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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Seton Hall University School of Law **Newark, New Jersey**
Acting Director of Advocacy Programs, Visiting Assistant Professor **February – September 2008**
Supervised advocacy programs, including budgetary oversight and curricular planning. Hired and supervised adjunct faculty to teach required Persuasion and Advocacy course. Developed advanced skills curriculum. Directed Skills Committee meetings. Provided oversight for moot court and mock trial programs. Attended NITA Teacher Training course. Served as co-Program Director for NITA New Jersey Deposition Program.

Seton Hall University School of Law **Newark, New Jersey**
Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor **July 2004 – July 2005**
Directed the Housing and Homelessness Clinic for two semesters. Taught weekly course on substantive housing and poverty law, as well as litigation skills. Supervised law students as they represented clients in all facets of legal work, including interviewing, providing legal advice, brief writing, trial advocacy, and post-trial collection. Represented clients directly. Worked closely with Essex Newark Legal Services and other community organizations. For this work, received the Essex County Bar Association Bernard Kuttner Pro Bono Award in 2006.

Seton Hall University School of Law **Newark, New Jersey**
Adjunct Professor **August 1999 – January 2000**
Taught seminar on Low-Income Housing and Community Development.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law **Washington, D.C.**
Staff Attorney, Voting Rights Project **September 2000 – November 2002**
Represented plaintiffs in *NAACP v. Harris*, a challenge to voting practices that disenfranchised minority voters in the November 2000 election in Florida, and *Johnson v. Bush*, a constitutional and Voting Rights Act challenge to Florida's disenfranchisement of ex-felons. Litigated cases under the Voting Rights Act to challenge discriminatory election practices. Engaged in advocacy and training across U.S. on issues of voting rights and criminal justice, including redistricting, electoral system reform, and racial profiling.

Gibbons, Del Deo, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione **Newark, New Jersey**
Gibbons Fellow in Public Interest & Constitutional Law **September 1998 - September 2000**
Wrote *amicus curiae* briefs in cases before the New Jersey Supreme Court regarding termination of parental rights, domestic violence, and school funding, and assisted in preparation of *amicus curiae* brief in welfare reform case before the United States Supreme Court. Engaged in discovery, motion practice, and settlement negotiations as co-counsel in impact litigation relating to racial profiling, police hiring practices, care of boarder babies, and welfare family cap. Worked on housing issues including the propriety of a stay of a civil eviction proceeding where there is a related criminal proceeding, and the evaluation of rent increase applications in government-subsidized housing. Appealed prisoners' rights cases before a Special Master.

**Brooklyn Legal Services, Corp. B
Staff Attorney, Housing Law Unit**

**Brooklyn, New York
October 1996 - August 1998**

Litigated landlord/tenant issues in the Civil Court of the City of New York and the Supreme Court of the State of New York. Conducted trials and hearings. Engaged in extensive motion practice. Assisted in affirmative litigation to challenge rent regulatory statutes. Managed caseload of approximately forty cases at a time. Filed class action suit in federal court challenging impact of administration of Section 8 program on disabled tenants. Assisted clients in obtaining welfare and disability benefits. Conducted welfare-related fair hearings. Trained community leaders in housing issues.

**The Hon. Joseph E. Irenas, U.S.D.J., District of New Jersey
Law Clerk**

**Camden, New Jersey
August 1995 - August 1996**

Assisted in preparation of opinions. Wrote bench memoranda. Participated in pre-trial conferences with attorneys. Coordinated motion calendar.

**Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue
Summer Associate**

**New York, New York
Summer 1994**

Wrote memoranda on litigation topics. Assisted international arbitration. Prepared motions in bankruptcy matters.

**Lawyers Alliance for New York
Child Care Law Project Intern**

**New York, New York
Summer 1993**

Conducted legal "check-ups" for not-for-profit organizations, including review of incorporation status, by-laws, personnel policies, employment issues, and tax status.

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

**Volunteer Lawyers for Justice
Member, Board of Directors**

**Newark, New Jersey
May 2006 – Current**

Provide oversight for operations of VLJ, a program which provides *pro bono* legal assistance through seminars, advice and counsel, *pro bono* representation, and referrals. Participate in fundraising and event planning. Prior to the fall of 2008, VLJ was a Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Legal Services Foundation of Essex County.

**Park United Methodist Church
Trustee**

**Bloomfield, New Jersey
Fall 2006 – Current**

Responsible for property and management issues for church. Drafted Safe Sanctuaries Policy addressing prevention and reporting of child abuse. In addition, serve as Chairperson of Missions Committee. Helped found in 2004, and serve as Director of, the Summer Servants youth mission program, a summer program in which teenagers from the greater Bloomfield area undertake volunteer work for two weeks.

**Unemployment Action Center, Inc.
Chairperson, Board of Directors**

**New York, New York
March 1994 - March 1995**

Supervised activities of organization with five student chapters and four-hundred advocates. Trained advocates to represent clients in unemployment insurance hearings. Assisted in fund-raising activities and alumni outreach. As an advocate for three years, represented six individuals in their unemployment insurance hearings and/or appeals. Served on Board of Advisors, Fall 1995 – Spring 1999.

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Lori L. Outzs, A Principled Use of Congressional Floor Statements in Statutory Interpretation, 28 Colum. J. L. & Soc. Probs. 297 (1995).

Lori L. Outzs, Limits on Lobbying and Political Activities of Nonprofits: Should Hungary Follow the United States Regulatory Model?, 1 J. E. Eur. L. 339 (1994).

PUBLISHED OPINIONS IN CASES LITIGATED

Saenz v. Roe, 526 U.S. 489 (1999) (represented social scientists as *amici curiae*).

Johnson v. Bush, 214 F.Supp.2d 1333 (S.D.Fla. 2002), *aff'd in part, rev'd in part, and remanded by Johnson v. Governor of Fla.*, 353 F.3d 1287 (11th Cir. 2003), *vacated, reh'g. en banc granted, Johnson v. Governor of Fla.*, 2004 U.S. App. LEXIS 15522 (11th Cir. Fla. July 20, 2004) (represented Plaintiffs-Appellants, class of disenfranchised ex-felons).

Farrakhan v. Washington, 338 F.3d 1009 (9th Cir. 2003) (represented *amici curiae* in support of Plaintiffs-Appellants).

In re Grant of Charter School Application of Englewood on Palisades Charter School, 162 N.J. 316 (2000) (represented Abbott plaintiffs as *amicus curiae* before New Jersey Supreme Court).

In re Grant of Charter School Application of Greater Brunswick Charter School, Middlesex County, 162 N.J. 314 (2000) (represented Abbott plaintiffs as *amicus curiae* before New Jersey Supreme Court).

Wildoner v. Borough of Ramsey, 162 N.J. 375 (2000) (represented New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women as *amicus curiae* before New Jersey Supreme Court).

In the Matter of K.H.O., 161 N.J. 337 (1999) (represented New Jersey Women's Resource Panel on Substance Abuse as *amicus curiae* before New Jersey Supreme Court).

Wlizlo v. Guich, N.Y.L.J., 1/6/98, p. 23, c. 2 (N.Y. Civ. Ct.) (represented respondents).

Sunset Park Development Corp. v. Hickerson, N.Y.L.J., 10/8/97, p. 27, c. 2 (N.Y. Civ. Ct.) (represented respondents).

Resolution GGY OY v. Mixon, 25 HCR 478A, N.Y.L.J., 9/10/97, p. 32, c. 6 (N.Y. Civ. Ct.) (represented respondents).

EDUCATION

COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL J.D. May 1995

Honors and Activities:

Stone Honor Moot Court Competition, Finalist, argued before panel chaired by Justice Souter

Tony Patiño Fellow

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship

Columbia Journal of Law and Social Problems, Articles Editor

HARVARD COLLEGE A.B. June 1991, Cum Laude in Government

Harvard College Scholarship for Academic Achievement

Harvard Alumni Association Aloian Memorial Award for Leadership

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association, Member

New Jersey State Bar Association, Member

New York State Bar Association, Member

League of Women Voters – Montclair Area, Member

Lawyers With Children, Member, 2003-2007

Alumnae of Columbia Law School, Committee on Public Interest, Co-Chairperson, 1998-2000

Essex County Bar Association, Member

- Pro Bono Task Force Member, 1999-2000

ADMISSIONS

Supreme Court of the United States, 1999

United States District Court, District of New Jersey, 1996

District of Columbia, 2001

State of New Jersey, 1996

State of New York, 1996