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Education

University of North Carolina School of Law, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

J.D. with Honors, May 1997

James E. and Carolyn B. Davis Society; North Carolina State Bar Pro Bono Service Award;
Dan Pollitt Fellowship

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

M.A. in Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, May 1992

Recipient of merit-based research and teaching fellowships

Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

A.B. with Honors in English, May 1989

Professional Experience

Clinical Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2023-present

Clinical Associate Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2018-2023

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2013-2018

Adjunct Professor of Law, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2009-2013

Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor, University of North Carolina School of Law, 2003-2009

Managing Attorney, Legal Aid of North Carolina-Pittsboro, 2004-2013

- Responsibilities included representing plaintiffs in domestic violence and family law matters in Orange and Chatham Counties and conducting outreach, community education programs, and trainings for lawyers, domestic violence advocacy programs, and social services providers in Alamance, Orange, Lee, Moore, and Richmond Counties.

Staff Attorney, Legal Aid of North Carolina-Hillsborough, 2003-2004

- Responsibilities included representing low-income clients in family law and domestic violence matters in Orange and Chatham County District Court.

Assistant Appellate Defender, North Carolina Office of the Appellate Defender, Durham, NC, 2000-2003

- Responsibilities included representing indigent convicted felons on direct appeal to the NC Court of Appeals and the NC Supreme Court. Cases included first-degree murder (non-capital),

second-degree murder, voluntary and involuntary manslaughter, and statutory rape, and involved oral arguments before the NC Supreme Court and the NC Court of Appeals.

Coordinating Attorney, Statewide Domestic Violence Initiatives, Legal Services of North Carolina, Raleigh, NC, 1997-1999

- Responsibilities included directing state-wide domestic violence projects; coordinating the Family Law Task Force; providing substantive assistance to domestic violence, family law, and benefits attorneys; coordinating trainings on domestic violence in the Latino community; conducting legal trainings on domestic violence, civil rights, immigration, and welfare issues; grant writing and administration; domestic violence and poverty policy advocacy in collaboration with other national and state non-profits, social service providers, domestic violence advocates, and the private bar.

Honors

Sharon L. Corbett Award, American Bar Association, 2023 (For “exceptional service and leadership improving the legal response to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and/or stalking by a lawyer.”)

Faculty Member of the Year, UNC School of Law 2023 Pro Bono Publico Award

University of North Carolina Distinguished Teaching Award for Post-Baccalaureate Instruction, 2022

UNC School of Law Robert G. Byrd Award for Excellence and Creativity in Teaching, 2021

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys Gwyneth B. Davis Award, 2016

Award given for the promotion of the participation of women attorneys in the legal profession and the rights of women under the law.

Faculty Member of the Year, UNC School of Law 2014 Pro Bono Publico Award

Bibliography

The Domestic Violence Civil Law Manual: Protection Orders and Family Law Cases, 4th Edition, The American Bar Association Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence, 2017

- Contributing writer and editor of manuscript originally authored by Lisae Jordan, Esq.

Teaching Record

Trauma-Informed Lawyering

- Upper-level skills-based and intensive writing seminar introducing students to the concept of trauma and the neurobiology of trauma, focusing on how client trauma and mental health affects the lawyer's work with and on behalf of clients. (Developed and taught in 2019; 2020; 2021; 2022)

Domestic & Sexual Violence Clinic

- Experiential course for third-year law students combining seminar-based and experiential learning through representation of victims of domestic and sexual violence in civil domestic violence protective order hearings, collateral family law and criminal matters, and Title IX matters. Students also work with national, state, and local service providers and non-profits in areas related to policy and advocacy. (Developed in 2009; taught in 2009-2010; 2010-2011; 2011-2012; 2012-2013; 2015; 2016-2017; 2017-2018; 2019(on leave during fall 2018 semester); 2019-2020; 2020-2021; 2021-2022; 2022-2023; 2023-2024).

Civil Legal Clinic

- Experiential course for third-year law students representing low-income clients in a full-range of civil matters including landlord/tenant, housing, consumer, family law, employment, public benefits, and other civil rights and economic justice matters. (Taught in 2003-2004; 2005; 2005-2006; 2006-2007; 2007-2008; 2008-2009; 2016; spring, 2017).

Immigration Clinic

- Experiential course for third-year law students combining seminar-based and experiential learning through representation of undocumented victims of in immigration and related matters. (Taught in 2013-2014; 2014-2015; fall, 2017).

Professional Service

A. Selected Talks, Presentations, And Continuing Legal Education Programs, 2013-Present

Moderator, Write & Tell Live: Chanel Miller

- Interviewed and facilitated live discussion with author Chanel Miller (*Know my Name*) for the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence's *Write & Tell Live* series.

Invited Panelist, Women's Equality Day: Building Bridges and Breaking Barriers; Celebrating Women's Achievements and Advancing Gender Equality, North Carolina Office of State Human Resources, August 24, 2023

Invited Faculty, Advanced Trial Skills Institute

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, August 9-11, 2023

Invited Faculty, Custody Litigation Institute: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, April 10-14, 2023

Invited Speaker, Representing Minors in Judicial Bypass Hearings in North Carolina

- Guilford County Bar, September 19, 2022

Invited Faculty, Custody Litigation Institute: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, , September 12-15, 2022

Invited Faculty, Fundamentals of Domestic Violence

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, , September 1 & 8, 2022

Invited Faculty, Trial Skills Institute

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, August 3-11, 2022

Invited Presenter, Practicing Empathy: An Introduction to Trauma-Informed Lawyering

- North Carolina Council of School Attorneys' Summer Conference, July 23, 2022

Invited Faculty, Litigation Training: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, February 7-10, 2022

Invited Faculty, Closing Arguments in Child Custody Cases

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Webinar November 9, 2021

Invited Faculty, Litigation Training: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, September 22-25, 2021

Invited Presenter, Partnering for Reproductive Justice for Young People

- Abortion Services Network, August 27, 2021

Invited Presenter, Telling Someone Else's Story: Empathy, Advocacy, and Education

- Futures without Violence, Institute for Leadership in Education Program on Learning through Interactivity, July 21, 2021

Guest Lecturer, Legal Responses to Gender-Based Violence

- Graduate seminar, Gender-Based Violence, UNC School of Public Health, November 4, 2020, Chapel Hill, NC

Invited Faculty, Working with Minors in Judicial Bypass Hearings

- ACLU-NC Training for Volunteer Attorneys, October 19, 2020

Invited Faculty, Trauma-Informed Lawyering

- Legal Aid of North Carolina Training for Summer Interns, June 2020

Faculty, Trauma-Informed Client Interviewing

- North Carolina Advocates for Justice CLE on Trauma-Informed Lawyering, January 17, 2020

Faculty, Self-Care for the Trauma-Informed Lawyer

- UNC School of Law's Annual Festival of Legal Learning, February 2020

Invited Plenary Speaker, The Trauma Informed Courtroom

- 12 Annual Model Court Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency Conference, November 22, 2019, Charlotte, NC.

Guest Lecturer, Legal Responses to Gender-Based Violence

- Graduate seminar, Gender-Based Violence, UNC School of Public Health, November 24, 2019, Chapel Hill, NC.

Invited Speaker, Practicing Empathy: Trauma-Informed Lawyering

- Trauma Informed & Responsive Advocacy, Legal Aid of North Carolina Statewide Training, September 20, 2019, Raleigh, NC.

Invited Webinar Faculty, Improving Work on Intimate Partner Sexual Violence

- Joint Program of the Victim Rights Law Center and the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence, May 2019.

Invited Speaker, 2019 North Carolina Women's March, Raleigh, NC, January 2019

Invited Panelist, Views on the Kavanaugh Hearings, UNC School of Law, October 2018, Chapel Hill, NC

Invited Faculty, Litigation Training: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, January 23-24, 2018.

Guest Lecturer, Legal Responses to Gender-Based Violence

- Graduate seminar, Gender-Based Violence, UNC School of Public Health, November 29, 2017.

Invited Faculty, A Coordinated Response: Legal System Advocacy for LGBTQ Victims of Intimate Partner Violence

- 2-day United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women & American Bar Association Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Boise, Idaho, August 29-30, 2017.

Invited Faculty, Advanced Custody Institute

- 3-day American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, May 9-11, 2017.

Guest Lecturer, Campus Sexual Assault

- American Studies/English/Political Science 248: Intersectionality: Race, Gender, Sexuality and Social Justice, April 10, 2017.

Invited Faculty, Litigation Training: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, March 8-9, 2017.

Faculty Presenter, “Providing Effective Counsel to Survivors of Campus Sexual Assault in University Proceedings,” UNC School of Law Festival of Legal Learning, February 10, 2017.

Invited Faculty, Litigation Training: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, December 7-8, 2016.

Guest Lecturer, Legal Responses to Gender-Based Violence

- Graduate seminar, Gender-Based Violence, UNC School of Public Health, November 30, 2016.

Plenary Speaker, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Violence Against Women Grantee Conference, October 25, 2016

- Presented talk entitled: “The Meaning of Responsibility: How the Practical Application of our Obligation to Provide Inclusive Service Brings Meaning to Our Work”

Invited Faculty, The Civil Representation of Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence with Disabilities, and/or who are D/deaf

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Webinar Program, June 9, 2016.

Invited Faculty, Why You Should Fight for an Opening Statement

- ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Teleconference, May 24, 2016.

Invited Speaker, 12th Annual University of North Carolina Horizons Conference

- Presented talk entitled: “What’s Trauma Got to Do With It? Best Practices for the Legal Representation of Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence,” Chapel Hill, NC, April 14, 2016.

Invited Faculty, Litigation Training: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, December 3-4, 2015.

Guest Lecturer, Legal Responses to Gender-Based Violence

- Graduate seminar, Gender-Based Violence, UNC School of Public Health, November 18, 2015.

Planner, School Legal Project

- Planner of UNC Clinical Program’s community education project in which Clinic students conducted trainings for school administrators on legal remedies and resources regarding housing, immigration, domestic violence, and juvenile justice issues, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City and Orange County School Districts, Chapel Hill, NC, November 2015.

Invited Faculty, Representing Victims of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence in Civil Litigation

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, October 2015.

Panel Discussant, UNC School of Public Health Gender-Based Violence Research Conference, April 2015, Chapel Hill, NC.

Invited Speaker, Domestic Violence in North Carolina: Statistics, Consequences, and Prospects for the Future

- UNC School of Government Judge’s Seminar on Domestic Violence, March 2015, Chapel Hill, NC.

Panel Moderator, Police Violence in the Wake of Ferguson and Staten Island, UNC School of Law, January 2015, Chapel Hill, NC.

Invited Speaker, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

- CLE for the Durham County Bar, January 2015, Durham, NC.

Trainer, Cross-Cultural Lawyering

- Presentations for Carolina Law's Winter Break Pro Bono Project Trainings and Leadership Development Programs, March 2016; November 2015; March 2015; November 2014.

Trainer, Domestic Violence Legal Remedies for Court Advocates

- Presentations for biannual volunteer training programs, Orange County Compass Center, Chapel Hill, NC, 2013-2018.

Invited Panelist, Gender Violence and the Law, Duke University School of Law, November 2014, Durham, NC.

Invited Panelist, Private Violence

- Discussant following screening of award-winning documentary, October 2014, Chapel Hill NC.

Invited Faculty, Representing Victims of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence in Civil Litigation

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, September 2014.

Planner and Faculty Member, Litigation Training: Representing Victims of Domestic Violence in Child Custody Proceedings

- Partnered with the North Carolina Bar Association and the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence to plan and teach a 2-day Continuing Legal Education Program for private attorneys, Cary, NC, April 2014.

Invited Faculty, Use and Integration of Interpreters in Civil Protection Order Representation of Victims of Domestic, Sexual & Stalking Violence

- 2-day ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Continuing Legal Education Program, Washington, DC, February 2014.

Invited Faculty, Safety & Autonomy: Professional Considerations for Lawyers and Domestic Violence Clients

- Continuing Legal Education Program for Johnston County Bar, Smithfield, NC, November 2013.

Public Lecture, The Social Ecology of Rape: Legal Responses & Their Limits

- Presentation on behalf of the UNC Interdisciplinary Working Group on Rape: Perceptions, Realities and Responses, UNC Chapel Hill, September 2013.

Planner and Faculty Member, Domestic Violence and Children

- Developed and taught a training program for school administrators on the impact of domestic violence on children and legal and community resources, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School District, Chapel Hill, NC, February 2013.

B. University Service

Co-Chair, Faculty Grievance Committee, University of North Carolina, 2016-2022; 2023-present (Co-Chair, 2020-2022 & 2023-present).

University Faculty Awards Committee, 2022-2024

Consultant, Carolina Women's Center, August 2022-May 2023

- Tasked to make recommendations to the Chancellor regarding the future of the Carolina Women's Center.

Participant, Center for Faculty Excellence Leadership Fundamentals Program, 2022-2023

Chair, UNC Law Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, 2021-2022 (Member, 2022-2023)

Equal Opportunity Policy Advisory Group, 2019-present.

Faculty Advisory Committee, University of North Carolina Honors System, 2015-2022

Hearing Committee, University of North Carolina Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office, 2015-present

Faculty Hearing Board, University of North Carolina Honor Court, 2015-2018

UNC Law Mentorship Committee, 2020-2021

UNC School of Law Academic Affairs Committee, 2015-2017; 2013-2014; 2019-2020

UNC School of Law Admissions Committee, 2017-2018; 2020-2021; 2023-2024

UNC School of Law Crisis Response Team, 2013-2018

Member, Faculty Research Group/UNC Council on Campus Gender-Based Violence, 2017-2018

- Interdisciplinary research group addressing research priorities for UNC related to gender-based violence on campus.

Advisory Board, Courts Applying Solutions to End Intimate Partner Violence, University of North Carolina, 2016-present. Advisor to Professor Beth Moracco on an NIJ-funded study to assess court processes for protection order hearings in North Carolina's judicial districts.

Faculty Advisor, Law Students Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, 2004-present

- Training and supervising law students in three projects:
 1. Sexual Assault Series: planning and convening regular roundtable discussions on the intersection of sexual violence, contemporary social issues, and other areas of the law.
 2. Domestic Violence Advocacy Project: working with the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Durham Crisis and Response Center to provide pro bono services to victims of domestic violence. (Winner of the University of North Carolina's 2015 & 2018 Robert E. Bryan Public Service Award).
 3. Subpoena Defense Project: working with the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, and the Confidentiality Institute to provide pro bono advice and representation to domestic violence and sexual assault agencies defending against subpoenas.

Faculty Advisor, Judicial Bypass Project, 2013-present.

- Supervising a pro bono hotline for minors seeking assistance accessing reproductive health care. (2022-present).
- Working with state and national programs to train and supervise law students developing a pro bono project to assist minors seeking access to judicial waivers from parental consent to abortions. (2013-2019).

Faculty Advisor, Jewish Law Students Association, 2015-present

Faculty Advisor, Community Legal Project, 2014-2022

- Advising law students offering legal information to low-income clients at Compass Center in Chapel Hill.

Developer, Planner, and Faculty Advisor, Family Law Friday Pro Bono Project, 2014-2017

- Developed and sustained a pro bono project with law students conducting "open houses" at the Orange County courthouse. In partnership with private attorneys, law students conduct intake, provide advice, and assist with pro se pleadings in a full range of family law matters. This project is a collaboration between UNC School of Law, the Orange County Clerk of Court, the Orange County Bar Association, and Legal Aid of North Carolina

Developer, Planner, and Faculty Advisor, Pro Bono Divorce Project, 2010-2017

- Developed and sustained a pro bono divorce clinic in which students prepare divorce pleadings on behalf of low-income clients and conduct hearings presided over by a local District Court judge in the Law School courtroom.

C. Selected National, State, And Local Service

Guardian Ad Litem, 2024-present.

- Trained and certified by the State of North Carolina to serve as an advocate for children in abuse, neglect, and dependency cases.

North Carolina Council for Women, 2022-present.

- Appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to sit on the State-wide council that advises the Governor, the principal State departments, and the State legislature concerning the status of women in North Carolina.

American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, 2010-present

- Faculty member, providing training nationally on issues of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Selected by the Commission to participate in The Futures Without Violence Institute for Leadership in Education Development Faculty Development Workshop.

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, At-Large Board Member, 2017-2019

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys, Judicial Endorsements Committee, 2007-2019

- Committee provides endorsements for candidates for the North Carolina Judiciary.

Durham-Orange Association of Women Attorneys' Committee on Child Sex Trafficking, 2014-2016

- Committee researched and compiled the report "Child Sex Trafficking in Durham: Calling the Community to a Coordinated Response."

Compass Center for Women and Families, Board Member and Development Committee Member, 2015-2016

North Carolina Bar Association Pro Bono Committee, 2012-2014

North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission, Legislative Subcommittee, 2009-2011

- Charged with drafting revisions to NCGS Chapter 50B to address procedural ambiguity.

Pro Bono Counsel, *Imes v. City of Asheville*, 359 N.C. 182; 606 S.E.2d 117 (2004)

- Argued before the NC Supreme Court on behalf of Legal Momentum (formerly NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund) as amicus curiae.

North Carolina Domestic Violence Commission, Law Enforcement Response Committee, 2000-2004

- Committee addressed issues including "pro-arrest" policies and firearm legislation. Drafted proposed state legislation prohibiting individuals subject to protection orders or convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence crimes from possessing or purchasing firearms.

North Carolina Child Wellbeing and Domestic Violence Task Force, 2002-2003

- Member of the Courts and Law Enforcement Committee which analyzed and made recommendations regarding judicial procedures and policies surrounding domestic violence and child maltreatment.

Bar Admissions, Memberships, and Certifications

North Carolina State Bar, admitted August 1997

U.S. District Court for Middle District of North Carolina

Judicial District 18 Bar

Orange County Bar Association

Chatham County Bar Association

North Carolina Association of Women Attorneys

Durham-Orange Association of Women Attorneys

North Carolina Bar Association

North Carolina Advocates for Justice

Certified Parenting Coordinator for the State of North Carolina

Certified Civil Guardian Ad Litem for the State of North Carolina