

Jennifer Binkley

Madison, WI; (608) 262-9142

jbinkley@wisc.edu

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI— *JD*

MAY 2001

Wisconsin Women's Law Journal Member. Dean's list spring 1999, 2000. Recipient of the 2000 Gwenyth Smalley Award for Service to the Law School Community and 2001 Matrimonial Lawyer Association Law Student Award.

Carleton College, Northfield, MN— *BA*

JUNE 1997

Majored in History. Member of the Schiller Society, Minnesota Public Research Group.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI— Clinical Associate Professor, Director of the Family Court Clinic

SEPTEMBER 2019 - PRESENT

Teach 2Ls in the fundamentals of family law practice in Wisconsin while supervising and training them to be practitioners under the Wisconsin Student Practice Rule, specializing in divorce, paternity, child placement, custody, and other matters related to family law.

Community Justice Inc., Madison, WI — Of Counsel

SEPTEMBER 2019 - PRESENT

Consult with CJi regarding case issues, development work, and handle a limited number of Guardian ad Litem appointments.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Family law
- Guardian ad Litem practice
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
- Domestic Violence & Abuse

PUBLICATIONS

- Wisconsin Family Law with forms, 2024

Community Justice Inc. - Development Director

MARCH 2010 - SEPTEMBER 2019

Worked to expand services, increase fiscal stability, and ensure the long-term health of Community Justice, Inc. (CJI), including grant procurement and implementation, fundraising, community collaborations and partnerships, program development, outreach, and marketing. Worked closely with the Board of Directors and Operations Director and held a voting position on the Board. Oversaw the operations of the organization and responsible for staffing and management of CJI.

Community Justice Inc. - Managing Attorney

APRIL 2009 - SEPTEMBER 2019

Oversight of CJI's legal staff and legal service-related decisions, strategies, and direction.

Community Justice Inc. - Staff Attorney

OCTOBER 2005 - APRIL 2009

Represented low-income people in a variety of legal issues including family law and landlord / tenant actions.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, 2022-Present
- Fellow of the Wisconsin Bar Foundation, 2023 -Present
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 2020-present
- Clinical Legal Education Association, 2019-present
- American Bar Association, 2019-Present
- Admitted to practice in the Western District of Wisconsin Courts, 2006-present
- Dane County Bar Association, 2001-present
- State Bar of WI, 2001-present

AWARDS

- State Bar of Wisconsin Pro Bono Attorney of the Year, 2003
- Wisconsin Law Journal Woman in the Law, 2018
- Madison Business Forum Athena Award Nominee, 2017
- State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Innovator Award, 2015
- Recognition by the Pro Bono Society of the University of Wisconsin Law School, 2013
- Wisconsin Law Journal Leaders in the Law, 2007
- State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Assistance Committee Award for Outstanding Commitment to Pro Bono Service, 2005

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT & LEGAL CONSULTING

Dane County Bar Delivery of Legal Services Committee (DLSC), Chair

SEPTEMBER 2004-PRESENT

Coordinate pro bono and other free and reduced cost legal services for residents of Dane County. Assist pro se family law litigants at the Family Law Assistance Center, pro se litigants at the Small Claims Assistance Center and pro se litigants in need of Restraining Orders. In 2004 the DLSC developed the Small Claims Assistance Program to provide free Small Claims assistance to unrepresented litigants in Dane County. In 2004 the Committee received an award from the State Bar of Wisconsin Legal Assistance Committee for our commitment to promoting pro bono work in Dane County. During my time with the DLSC we also received awards in 2009 and 2011 from the State Bar of Wisconsin Local Bar Grant Competition for our pro se family law video series, "Moving On". In 2020 the DLSC worked diligently under my leadership to provide remote and virtual services to low-income residents all over the state through SCAP, FLAC and the Veterans Law Center

University of Wisconsin Remington Center Family Law Project

JULY 2004- JUNE 2006

Worked with the director of the Family Law Project to produce a Family Law Manual for Incarcerated Parents. Did planning and funding stages and assisted with drafting the content of the manual.

University of Wisconsin Economic Justice Inst. Family Court Assistance Project (Now Family Court Clinic)

JUNE 2004-SEPTEMBER 2005

Worked with Marsha Mansfield, UW Law School clinical professor, to develop a new program where UW Law Students enrolled in FCAP provide free legal information and assistance to unrepresented family law litigants in Dane County.

University of Wisconsin Legal Information Center

MARCH 2002- MAY 2004

Worked on three different grant projects as a consultant to the Legal Information Center. The first project helped reorganize the Center and start a lawyer volunteer program and included development of the program, recruitment, and training of volunteers. The second project was to design and distribute brochures, business cards, and information for the Center to the community. The third project was a partnership between the Center and the Dane County Bar Delivery of Legal Services Committee to recruit volunteer attorneys for Dane County service organizations and develop an updateable list of organizations in Dane County in need of pro bono help.

PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

- 2024 Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society Symposium: Unraveling Paternity in Law and Society, February 17, 2024. I was a presenter on a session entitled: "Imputed Income and the Impact of Incarceration on Child Support"
- Continued Legal Education Training for the Dane County Bar Association Small Claims Assistance Center, December 2023
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Actions in Family Court Clinics and Immigration Clinics; 2022 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, May 13, 2022
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Pro Bono Opportunities, University of Wisconsin Continuing Legal Education, March 15, 2022
- Survivor Services Presentation at the University of Wisconsin Madison, Panelist, March 25, 2021
- Virtual Legal Program Volunteer Training for the Dane County Bar Association, May of 2020 and Oct, of 2020

- Grandparent Rights Presentation, Presented for the Rainbow Project Grandparent Caregiver Support Group on March 9, 2019
- Restraining Order Hearings: How to prepare a client, what to expect on the day, and how lawyers help, Presented for the Dane County Rape Crisis Center RO Training Feb. 19, 2019
- Lending a Hand: Guidance on Providing Accessible Legal Assistance, Presented for the State Bar on Jan. 17, 2019
- State Bar of Wisconsin GAL Training 201, GAL Ethics: Dealing with Real World Problems of a GAL, Presented on May 18, 2017
- Municipal Court Defense Project Training 2016, 2017, 2018
- Restraining Order Project Trainings, Presented in 2016 and 2017

LAW SCHOOL WORK EXPERIENCE

Project Assistant - Remington Center, LAIP

September 2000 - May 2001

Responsible for interviewing potential Remington Center clients. Traveled to prisons throughout Wisconsin to interview prisoners who requested assistance from the program. Provided legal assistance to individuals with legal issues that could not be dealt with by a student working with the Remington Center.

Research Assistant, National Conference of Bar Examiners

March 2000 - December 2000

Researched bar admission by motion and wrote an article published in The Bar Examiner entitled Admission on Motion: Current Practices and Rules. Provided research and citation assistance for an issue of The Bar Examiner.

Law Clerk - Madison City Attorney's office

April 2000 - August 2000

Researched legal issues and wrote memoranda on issues for the attorneys in the office. Drafted motions and correspondence to opposing counsel and judges.

Land Loss Prevention Project - Project Assistant and Extern

June 1999 - August 1999

Drafted motions, researched legal issues, wrote legal memoranda, and interviewed new clients for The Land Loss Prevention Project, a nonprofit law firm specializing in the representation of low-income property owners.