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EDUCATION

- Stanford Law School – J.D., May 2009
Deborah L. Rhode Public Interest Award
Lisa M. Schnitzer Memorial Award (outstanding public service)
Stanford Law School Public Interest Fellow
Stanford Law Review, Senior Editor
Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Managing Editor of Editing
- Brown University – B.A. in International Relations – *Magna Cum Laude* with Honors, May 2003

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Primary: Clinical Education, Civil Procedure, Housing Law and Policy, Poverty Law
- Secondary: Property, Civil Rights, Race and Inequality

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Stanford Law School, Deborah L. Rhode Center on the Legal Profession, Stanford, CA

The American Law Institute, Philadelphia, PA

Court Innovation Fellow, Rhode Center / Project Fellow, ALI, Jul. 2023 – present (remote)

- Serve as the inaugural fellow responsible for the American Law Institute’s recently launched “Principles of the Law, High-Volume Civil Adjudication” project, with SLS Professor David Freeman Engstrom as the reporter.
- Craft legal and policy recommendations on key issues facing courts and the civil justice system, including procedural, technological, and administrative innovations.
- Collect and analyze data and research on the operation of the civil justice system, with a particular focus on high-volume litigation areas, such as eviction, debt collection, foreclosure, and child custody.
- Plan and attend convenings and meetings that bring together leading judges, court administrators, policymakers, lawyers, scholars, and other stakeholders to address critical issues in the civil justice system.

University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA

Adjunct Professor, Aug. 2023 – present

Visiting Associate Professor, Aug. 2020 – May 2023

- Courses: Housing Law and Policy, Judicial Field Placement, General Field Placement
- Service: Admissions Committee; Faculty Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee; Self-Study Subcommittee; Admissions and Student Services

Harvard Law School, Harvard Legal Aid Bureau, 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 Law School, Stanford Community Law Clinic, 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 training and weekly case rounds.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

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

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 non-attorney 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 implementation 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 for 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.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Lawyers Aren't Rent*, 75 STAN. L. REV. ONLINE 132 (2023) (with Juliet M. Brodie)
- *Remembering Chief Justice Gants as a Champion for Housing Justice*, 62 B.C. L. REV. 2840 (2021) (with Esme Caramello and Nicole Summers)
- Op.-ed., *The Eviction Ban Should Remain in Effect Long After the Pandemic Is Over*, CNN (Jan. 22, 2021) (with Juliet Brodie)
- *Toolkit: Community Planning to Prevent Displacement and Promote Affordable Housing*, Community Legal Services and Youth United for Community Action (2015)
- *The Protecting Tenants at Foreclosure Act: Three Years Later*, 42 HOUS. L. BULLETIN 181 (2012) (with Kent Qian)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- *Eviction Abolition*, 55 LOY. U. CHI. L.J. __ (forthcoming 2024) (job talk paper)
- *Right-to-Counsel Reformism: An Abolitionist Critique of Civil Gideon in New York City Housing Court* (in progress)
- *Teaching Justice in Judicial Externships* (in progress)

PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist, “The Movement for a Tenants’ Right to Counsel,” Fordham Urban Law Journal Symposium: With People Struggling and the Law Failing, What Are the Solutions to the Access to Justice Crisis in America?, Fordham University School of Law (February 2024)
- Panelist, “Surprising Challenges and Unintended Consequences,” International Access to Justice Forum 2023 (October 2023)
- Presenter, “Beyond Right to Counsel: Alternative Approaches to Critical Housing Justice in Clinical Education,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (April 2023)
- Presenter, “Right-to-Counsel Reformism: An Abolitionist Critique of Civil Gideon in New York City Housing Court,” Work in Progress, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (April 2023)
- Presenter, “Access to Housing,” Stanford Law Review Symposium: Access to Justice, Stanford Law School (February 2023)
- Panelist, “How to Row, Row, Row Your Way to Better Mentoring: Lessons Learned from One Clinicians Crew,” Externships 11: Embracing Community Conference, Pepperdine University Caruso School of Law (October 2022)
- Moderator, “Panel Discussion with Director Sara Terry” (following the film screening of her documentary *A Decent Home*), University of Iowa College of Law (August 2022)
- Presenter, “Eviction Abolition,” Work in Progress, EVICT Conference, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (June 2022)

- Presenter, “Community and Movement Lawyering Against Eviction in the New Normal: Moratorium? Diversion? Civil *Gideon*? Rent Cancellation? Abolition?,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (May 2022)
- Presenter, “Eviction Abolition,” Work in Progress, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (May 2022)
- Panelist, “Iowa in the World Community: The Right to Housing,” University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (Sept. 2021)
- Topic Leader, “Housing and Homelessness” discussion, Skadden Foundation – Virtual Convening of Skadden Fellows Community (Feb. 2021)
- Panelist, “The Right to Counsel in Housing Court,” Housing Law and Policy (HLS 2270), Harvard Law School (Apr. 2019)
- Panelist, “In Defense of NYC Housing,” P*Law 2019, Cardozo School of Law (Jan. 30, 2019)
- Presenter, “Housing Issues for Older Adults and People with Disabilities,” State Senator Liz Krueger’s Tenants’ Rights Forum, CUNY Graduate Center (Dec. 2018)
- Presenter, “Holdover Proceedings in New York City,” LEAP Continuing Legal Education Training, Fordham University School of Law (Oct. 2018)
- Presenter, “Communicating with People with Disabilities,” LEAP Continuing Legal Education Training, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House (Aug. 2018)
- Presenter, “Allocation of Scarce Resources: Do Lawyers’ Judgments About ‘Legal Merit’ Bear Out?,” Bellow Scholars Report on Projects, AALS 2013 Conference on Clinical Legal Education (Apr. 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)

BAR MEMBERSHIP

- Iowa, admitted Apr. 2021
- New York, admitted Jun. 2018 (admitted *pro hac vice* Jun. 2016)
- California (inactive), admitted Oct. 2011
- Massachusetts (inactive), admitted Dec. 2009

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

REFERENCES

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