

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Professional Experience

Saint Louis University School of Law

Clinical Professor of Law, May 2002 to present

- Highly recognized legal educator, specializing in the intersection of mental health and the criminal justice system. Author of published work discussing best practices in providing interdisciplinary education to law students in the area of holistic representation of clients.
- Seventeen years of experience working with students, staff and faculty at Saint Louis University.
- Responsible for the creation and implementation of the interdisciplinary Criminal Defense Clinic. This innovative clinic utilizes a holistic approach to provide comprehensive legal representation to persons whose serious mental illness has caused them to intersect with the criminal justice system.
- Partnered with the SLU School for Public Health and Social Justice and local grassroots and established community agencies to provide integrated social work services and legal services.
- Author and presenter of numerous community educational programs designed to assist citizens in battling systemic barriers to justice and fight racial inequities inherent in the justice system, including an educational series designed to assist protestors in the wake of the Ferguson protests.
- Mentor to law students as advisor to the Public Interest Law Group, Criminal Litigation Concentration and the Street Law organizations at Saint Louis University School of Law.
- Over 15 years of creating country-specific and culturally appropriate curriculum teaching law internationally in countries such as Myanmar, Scotland and Georgia.

Program Director for Restorative Justice, Human Rights Office, St. Louis Archdiocese October 1999 to July 2002 St. Louis, Missouri

- Advocated for the use of restorative justice practices through educational presentations, lobbying and creating partnerships with other non-profit agencies throughout Missouri. Used advocacy and education as a catalyst to transform society's treatment of those persons who are involved with the criminal justice system. Employed coalition building to lobby for legislation that promotes alternatives to incarceration.

Judge, City of St. Louis, Missouri, October 1999 to May 2003

- Presided over variety of municipal offense dockets including specialized Mental Health and Female Drug Diversionary courts. Assisted in formation of highly specialized and innovative case structure system designed to divert offenders from the criminal justice system through the provision of mental health services.

Attorney, Legal Services of Eastern Missouri, October 1998-April 1999

- Created the Legal Services Clinic at St. Patrick Center, a multi-service center for homeless and at-risk adults. Represented homeless and mentally ill persons with legal barriers to permanent shelter. Lead attorney of the Older Homeless Adolescent Legal Program.

Attorney, Missouri State Public Defender, St. Louis, Missouri

January 1990 to October 1998

- Representation of indigent clients charged with criminal offenses.
Trial Division: Managed a large caseload of A and B felony cases. Litigated forty-seven jury trials. Responsible for training new attorneys in caseload management and trial preparation. Appointed interim District Defender in St. Charles, Missouri. Counseled adult, juvenile and mentally ill clients. Experience included death penalty litigation. **Appellate/PCR Division :** Prepared legal briefs for presentation to the Missouri Courts of Appeal and the Missouri Supreme Court, researched legal issues, investigated and prepared motions for post-conviction relief.
Presenter and Facilitator: Trial Skills Workshops and Ethics Seminars. Taught small group sessions on the fundamentals of trial practice, client counseling, case investigation, case management and trial preparation. Prepared and presented materials on ethical requirements for statewide ethics programs. Attended national trial, appellate and capital defense training seminars.

Attorney, Kessler & Soffer, St. Louis, Missouri

May 1988 to January 1990

Education and Honors

Washington University School of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1988

Associate editor, *Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law*

American Jurisprudence Award

Drake University, Bachelor of Arts, 1985

Majors in Sociology and English Literature

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International Law Teaching Experience

Pazmany Peter University, Budapest, Hungary, 2019

Created and Conducted class on United States criminal justice system. Students attending class were a mix of international students including students from Hungary, Switzerland and Ireland.

Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, 2017

Created and conducted two law classes for university students over a two week period. Classes taught were American Criminal Law and Procedure and Legal Ethics. Participated in cultural exchange activities with faculty from Sichuan University as well as a global cohort of faculty members. Consulted with faculty at Sichuan University School of Law to encourage international exchange.

Saint Louis University, Madrid, Spain 2016

Taught Global Migration and Refugee Law to law students from the United States. Consulted with Spanish colleagues regarding opportunities for collaboration in criminal law research.

International Legal Expert, Yangon, Myanmar, 2015

Instructed law professors and law students at Yangon University and Magway University in Myanmar. Subjects taught included Mock Trial, Externships and Community Legal Education. Assisted law professors with the formulation of curriculum and assessment tools. Mentored law faculty at both universities to promote the open exchange of ideas. Fulfilled grant obligations and participated as judge in National UN sponsored Mock Trial Competition featuring law students from all law schools in Myanmar. Mentored local staff at legal non-profit.

University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, 2014

Conducted a professional development workshop on developing and implementing an interdisciplinary partnership between law and social work in a law school clinical setting.

Scottish University Legal Clinic Network, Edinburgh, Scotland, 2014

Conducted a program on using social work theory and practice to assist persons with mental illness who intersect with the legal system. Sessions included Law & Social Work, Issue Spotting, and Interviewing and Counselling for Clients with Mental Illness.

Global Alliance of Justice Educators, Train the Trainers, New Delhi, India, 2013

Advised and taught international cadre of public interest attorneys, community activists and law professors on the basics of community legal services formation.

American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, Tbilisi, Georgia, 2012

Jury Trial Skills Trainer, Criminal Defense Curriculum Advisor, Legal Writing Curriculum Advisor. Created and presented a jury trial skills training program and a legal writing program for the members of the Bar Association, Supreme and District Courts and law professors in the Republic of Georgia.

International Bridges to Justice, Beijing, China, 2006

Criminal Defense Skills Trainer, Curriculum Advisor Faculty Member. Created a public defender trial skills training curriculum for public interest lawyers in China. Presented a workshop on trial skills including cross-examination and evidence.

Honors and Awards

Public Service Award, Missouri Lawyers Weekly, 2018

Legal Excellence Award, St. Louis Magazine, 2016

Member, Missouri Supreme Court Commission on Racial and Ethnic Fairness, 2015-present

Legal Champion Award, Missouri Lawyers Weekly, 2015

Outstanding Legal Service to the Community Award, Mound City Bar Association, 2015

Excellence in a Public Case or Project, Clinical Legal Education Association, 2015

Faculty Member of the Year, Saint Louis University School of Law, 2013

Faculty Commitment to Experiential Learning Award, Saint Louis University, 2013

Saint Louis University Women of the Year, 2008

Legal Champion Award, Legal Advocates for Abused Women, 2006

Bar Memberships

Missouri Bar Association, October 1988 to present

Illinois Bar Association, April 1989 to present

Federal Bar, Eighth District, Eastern Missouri November 2004 to present

Publications

- *A comparison of public defenders and private attorneys representing defendants with mental illness: An analysis of court-ordered pretrial psychiatric evaluations.* American Journal of Criminal Justice, 43(4), 810–830, 2017.
- *Shifting the Lens: A Primer for Incorporating Social Work Theory and Practice to Improve Outcomes for Clients with Mental Health Issues and Law Students Who Represent Them,* Mental Health Law & Policy Journal, Volume 3, Issue 2, 2014, Indiana University.

University and Professional Service

- Appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court Committee on Diversity in the Legal Profession, 2017 to present.
- Appointed to the Missouri Supreme Court Criminal Rules and Procedures Committee, May 2010 to May 2011.
- Faculty Advisor, Criminal Litigation Concentration, April 2004 to present Saint Louis University School of Law Public Interest Law Group Service Trip Advisor, Spring 2007, 2008, 2009 Chair, Ethics Committee, Saint Louis University School of Law, 2006-2008 Investigator, Student Honor Council, Saint Louis University School of Law, 2008-2010 Member, Center for International and Comparative Law, Saint Louis University School of Law, 2008-present Faculty Advisor, Human Rights Externship in Southeast Asia, Saint Louis University School of Law, 2008-present Faculty Advisor to International Law Students, Saint Louis University School of Law Facilitator, Public Interest Law Group Service Trip to Chiang Mai, Thailand 2009 Member, Global Alliance of Justice Educators, 2008-present

Curriculum Development Experience

- Saint Louis University School of Law: Criminal Defense Advocacy, Forensic Evidence, Juvenile Law, Death Penalty Seminar, Trial Advocacy I, Trial Advocacy II, Client Counseling
- Saint Louis Archdiocesan Human Rights Office: Restorative Justice Education Program
- Missouri State Public Defender Office, Statewide Ethics Program for Lawyers International trial skills and legal writing.