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**Associate Professor of Law**  
University of North Carolina School of Law  
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## **EDUCATION**

**Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, DC  
Master of Laws in Advocacy, with Honors, 2009

**New York University School of Law**, New York, NY  
Juris Doctor, 2003

Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellow  
*Review of Law and Social Change*, Staff Editor  
Critical Perspectives Reading Group, Co-Founder  
Unemployment Action Center, Advocate  
Christian Jarecki ('98) Memorial Prize (outstanding work and commitment in clinic)

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI  
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, with High Honors, Social Inequality Concentration, 1998

*Phi Beta Kappa*  
*Alpha Kappa Delta* (international sociology honors society)  
James B. Angell Scholar (more than two semesters with GPA of 4.0)  
Inter-Cooperative Council, Work Manager  
Thesis: *Mothers' Meanings: The Ideology of Welfare Rights Activism*

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law**  
Chapel Hill, NC

*Associate Professor of Law* (with tenure) July 2015 - present  
*Assistant Professor of Law* July 2009 - July 2015

Courses Taught: Civil Legal Assistance Clinic, Civil Lawyering Process, Legal Ethics and Social Justice, and Employment Discrimination. Clinic seminar uses readings, exercises, simulation, discussion, and case rounds to help students build problem-solving skills and develop their professional identities as lawyers. In their casework, clinic students provide advice, counsel, and full representation to tenants and workers seeking racial, economic, and gender justice. Students also support advocacy projects of local and national organizations. Litigation and advocacy projects address eviction, substandard housing conditions, housing discrimination, employment discrimination, unpaid wages, and unemployment benefits.

**Georgetown University Law Center** Aug. 2007 - June 2009  
**Institute for Public Representation**  
Washington, DC

*Clinical Teaching Fellow & Staff Attorney*. Participated in year-long course on clinical pedagogy. Taught in civil rights clinic. Supervised federal litigation regarding employment discrimination, education, open government laws, and other areas of civil rights and public concern.

**United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**  
**The Honorable Warren J. Ferguson**

Aug. 2006 - Aug. 2007

Santa Ana, CA

*Law Clerk.* Wrote bench memoranda and drafts of opinions. Attended oral arguments. Supervised full-time externs.

**United States District Court for the Southern District of New York** Sept. 2005 - Aug. 2006  
**The Honorable James C. Francis IV**

New York, NY

*Law Clerk.* Assisted judge with trials and mediations. Wrote drafts of opinions. Managed criminal court proceedings.

**South Brooklyn Legal Services, Housing Unit**

Sept. 2003 - Aug. 2005

Brooklyn, NY

*Staff Attorney.* Represented tenants in affirmative and defensive litigation against the City of New York, the United States Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and private landlords. Filed a lawsuit that compelled the New York City Housing Authority to abandon an occupancy policy that had violated tenants' privacy and family integrity. Raised sex discrimination counterclaims and defenses against eviction actions based on domestic violence. Collaborated with tenant association to challenge landlord's attempt to opt out of Section 8 subsidy program, successfully negotiating settlement that provided tenants throughout multiple buildings with lease renewal rights for the durations of their lives. Drafted complaints, petitions, answers, discovery requests and responses, affidavits, and memoranda of law. Argued motions. Conducted examinations of witnesses in depositions and hearings. Negotiated and drafted settlement agreements. Honed trial skills in specialized training programs. Organized community presentations. Supervised student interns.

**New York University School of Law, Civil Legal Services Clinic**

Fall 2002 - Spring 2003

New York, NY

*Clinic Student.* Represented tenants in eviction proceedings and participated in clinic seminar that included extensive simulations and feedback. Litigated drug holdover proceeding through trial. Cross-examined police officer. Defended client's deposition.

**New York University School of Law, Professor Michael J. Wishnie**

Spring 2003

New York, NY

*Hays Fellow.* Counseled individuals subject to post-9/11 Special Registration program and co-authored model brief on selective enforcement. Researched Department of Justice practice of entering civil immigration information into National Crime Information Center.

**NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., Political Participation Group** Fall 2002

New York, NY

*Hays Fellow.* Drafted portion of class action complaint challenging felon disenfranchisement. Researched intentional disenfranchisement of African Americans in New York State.

**Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard, P.C.**

Summer 2002

New York, NY

*Summer Law Clerk.* Researched and wrote legal memoranda at premier labor and employment firm. Selected to conduct historical research in preparation for speech by Judith P. Vladeck.

**New York University School of Law, Professor Helen Hershkoff** Summer 2002  
New York, NY  
*Research Assistant.* Compiled literature on notice relief for due process violations.

**South Brooklyn Legal Services, Foreclosure Prevention Project** Spring 2002  
Brooklyn, NY  
*Legal Intern.* Interviewed clients and drafted discovery regarding high-interest mortgages.

**New York Civil Liberties Union, Reproductive Rights Project** Spring & Fall 2001  
New York, NY  
*Legal Intern.* Researched and wrote memoranda on insurance coverage of oral contraceptives, mandatory reporting of minor patients' sexual activity, environmental review of design for women's health clinic, and trespassing on clinic property.

**American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama** Summer 2001  
Montgomery, AL  
*Law Clerk.* Researched and wrote memoranda on sex discrimination in prison's work program, imprisonment for failure to pay attorneys' fees, school drug testing policies, school dress codes, and custody rights of LGBT parents.

**Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, P.C.** Fall 1999 - Spring 2000  
New York, NY  
*Immigration Paralegal.* Drafted visa petitions and permanent residence applications.

**National Lawyers Guild, The Street Law Project** Spring 1999  
New York, NY  
*Project Coordinator.* Planned training on housing, employment, and police misconduct for law students who then presented workshops at schools, churches, and community organizations.

**Westchester County District Attorney's Office, Special Prosecutions Division** Summer 1998  
White Plains, NY  
*Intern.* Researched and investigated cases of child abuse, sexual assault, and domestic violence.

**New York City Civil Court, Bronx Housing Court** Summer 1998  
**The Honorable Sheldon J. Halprin**  
Bronx, NY  
*Intern.* Evaluated trial testimony in housing court. Answered tenants' procedural questions.

**University of Texas Women's Cooperatives** Summer 1997  
Austin, TX  
*Intern.* Researched and created website, including directory of women's resources.

**The Domestic Violence Project / Safe House** Spring & Fall 1996  
Ann Arbor, MI  
*Shelter and Crisis-Line Volunteer.* Counseled survivors of domestic violence.

**Professor Frances Hasso** Summer 1996  
Ann Arbor, MI  
*Research Assistant.* Summarized articles concerning Palestinian women's political activism.

## **BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### **BOOKS**

**THE UNDERDEVELOPMENT OF POOR PEOPLE'S LAW** (in progress)

**A HISTORY OF THE ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYS CIVIL LIBERTIES PROGRAM 1958-2008** (Norman Dorsen with Sylvia A. Law, Helen Hershkoff, Gabrielle Prisco and Kathryn Sabbeth, NYU Law 2008).

### **LAW REVIEW ARTICLES**

***The Gender of Gideon*** (Kathryn A. Sabbeth & Jessica K. Steinberg) (in progress)

***Collateral Consequences of Civil Cases*** (in progress)

***(Under)Enforcement of Poor Tenants' Rights***, 27 GEO. J. ON POVERTY L. & POL'Y 97 (2019).

***Housing Defense as the New Gideon***, 41 HARV. J. L. & GENDER 55 (2018).

Reprinted in part in JULIET BRODIE, CLARE PASTORE, EZRA ROSSER, & JEFFREY SELBIN, POVERTY LAW, POLICY, AND PRACTICE (2nd ed., forthcoming 2020).

***Simplicity as Justice***, 2018 WISC. L. REV. 287.

***Zeal on Behalf of Vulnerable Clients***, 93 N.C. L. REV. 1475 (2015).

***The Prioritization of Criminal Over Civil Counsel and the Discounted Danger of Private Power***, 42 FLA. ST. U. L. REV. 889 (2015).

***What's Money Got to Do With It?: Public Interest Lawyering and Profit***, 91 DENV. U. L. REV. 442 (2014).

***Capital Defenders as Outsider Lawyers***, 89 CHI.-KENT L. REV. 569 (2014).

***Towards a Theory of Litigation as Expression: Lessons from Guantánamo***, 44 U.C. DAVIS L. REV. 1487 (2011).

***Contracting (Out) Rights***, 36 FORDHAM URB. L. J. 803 (2009) (Kathryn A. Sabbeth & David C. Vladeck).

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, PANELS, AND WORKSHOPS**

***Evictions Before, During, and After the Pandemic***, Discussant and Chair, AALS Annual Conference, Hot Topics Panel Selected from Call for Proposals, January 8, 2020.

***Law in the Time of COVID: Eviction Law***, Panelist, UNC Law School, November 17, 2020

***Critical Race Theory and Housing***, Guest Lecture, Duke University School of Law, November 9, 2020.

***Housing and Unhousing***, Guest Lecture, Northern Arizona University, October 15, 2020.

***The Injustice of the Summary Eviction Process: Revisiting Lindsey v. Normet***, Commentator, AALS Virtual Poverty Law Workshop Series, August 13, 2020.

***Eviction in the Pandemic***, Legal Implications of Covid-19 Panel, UNC School of Law, August 3, 2020.

***Access to Justice and the Legal Profession***, Invited Roundtable Participant, Law and Society Association Conference, May 30, 2020.

***The Underdevelopment of Poor People's Law***, Poverty Law IV Conference: Where Do We Go From Here?, University of California at Berkeley, April 10, 2020 (cancelled due to pandemic).

***The Underdevelopment of Poor People's Law***, Presenter Selected from Call for Papers, Law and Political Economy Conference, Yale Law School, April 3, 2020 (cancelled due to pandemic).

***Effects of Housing Injustice***, Moderator, State of the South Conference, Center for Access to Justice, Georgia State University School of Law, February 21, 2020.

***Tenants' Rights 2020: The Power and Potential of a Right to Counsel***, Festival of Legal Learning, UNC Friday Center, February 7, 2020.

***The Gender of Gideon***, Law and Society Association Conference, May 30, 2019.

***Housing Defense as the New Gideon***, Festival of Legal Learning, UNC Friday Center, February 8, 2019.

***Enforcement of Poor People's Rights: The Case of Housing Standards***, ClassCrits XI Conference, West Virginia University School of Law, November 2, 2018.

***Enforcement of Poor People's Rights: The Case of Housing Standards***, Seattle University School of Law, Faculty Speaker Series, October 18, 2018.

***Access to Justice Summit***, Invited Participant, Fordham University School of Law, October 2, 2018.

***Under-Enforcement of Housing Standards***, Symposium: FHA @ 50: Renewing Our Commitment to Housing Equity, University of the District of Columbia School of Law, April 20, 2018.

***Housing Defense as the New Gideon***, Harvard Law School, Nov. 15, 2017.

***Stealing Status: What 'Private Attorney Generals' Gain from Public Interest Clients***, Commentator, ClassCrits X Conference, Tulane University School of Law, November 11, 2017.

*Simplicity as Justice*, ClassCrits X Conference, Tulane University School of Law, November 10, 2017.

*Simplicity as Justice*, Symposium: Public Interest Mobilization and Access to Justice Movements in the New Democratic State, Wisconsin Law School, October 27, 2017.

*Public and Private Models for Public Interest Law Funding*, Information Effects of Litigation Roundtable, Washington and Lee University School of Law, September 21, 2017.

*Pedagogy of Intervention: Zealous Advocacy and Student Autonomy*, Panelist, Clinical Legal Education Association Conference, May 10, 2017.

*Access to Justice Works-in Progress*, Discussant, Clinical Legal Education Association Conference, May 9, 2017.

**In re Gault: 50 Years Later**, Facilitator, University of Kentucky School of Law, March 6, 2017.

*Housing Defense as the New Gideon*, University of Kentucky School of Law, Faculty Brownbag Speaker Series, November 28, 2016.

*HB2: Dismantling the Private Right of Action for Victims of Employment Discrimination*, UNC School of Law, April 12, 2016.

*The Ethics and Practice of Community Lawyering by Faculty*, Co-Chair & Discussant, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 7, 2016.

*Gideon's Sister: The Right to a Housing Defense*, ClassCrits VIII Conference, University of Tennessee School of Law, October 24, 2015.

*Valuing Caretakers' Rights*, Symposium: Reframing the Welfare Queen, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, April 24, 2015.

*The Prioritization of Criminal Over Civil Counsel and the Discounted Danger of Private Power*, Loyola Marymount University Law School, Faculty Speaker Series, February 12, 2015.

*Public Interest Practice: Civil Legal Services*, Facilitator, UNC School of Law, February 7, 2015.

*Public Interest Lawyering: Funding Challenges and Opportunities*, Presenter & Facilitator, Carolina Law ACLU, February 3, 2015.

*Arbitration of Public Rights*, Discussant following viewing of films *Hot Coffee* and *Lost in the Fine Print*, Critical Legal Studies Assembly, January 28, 2015.

*The Prioritization of Criminal Over Civil Counsel and the Discounted Danger of Private Power*, University of Illinois College of Law, Faculty Speaker Series, October 16, 2014.

***Zeal on Behalf of Vulnerable Clients***, Symposium: Vulnerable Defendants and the Criminal Justice System, UNC School of Law, October 10, 2014.

***The Discounted Danger of Private Power***, Duke University School of Law, Summer Workshop Series, July 23, 2014.

***Law, Legal Process, and Access to Justice***, Discussant & Panel Chair, Law and Society Association Conference, June 1, 2014.

***The Prioritization of Criminal Over Civil Counsel and the Discounted Danger of Private Power***, Law and Society Association Conference, May 29, 2014.

***Clinical Legal Education Workshop on Poverty Law***, Workshop Leader, Clinical Legal Education Association Conference, April 28-30, 2014.

***The Prioritization of Criminal Over Civil Counsel and the Discounted Danger of Private Power***, Carolina Junior Scholar Series, April 11, 2014.

***The Prioritization of Criminal Over Civil Counsel and the Discounted Danger of Private Power***, UNC Law School Clinic Faculty Workshop, November 18, 2013.

***Capital Defenders as Outsider Lawyers***, Symposium: Intragroup Dissent, Chicago-Kent Law School, November 8, 2013.

***Civil Litigation Careers***, Panelist, UNC Law School, October 1, 2013.

***Judges and Their Clerks***, Moderator, UNC Law School, September 20, 2013.

***Public Interest Lawyering: What's Money Got to Do With It?***, Southeastern Law Schools Junior-Senior Conference, Tulane Law School, October 20, 2012.

***Jurisdiction and Justiciability in Federal Litigation***, Panelist, Legal Services of New York City, March 2, 2012 (with Karen Bacdayan, Hannah Lieberman, and Ghita Schwartz).

***Hot Topics in Arbitration***, Panelist, Festival of Legal Learning, UNC Friday Center, February 10, 2012 (with Carlene McNulty and Mark Weidemaier).

***Public Interest Law Careers***, Panelist, UNC School of Law, February 3, 2012.

***Public Interest Lawyering: What's Money Got to Do With It?***, Duke-UNC Junior Faculty Workshop Series, October 5, 2011.

***Should Employment Claims Continue to Be Arbitrated?***, Roundtable Participant, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, July 20, 2011.

***Women in the Legal Profession***, Facilitator, UNC School of Law, March 22, 2010.

***Aren't We Special? Particular Problems with Wiretapping Lawyers***, University of Kansas School of Law, Faculty Speaker Series, March 5, 2010.

***Judicial Clerkship Panel***, Moderator, UNC School of Law, March 3, 2010.

***Is Notice Pleading Dead in the Federal Courts?***, Panelist, Festival of Legal Learning, UNC Friday Center, February 6, 2010 (with Elizabeth Gibson and Melissa Saunders).

***Legal Ethics***, Facilitator, Witt Professionalism Dinner, UNC School of Law, February 2, 2010.

***Public Interest Careers***, Panelist, UNC School of Law, January 22, 2010.

***Contracting (Out) Rights***, Symposium: The Future of Public Rights Litigation, Fordham Law School, March 12, 2009.

***Aren't We Special? Particular Problems with Wiretapping Lawyers***, Georgetown University Law Center, Summer Workshop Series, August 12, 2008.

***Federal Courts and the Role of Judicial Law Clerks***, Speaker, Visiting Speaker Series, Whittier Law School, March 8, 2007.

***Why I Became a Legal Services Lawyer***, Panelist, Public Interest Law Center Series, New York University School of Law, October 24, 2005.

***The Tenant Empowerment Act***, Testimony before the Housing and Buildings Committee of the Council of the City of New York, October 29, 2004.

***The Search for Meaningful Work***, Panelist, Public Interest Law Center Series, New York University School of Law, March 8, 2004.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT**

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & COMMITTEES**

Pound Civil Justice Institute, *Academic Fellow* (2020 - present)

American Bar Foundation Access to Justice Research Network, *Invited Affiliate* (2020 - present)

National Lawyers Guild, *Scholar Member* (2020 - present)

AALS Professional Responsibility Section, *Member* (2019 - present)

AALS Poverty Law Section, *Member* (2016 - present)

AALS Civil Rights Section, *Member* (2015 - present)

North Carolina Housing Coalition, *Member* (2014 – present)

Law and Society Association, *Member* (2012 - present)

Society of American Law Teachers, *Member* (2012 - present)



Clinical Legal Education Association, *Member* (2009 - present)

North Carolina Advocates for Justice, Employment Law Section, *Member* (2009 - present)

Community Advisory Panel on Gentrification in Durham, The Herald-Sun, *Member* (2018 - 2019)

National Hispanic Media Coalition, *Board Member* (2015 - 2017)

Fifth Avenue Committee Displacement Free Zone Project, *Board Member* (2003-2005)

### UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Taskforce on Professional Standards for Students, UNC School of Law, *Member* (2020 - present)

Heels for the Homeless - UNC, *Faculty Advisor* (2020 - present)

National Lawyers Guild - UNC Law Chapter, *Faculty Co-Advisor* (2019 - present)

Women in Law, UNC School of Law, *Faculty Advisor* (2010 - present)

Taskforce on Faculty Salaries, UNC School of Law, *Member* (2019 - 2020)

Judicial Clerkship Committee, UNC School of Law, *Member* (2011 - 2012, 2018 - 2019)

Community Legal Project, UNC School of Law, *Faculty Co-Advisor* (2015 - 2017)

Admissions Committee, UNC School of Law, *Member* (2012 - 2014, 2015 - 2016)

Public Interest Grant Selection Committee, UNC School of Law, *Member* (2014 - 2016)

Conflict of Interest Committee, UNC School of Dentistry, *Member* (2013 - 2016)

Speakers Committee, UNC School of Law, *Member* (2009 - 2011, 2014 - 2015)

Readmissions Committee, UNC School of Law, *Member* (Summer 2011), *Chair* (Summer 2012)

Appointments Committee, UNC School of Law, *Member* (2010 - 2011)

### BAR ADMISSIONS

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York

United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina

United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina

District of Columbia; State of New York; State of North Carolina