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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

Ford Foundation Fellowship

Professional Experience

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

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 office, 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 Office, 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

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

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 durin fall 2018 semester)).

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, 2013-2018

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, Forthcoming, 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-present

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

- 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-present

- 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.

Faculty Advisor, Law Students Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (Formerly Domestic Violence Action Project), 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, Law Students for Reproductive Justice, 2013-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.

Faculty Advisor, Community Legal Project, 2014-present

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

Faculty Advisor, Jewish Law Students Association, 2015-present

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.

Expert Advisory Panel, School-Based Human Trafficking Program and Protocol, University of North Carolina, 2017-present. Advisor to Professors Rebecca Macy, Sandy Martin, and Cynthia Fraga Rizzo on a Governors Crime Commission-funded project to develop human trafficking awareness and prevention programs for North Carolina Schools.

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 Grievance Committee, University of North Carolina, 2016-present (3-year term)

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

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

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

UNC School of Law Admissions Committee, 2017-present

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

UNC School of Law Crisis Response Team, 2013-present

C. Selected National, State, And Local Service

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-present

- 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.

D. Bar Admissions and Memberships

North Carolina State Bar, admitted August, 1997
U.S. District Court for Middle District of North Carolina
Judicial District 15B 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
American Bar Association