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Professional Experience

Director, Economic Justice Institute (2019-2025) & Neighborhood Law Clinic 2008 - Present
University of Wisconsin Law School

- ◆ Design and deliver curriculum rials and experiential education methods for clinical program
- ◆ Address the needs of attorneys, students, clients, and public university with limited resources.
- ◆ Teach housing law, employment law, public benefits, ethics, civil procedure, client interviewing, fact investigation, legal research and writing, trial preparation, trial advocacy, appellate procedure, administrative procedure, and community lawyering.

Hearing Examiner, City of Madison May 2021 – June 2024

- ◆ Listened to arguments, reviewed evidence, applied the law, and issued written decisions. Part-time.
- ◆ Attended community listening sessions and drafted updates to the local ordinances.

Founder & Executive Director, Community Justice Incorporated May 2004 – May 2009

- ◆ Created and managed an innovative non-profit charitable law firm that continues to provide greatly-needed representation to hundreds of low-income families every year.

Volunteer Attorney & Board Member, Unemployment Insurance Appeals Clinic 2004-2013

- ◆ Trained and supervised law students on client interviewing, substantive unemployment law, legal research and writing, as well as administrative hearing and appeal procedures.
- ◆ Created policies and procedures and revised the organization's forms and handbook.

Education and Training

Juris Doctorate, University of Wisconsin Law School Dec 2003

- ◆ Received Ray A. Brown Award For Leadership, Character, & Service; graduated in 2.5 years.
- ◆ Represented clients as a clinical student in the LAIP Project, Criminal Appeals Project, Consumer Law Clinic, and Unemployment Appeals Clinic.

Judicial Clerk for Judge Patrick J. Fiedler, Dane County Circuit Court Aug 2003 – Dec 2003

Selected Journal and Book Publications

"From Habitability to Equal Opportunity: Navigating the Crossroads to Housing That Is Both Fair and Habitable." 58 UIC L. REV. 69 (2024).

"Wisconsin Landlord Tenant Law Manual." (Author of several chapters) State Bar of Wisconsin Pinnacle, 2021, updated 2023, and 2026.

"Tipping the Scales of Justice: The Role of Non-Profit Sliding-Scale Law Firms in the Delivery of Legal Services." 20 NYU J. of Legs & Pub. Pol'y 375 (2017).

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Selected Presentations

Addressing Interference in Law Clinic Representation, Panel presenter at the American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference in Portland, May 3, 2026.

Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Legal Clinic. Panel presenter at the University of Illinois-Chicago School of Law, September 7, 2023.

Housing Law: Representing Tenants in Non-Eviction Cases. Online half-day CLE presentation to Legal Action of Wisconsin's staff and volunteer lawyers project attorneys, March 30, 2022.

Rental Housing Rights & Responsibilities for Rural Landlords. Presentation at the Juneau Community Center, in collaboration with the UW Speakers Bureau, May 8, 2018.

Defining, Finding, and Serving Legal Aid Clients. Panel presenter at the Annual Access to Justice Consortium Conference in Atlanta, April 13, 2018.

Evicted. True Stories, Common Problems, Possible Solutions. Presentation at the Wisconsin Supreme Court's 2016 Civil Law Seminar in Wisconsin Dells, December 15, 2016.

Eviction in Dane County. Panel presenter at the publication event for the report, *Evicted in Dane County*, by Revel Sims, Department of Urban & Regional Planning, in Madison Wisconsin, October 27, 2016.

Nonprofits--Vision, Structure, and Hard Choices. Panel Chair and presenter at the Access to Justice 3 Conference at the University of Missouri, Kansas City Law School. April 1 & 2, 2016.

Not Waiting for Gideon: Innovative Approaches to Expanding Access to Civil Justice. Panel presentation at Yale Law School, February 19, 2016.

Sliding Scale and Reduced Fee Law Offices. Panel presentation at the Advancing Equal Access to Justice conference hosted by UC-Hastings and Stanford Law Schools, November 12, 2015.

Teaching Legal Resilience. Panel presentation at the 2012 Midwest Clinical Conference, Saint Louis University School of Law, November 11, 2012.

Selected Gift and Grant Funding

Clinical Fellows, Secured over 2 million in funding from private foundation to further the education and services of UW-Law School Clinics, 2019-Present.

Legal Interventions for Transforming Wisconsin, Shark-Tank style presentation in NYC to secure 1.3 million in grant from Schmidt Futures' Alliance for the American Dream National Competition, 2019.

Eviction Diversion and Defense Partnership, Built community relationships needed to secure over \$875,000 and establish a new clinic focused on housing stability, 2021-Present.

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Selected Professional Service and Associations

- ◆ Wisconsin Trust Account Foundation, Board Member
- ◆ Elected to the State Bar of Wisconsin's Board of Governors in 2020, reelected in 2022
- ◆ Appointed by UW Law School Deans to serve as The Law School's Representative on the Wisconsin Supreme Court's Access to Justice Commission, One of the Law School's Representatives to the American Association of Law Schools
- ◆ Admitted to Practice before the Wisconsin Supreme Court, and US District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Wisconsin
- ◆ American Bar Association member, Clinical Legal Education Association member, Dane County Bar Association member, Wisconsin State Bar member and Past Chair of the Public Interest Law Section