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## ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA**

*Visting Associate Professor*, Aug. 2020 – present

### **Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA**

*Clinical Instructor*, Aug. 2015 – May 2016

- Supervised second- and third-year law students in an eviction defense practice, representing tenants living in federally subsidized housing or market-rate rentals in rapidly gentrifying areas.
- Staffed the “Attorney for the Day” table at Boston Housing Court designed to provide day-of advice and limited-scope representation to the roughly two-hundred-plus tenants with cases scheduled for eviction trials each week.
- Participated in the “Shield and Sword” coalition between legal services providers and City Life/Vida Urbana, a community-organizing group, to stop displacement and promote affordable housing in Greater Boston’s low-income communities.
- Helped lead and participated in the clinic’s seminar component, “Introduction to Advocacy,” and case rounds.

### **Stanford Community Law Clinic, Mills Legal Clinic of Stanford Law School, East Palo Alto, CA**

*Supervising Attorney*, Sept. 2013 – June 2014

- Supervised second- and third-year law students in the representation of tenants at risk of eviction, including motion practice, discovery, trial preparation, and settlement.
- Supervised second- and third-year law students in the representation of tenants in petition cases for habitability and rent-ceiling violations before the Rent Stabilization Board of East Palo Alto.
- Helped lead and participated in substantive-law and skills-based trainings and weekly case rounds.

## OTHER LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

### **Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, New York, NY**

*Deputy Director, Housing Unit, Legal Advocacy Department*, Sept. 2016 – July 2020

*Supervising Housing Attorney, Housing Unit, Legal Advocacy Department*, June 2016 – Sept. 2016

- Supervised attorneys and advocates handling housing matters in a high-volume practice, including eviction cases, affirmative lawsuits, administrative proceedings, and anti-harassment claims.
- Supervised and oversaw the development of all group-representation cases handled by the housing unit.
- Supervised attorneys appearing day-of as assigned counsel for New York City public housing tenants as part of the rollout of New York City’s groundbreaking “universal access to counsel” law.
- Supervised regular intake and advice clinics, reviewed intakes, and selected cases for full-scope representation.
- Maintained own case load of full-scope representation and limited legal services to low-income clients.
- Provided grant management and compliance for the housing unit’s “anti-harassment, tenant-protection” funding from the New York City local government.
- Developed, in conjunction with the Center for Court Innovation, and supervised a limited-scope representation project at the Harlem Community Justice Center staffed by Columbia Law School and New York Law School students to provide day-of counsel to public housing tenants in eviction cases and affirmative lawsuits.
- Litigated a high-profile group case involving both housing and discrimination claims, as co-counsel with Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP and New York Lawyers for the Public Interest.

### **Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, CA**

*Consulting Housing Attorney*, July 2014 – Mar. 2015

- Wrote and designed a 50+-page “toolkit” highlighting legal strategies and public policies that prevent displacement and promote affordable housing when incorporated into cities’ urban-planning and land-use

processes, with funding for the project provided by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

- Participated in a coalition of lawyers, community organizers, urban planners, and organized tenants working to develop and advocate for local policies to preserve and create affordable rental housing for low-income families in Silicon Valley.

### **Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, East Palo Alto, CA**

*Housing Staff Attorney*, Sept. 2013 – June 2014

- Represented tenants in eviction proceedings in Superior Court and in petition cases for habitability and rent-ceiling violations before the Rent Stabilization Board of East Palo Alto.
- Researched and filed an affirmative habitability case against the nation's largest corporate landlord.
- Drafted, in conjunction with the City Attorney of East Palo Alto, local legislation known as the Tenant Protection Ordinance to afford tenants broad protections from landlord abuse and harassment as well as provide sizable relocation benefits to tenants displaced by substantial renovations or demolition of units.
- Drafted and advocated successfully for changes to the rules and regulations of East Palo Alto's Rent Stabilization and Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance.
- Developed and supervised a pro bono clinic to provide representation to tenants at mandatory settlement conferences in eviction cases each week.
- Assisted with the supervision of first-year Stanford Law students at housing intake clinics.

### **Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County, Redwood City, CA**

*Skadden Fellow and Staff Attorney*, Nov. 2011 – Sept. 2013

- Represented limited English proficient tenants at risk of eviction due to foreclosure as part of a two-year fellowship funded by the Skadden Fellowship Foundation.
- Provided direct representation, as well as limited assistance with pleadings and settlement negotiations, to tenants in all types of eviction cases.
- Supervised housing intake clinics and staffed mandatory settlement conferences, serving dozens of tenants each week.
- Filed writ petitions in the Appellate Division of the San Mateo County Superior Court and the California First District Court of Appeal.

### **EDUCATION**

- Stanford Law School – J.D., May 2009
- Brown University – B.A. in International Relations – *Magna Cum Laude* with Honors, May 2003

### **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS**

- The Honorable William G. Young, U.S. District Court for Massachusetts, Boston, MA, Nov. 2010 – Oct. 2011
- The Honorable Ralph D. Gants, Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, Sept. 2009 – Aug. 2010

### **BAR MEMBERSHIP**

- New York, admitted June 2018 (admitted *pro hac vice* June 2016)
- California, admitted Oct. 2011
- Massachusetts, admitted Dec. 2009

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- Skadden Fellowship, 2011-13
- Deborah L. Rhode Public Interest Award, Spring 2009
- Lisa M. Schnitzer Memorial Award for outstanding public service, Spring 2007
- Stanford Law School Public Interest Fellow, 2008-09
- Equal Justice America Immigration Fellow at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, Spring 2007

### **PUBLICATIONS, RESEARCH ASSISTANCE, AND JOURNALS**

- Community Legal Services and Youth United for Community Action, *Toolkit: Community Planning to Prevent Displacement and Promote Affordable Housing* (2015)
- Larisa G. Bowman and Kent Qian, *The Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act: Three Years Later*, 42 HOUSING L. BULLETIN 181 (2012)
- Research Assistant to Professor Juliet M. Brodie, *Little Cases on the Middle Ground: Teaching Social Justice Lawyering in Neighborhood-Based Community Lawyering Clinics*, 15 CLINICAL L. REV. 333 (2009)
- Senior Editor, *Stanford Law Review*, 2008-09
- Managing Editor of Editing, *Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties*, 2007-08

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Panelist, “The Right to Counsel in Housing Court,” Housing Law and Policy (HLS 2270), Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts (Apr. 1, 2019)
- Panelist, “In Defense of NYC Housing,” P\*Law 2019, Cardozo Law, New York, NY (Jan. 30, 2019)
- Speaker, “Housing Issues for Older Adults and People with Disabilities,” State Senator Liz Krueger’s Tenants’ Rights Forum, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY (Dec. 5, 2018)
- Speaker, “Holdover Proceedings in New York City,” LEAP Continuing Legal Education Training, Fordham Law, New York, NY (Oct. 12, 2018)
- Speaker, “Communicating with People with Disabilities,” LEAP Continuing Legal Education Training, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, New York, NY (Aug. 9, 2018)
- Speaker, “Allocation of Scarce Resources: Do Lawyers’ Judgments About ‘Legal Merit’ Bear Out?,” Bellow Scholars Report on Projects, AALS 2013 Conference on Clinical Legal Education, San Juan, Puerto Rico (Apr. 30, 2015)

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- *Rent Calculation Problems Dog Many NYCHA Tenants*, CITY LIMITS, Sept. 30, 2019
- *Harlem Landlord Allegedly Threatened Stabilized Tenants with Deportation*, THE REAL DEAL, Mar. 18, 2017
- *East Harlem Landlord, Her Cohorts Tried to Drive Sisters Out of Their Home with Threats of Deportation: Suit*, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, Mar. 17, 2017
- *Developer Hired Fake INS Agent to Scare Away Tenants: Lawsuit*, NEW YORK POST, Mar. 17, 2017
- *East Palo Alto Tenants Sue the Nation’s Largest Landlord*, EPA TODAY, Apr. 30, 2014
- *East Palo Alto Family Sues Landlord Equity Residential Over Housing Conditions*, THE MERCURY NEWS, Apr. 24, 2014
- *In Silicon Valley, a New Investment: Eviction*, BLOOMBERG NEWS, Apr. 7, 2014
- *East Palo Alto City Council Passes New Tenant Protections*, KQED NEWS, Apr. 4, 2014
- *East Palo Alto Rent Board Slams Audit*, PALO ALTO ONLINE, Mar. 27, 2014
- *Low-Income Housing Advocates in East Palo Alto See Threat to Affordability*, PENINSULA PRESS, Mar. 11, 2014
- *Stanford Law School Clinic Offers Free Legal Services in East Palo Alto*, THE STANFORD DAILY, Jan. 29, 2014
- *Cuts Spreading Legal Help Thin*, THE DAILY JOURNAL, July 3, 2013
- *Law School Clinics Provide Real-World Training*, ABA FOR LAW STUDENTS, Dec. 1, 2012
- *Lawyers Conclude Arguments in East Palo Alto Rent Board Hearing Involving 136 Complaints Against Page Mill Properties*, THE MERCURY NEWS, Feb. 24, 2009
- *Stanford Community Law Clinic Representing Those in Need*, STANFORD LAWYER, May 15, 2008
- *Shaking the Foundations: Stanford Law Students Organize Inspiring Progressive Lawyering Conference*, PLAINTIFF MAGAZINE, Nov. 2007

### **ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

- Proficiency in Spanish (extensive experience representing Spanish-speaking clients in legal work)
- 35+ years of classical ballet performance experience and ongoing training