation Steering Committee, Dane County Foreclosure Prevention Task Force,
2009 – 2014
Chair-Elect and Chair, Board of Directors, Elder Law Section, State Bar of Wisconsin,
2006 – 2008
Member, Board of Directors, Elder Law Section, State Bar of Wisconsin, 2000 – 2006

TEACHING AND PRESENTATIONS

Consumer Protection, 2015 – 2020; and Civil Litigation for Low-Income Individuals, 2012 – 2014

Faculty Instructor, University of Wisconsin-Madison Legal Studies 444: Law in Action
Madison, Wisconsin, spring semesters 2012 – 2020

Consumer Protection Basics and Working with the Consumer Law Clinic Students

Invited Speaker, Dane County Circuit Court Small Claims Assistance Program Annual Volunteer Trainings

Madison, Wisconsin, 2012 – 2018

Clinic Rounds: A Fresh Approach

Invited Speaker, Inaugural Biannual National Consumer Law Clinic Conference

University of California Berkeley School of Law

Berkeley, California, May 2017

Special Issues with Other Types of Credit

Invited Speaker, Where Credit is Due: Student Loan and Credit Card Debt

State Bar of Wisconsin Continuing Legal Education Seminar

Madison, Wisconsin, January 2017

Post-Judgment Debt Collection Protections

Invited Speaker, Legal Action of Wisconsin Volunteer Lawyer Project Training: Consumer Law

Madison, Wisconsin, October 2016

Justice for Deceived and Defrauded Consumers, and Fighting Unfair Debt Collection Practices

Invited Speaker, Build Your Practice: Consumer Law

State Bar of Wisconsin Continuing Legal Education Seminar

Madison, Wisconsin, 2015

Arbitration: Who Needs Judges, Anyway?

Invited Speaker, James E. Doyle American Inns of Court

Madison, Wisconsin, 2015

Unbundled Legal Services in Civil Clinics

Invited Speaker (with Marsha Mansfield), Midwest Clinical Legal Education Conference

Michigan State University College of Law, East Lansing, Michigan, 2014

Economic Injustice

Invited Guest Instructor (with Mitch), Spirituality and Justice

Edgewood College, Madison, Wisconsin, 2013

Foreclosure in Wisconsin

Invited Speaker, Wisconsin Paralegal Association meeting

Madison, Wisconsin, 2013

Foreclosure Assistance Clinic Volunteer Attorney Trainings

Organizer and Presenter
Madison, Wisconsin, 2009 – 2014

One Clinician's Path: Reshaping a Venerable Clinic to Broaden Students' Experiences and Address a Community Crisis

Invited Speaker, Midwest Clinical Legal Education Conference
St. Louis University School of Law, St. Louis, Missouri, 2012

Foreclosure in Our Community

Invited Speaker, Regional Affairs
Madison Civics Club
Madison, Wisconsin, 2012

Foreclosure Prevention in Wisconsin

Invited Speaker (with Marsha Mansfield), Legal Association of Women
Madison, Wisconsin, 2010

Various Topics on Elder Law

Invited Speaker and Panelist, State Bar of Wisconsin Annual Continuing Legal Education Seminars: Law and the Elderly
Madison and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1998 – 2008

OTHER ACTIVITIES

University of Wisconsin School of Education, The Discussion Project

Participant, Three-day Intensive Workshop
Madison, Wisconsin, August 2022

University of Wisconsin Law School Mock Trial Inaugural Internal Competition

Volunteer Judge
Madison, Wisconsin, April 2022

University of Wisconsin Teaching Academy, Instructor Learning Environment and Pedagogics Institute

Participant, Two-day Intensive Workshop
Madison, Wisconsin, August 2017

Student Loan Assistance Clinic

Volunteer Attorney
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 2017

American Bar Association Panel Presentation on Antitrust Law and Consumer Protection

Host

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin, November 2016

A Conversation with United States Federal Trade Commissioner Terrell McSweeney

Facilitator

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin, October 2016

Community Awareness Event: Screening of “The Ordinance” (concerning communities combating predatory lending)

Host and Facilitator

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin, 2016

Economic Justice Institute Free Book Exchange

Founder and Steward

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin, 2014 – Present

University of Wisconsin Law School Evan B. Evans Moot Court Competition

Volunteer Judge

Madison, Wisconsin, 2017, 2013, 2010, and 2009 Competitions

State Bar of Wisconsin Mock Trial Regional Competition

Volunteer Judge

Madison, Wisconsin, 2013

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, Wisconsin

J.D., 1993

Dean’s List; Project Assistant Merit Award

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

B.S., Secondary Education, English major, Spanish minor, 1987

Dean’s List

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups, Elder Law Center, Madison, Wisconsin

Managing Attorney, 2007 – 2008 | Staff Attorney, 1998 – 2007

The Family Center, New York, New York
Senior Staff Attorney, 1996 – 1998

Madison Metropolitan School District, Madison, Wisconsin
English Teacher, 1987 – 1991

BAR ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States, 2001

Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, 2nd Judicial Department, 1995
(Inactive)

Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin, 1994

United States District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, 1994