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Assistant Professor 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

Honors: Arthur Garfield Hays Civil Liberties Fellow

*Review of Law and Social Change*, Staff Editor

Christian Jarecki ('98) Memorial Prize (for one student's outstanding clinic work)

Activities: Critical Perspectives Reading Group, Founder

Unemployment Action Center, Advocate

Civil Legal Services Clinic, Student

**University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, with High Honors, Social Inequality Concentration, 1998

Honors: *Phi Beta Kappa*

*Alpha Kappa Delta* (international sociology honors society)

James B. Angell Scholarship (for more than two semesters with GPA of 4.0)

Thesis: *Mothers' Meanings: The Ideology of Welfare Rights Activism*

Activities: Inter-Cooperative Council, Work Manager

Welfare Rights Union, Volunteer

**EMPLOYMENT**

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

July 2009 - present

Chapel Hill, NC

*Assistant Professor of Law*. Courses include Civil Lawyering Process, Civil Legal Services Clinic, and Employment Discrimination. Teach and supervise clinic students who represent clients in employment, housing, and other economic justice and civil rights cases.

**Georgetown University Law Center**

Aug. 2007 - June 2009

**Institute for Public Representation**

Washington, DC

*Teaching Fellow & Staff Attorney*. Co-taught clinical civil rights course and managed federal civil rights docket, including employment discrimination, education, and Guantánamo-related open government litigation.

**United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit**

Aug. 2006 - Aug. 2007

**The Honorable Warren J. Ferguson**

**United States Circuit Judge**

Santa Ana, CA

*Law Clerk*. Drafted opinions, dissents, and memoranda. Attended oral arguments.

**United States District Court for the Southern District of New York** Sept. 2005 - Aug. 2006  
**The Honorable James C. Francis IV**  
**United States Magistrate Judge**  
New York, NY  
*Law Clerk.* Drafted opinions. Assisted judge with trials and mediations.

**South Brooklyn Legal Services, Housing Unit** Sept. 2003 - Aug. 2005  
Brooklyn, NY  
*Staff Attorney.* Represented low-income tenants in affirmative and defensive litigation in federal, state, and city courts. Initiated litigation that successfully compelled the New York City Housing Authority to revise an occupancy policy that unconstitutionally intruded on the right to privacy and family integrity. Challenged sex discrimination in evictions due to domestic violence.

**New York University School of Law, Professor Michael J. Wishnie** Spring 2003  
New York, NY  
*Hays Fellow.* Researched challenge to federal policy of entering civil immigration information into national criminal database. Co-authored model brief alleging Special Registration program constituted selective enforcement. Counseled individuals subject to Special Registration.

**NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.** Fall 2002  
New York, NY  
*Hays Fellow.* Drafted portion of class action complaint challenging felon disenfranchisement. Researched historical 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, public school dress codes and drug testing policies, imprisonment for failure to pay attorneys' fees, 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 workshops on employment, housing, and police misconduct.

**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**

Summer 1998

**The Honorable Sheldon J. Halprin**

Bronx, NY

*Intern.* Summarized and evaluated trial testimony. Answered litigants' procedural questions.

**University of Texas Women's Cooperatives**

Summer 1997

Austin, TX

*Intern.* Researched and created web-site, 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.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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

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

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

*What's Money Got to Do With It?: Public Interest Lawyering and Profit*, 91 DENV. U. L. REV. \_\_  
(forthcoming 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) (with David C. Vladeck).

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).

## PRESENTATIONS

*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.

*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*, Duke-UNC Junior Faculty Workshop, December 16, 2013.

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

*Capital Defenders as Outsider Lawyers*, Symposium: Intragroup Dissent, Chicago-Kent Law School, November 8, 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*, Legal Services of New York City, March 2, 2012 (with Karen Bacdayan, Hannah Lieberman, and Ghita Schwartz).

*Hot Topics in Arbitration*, Festival of Legal Learning, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 10, 2012 (with Carlene McNulty and Mark Weidemaier).

*Public Interest Lawyering as a Career*, Public Interest Law Retreat, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 3, 2012.

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

*Public Policy Implications of Employment Arbitration*, Panelist, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, July 20, 2011.

*Aren't We Special? Particular Problems with Wiretapping Lawyers*, Junior Scholars' Exchange, University of Kansas Law School, March 5, 2010.

*Is Notice Pleading Dead in the Federal Courts?*, Festival of Legal Learning, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, February 6, 2010 (with Elizabeth Gibson and Melissa Saunders).

*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*, Summer Brown Bag Workshop Series, Georgetown University Law Center, August 12, 2008.

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

*Why I Became a Legal Services Lawyer*, 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*, Public Interest Law Center Series, New York University School of Law, March 8, 2004.

### SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, UNC Law Public Interest Grant Selection Committee, 2014 - present

Member, UNC School of Dentistry Conflict of Interest Committee, 2013 - present

Member, UNC Law School Admissions Committee, 2012 - present

Faculty Advisor, Women in Law, 2010 - present

Chair, UNC Law School Readmissions Committee, Summer 2012

Member, UNC Law School Judicial Clerkship Committee, 2011-2012

Member, UNC Law School Readmissions Committee, Summer 2011

Member, UNC Law School Appointments Committee, Clinical Subcommittee, 2010-2011

Member, UNC Law School Speakers Committee, 2009-2011

### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Advocates for Justice

Clinical Legal Education Association

Law and Society Association

Society of American Law Teachers

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Access to Justice

Civil Procedure

Court Systems

Justice and Law

Law and Social Change

Legal Ethics

Public Interest Law

Role of Lawyers in Society

Work Law

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of New York, 2004

District of Columbia, 2008

State of North Carolina, 2009

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 2005

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, 2005

United States District Court for the District of Columbia, 2008

United States District Court for the Middle District of North Carolina, 2009

United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, 2008

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, 2009