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Admission: **New York**
February 2006
U.S. District Court, SDNY
March 2009
U.S. District Court, EDNY
April, 2009

Education

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
LL.M. January 2010

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Huntington, NY
J.D. *Summa Cum Laude*, May 2005

Awards: Dean Howard A. Glickstein Commencement Award for Outstanding Leadership and Overall Academic Excellence, 2005
Salutatorian, Part-time Division, 2005
Bessie Ray Geffner Memorial Award for Outstanding Woman Law Student (Evening Division) George C. Pratt Judicial Clerkship Fellow, Summer 2003
1st Place, 2003 John S. Bainbridge Moot Court Competition, 2003

Activities: Editorial Board, Moot Court Honor Society, 2004-2005
Student Director, Academic Support Program, 2004-2005

Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services, New York, NY
M.S.W. 1993

Awards: NYC Child Welfare Administration Scholarship Recipient, 1991 and 1992

SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY
A.B.D. English Literature 1978-1987

Awards: University-wide Award for Teaching Excellence, 1982
Mumford Fellowship, Federated Learning Communities, 1984
Distinction" on Oral Doctoral Examination

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY
M.A. English 1978

Awards: Robert Horlich Scholarship Award for Best Graduate Student (1978)

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY
B.A. History 1969

Law School Administrative Positions

Associate Dean for Experiential Education & Special Programs (August 2021-Present)

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY

- Responsible for all advocacy programs, externship programs, oversight of clinical programs, Flex JD program
- Creation/implementation of innovative programming related to the integration of practice with the teaching of doctrinal law
- Participation in experiential programming with the Court and with community agencies, with the objective of providing our students with multiple opportunities for becoming “practice-ready” graduates

Associate Dean for Academic Affairs (July 2018 – July 2021)

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY

- Served as liaison between students and faculty, handling all issues related to academics
- Conferenced with students about problematic matters related to curriculum, teaching, examinations, grading
- Conferenced with faculty regarding above matters
- Under close supervision and guidance of the Dean, prepared for the 2021 ABA site visit by gathering all necessary documents and writing the report for our Program of Legal Education
- With the guidance of the Dean, worked with faculty to create policies/programs related to the COVID-19 pandemic and implemented said policies
- Developed schedules for all semesters

Associate Dean for Experiential Education (December 2012-June 2018)

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY

- Created and implemented innovative programming related to experiential learning
- Developed community and neighborhood programs to provide students with entry-level attorney experiences
- Participated actively in the emerging academic community for experiential education

Director of Collaborative Court Programs (Fall 2009-November 2012)

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY

- Developed and implemented a three-year model for using the courtroom as a classroom for Touro students, the only program of its kind in the nation
- Created the collaborative court programs that consisted of a 1L Court Observation component, a 2L introduction to New York and/or federal practice (the American Trial Court courses), and a 3L clerkship in federal or state court

Assistant Director of Academic Development (August 2005 – Spring 2009)

Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Huntington/Central Islip, NY

- Assist the Director of Academic Development in all aspects of Touro's Academic Development programs, including: teaching skills and bar prep classes; designing, implementing and administering a first-year TA program, and training/supervising approximately thirty teaching assistants; working with students on an individual basis; creating/implementing new services to enhance our law students' academic experience

Legal Teaching Experience

Associate Professor of Law (2009-Present)

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- Criminal Law I
- Criminal Law II
- Constitutional Law I and II
- Family Law
- Children & the Law
- Child Welfare Seminar
- Contracts
- American Trial Courts, Introduction to NYS Court Practice
- American Trial Courts: Theory and Practice in the Federal Courts
- Advanced Legal Analysis I – Constitutional Law Unit
- Advanced Legal Analysis II – Criminal Law Unit
- Externship Seminar

Non-Legal Teaching Experience

NYC Human Resources Administration, Jamaica Multi-Service Center, Queens, NY

- Task Supervisor and Field Instructor to Master in Social Work students from Graduate Social Services schools throughout the Metropolitan Area, 1993-1994

SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY

- Teach English Composition and Introduction to Literature courses, 1978-1983
- Mumford Fellow and Program Coordinator, Federated Learning Communities, 1984-1987

Legal Experience

Supervising Attorney, Fall 2013-Spring 2016

Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project

- Supervise students in submitting applications and legal briefs, pro bono, on behalf of Iraqi and Afghani citizens being persecuted or threatened with persecution for Special Immigrant Visas
- Acting as pro bono attorney representing the client with whom students are working

Legal Intern, Spring 2009

Safe Horizon Domestic Violence Law Project

Brooklyn, NY

- Worked directly with victims of domestic violence, engaging in extensive interviewing, preparing family offense petitions, custody and visitation petitions, and motions related to all aspects of civil practice under Article 8 of the NY Family Court Act.
- Observed courtroom activities and conducted inquests in Brooklyn Supreme Court Integrated Domestic Violence Court, participated in Intake interviews with complainants, discussed criminal case matters related to complainants with Assistant District Attorneys

Judicial Intern, Summer 2003

Hon. William H. Pauley III, United States District Court Judge, Southern District of New York
New York, NY

- Observed courtroom activities, both pre-trial and full trial, for ten weeks, under the supervision of three attorneys serving as clerks to the Judge. Such proceedings included evidentiary hearings, suppression hearings, sentencing hearings, motion hearings, oral arguments, voir dire, and conferences between the Judge and attorneys
- Provided administrative assistance to chambers' staff, including maintenance of the library, record room, and docket log
- Reviewed court materials, including deposition transcripts and all submitted briefs
- Conducted extensive legal research on all relevant legal issues
- Prepared two bench memoranda on motions for summary judgment, one a Title VII Employment Discrimination case and the other an action for False Arrest, False Imprisonment, Malicious Prosecution, and a Monell claim under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983

Legal Intern, Spring 2003

Jeffrey A. Adolph, Esq., Suffolk County Attorney's Office, Family Court Bureau, Central Islip, NY

- Observed Assistant County Attorney in Suffolk County Family Court prosecute child abuse and neglect cases and engage in courtroom activities designed to promote permanency
- Completed paperwork for issuance of court orders based upon cases heard during sessions
- Assisted with preparation for removal, permanency and termination proceedings including review of petitions, witness statements, and Department of Social Services documents
- Drafted motions for expedited appeals and orders to show cause

Legal Activities/Awards

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY

Activities

- Leadership Committee of NYS Office of Court Administration Suffolk County Access to Justice Program
- Co-Chair, Community Legal Help Project
- Co-Chair, Access to Justice Sub-Committee for Women in the Courts
- Founding and Coordinating Editor, Journal of Experiential Learning 2013-2018
- Faculty Advisor, Moot Court Board of Advocates
- Faculty Advisor, Student Bar Association
- Chair, Committee for Law School Success
- Chair, Curriculum Committee
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee
- Member, Academic Support Committee
- Chair/Member, Graduation Awards Committee
- Member, Faculty Appointments Committee
- Member, University Appointments Committee for Dean of the Law School
- Member, University Appointments Committee for Dean of the Social Work School

Conferences/Presentations

- Testimony before Chief Judge of the State of New York, Suffolk County Pilot Project in Access to Justice, 2019
- Conference Presentation: Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Social Workers and Attorneys, AALS Clinical Conference, 2022

- Conference Presentation: Experiential Curriculum Development, NYS Judicial Institute, 2014
- Conference Presentation: Externship 7, Sturm College of Law, Denver Law School, Winter 2013
- Conference Presentation: Institute on Law Teaching and Learning, Gonzaga University School of Law, Summer 2015
- Conference Presentation: AALS Clinical Conference, 1L Experiential Programs, Spring 2015
- Conference Presentation: Society of American Law Teachers, Baltimore University School of Law, Fall 2012
- Conference Presentation: International Conference on Law, Athens, Greece. Summer 2012
- Conference Presentation: Institute on Law Teaching and Learning, Washburn University School of Law, Summer 2010

Honors/Awards

- Member, Builders Society of Touro University Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, 2024
- Myra E. Berman Bar Success Scholarship Fund, 2024
- SBA Inaugural President's Choice Award, 2023
- Touro College and University Systems Presidential Award for Excellence in Service, 2020
- Leadership in Law Award, Long Island Business News, 2011
- "Class Professor," Commencement Ceremony, Classes of 2024, 2023, 2022, 2020, 2018, 2010 and 2009
- Exceptional Contributions to Legal Education, Commencement Ceremony Award, 2018, 2010, 2007
- George C. Pratt Appellate Advocacy Award, 2022, 2020, 2008
- Student Bar Association Jurisprudence Award, 2018

PUBLICATIONS

- Grant, Emily et al., eds., "*Transforming the Traditional Law School Curriculum into Portals to Practice*, EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM, Carolina Academic Press (2018)
- Co-Author, *Creative Initiatives at U.S. Law Schools: Report of the Working Group*, EXPERIENCE THE FUTURE: PAPERS FROM THE SECOND NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION IN LAW, 7 *Elon L. Rev.* 1, 57 (March 2015)
- *Portals to Practice: A Multidimensional Approach to Integrating Experiential Education into the Traditional Law School Curriculum*, JOURNAL OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING 1 JEL 1, 157 (Winter 2014- 2015)
- Co-Author, THE NEW YORK BAR EXAM BY THE ISSUE, West Publications, 2012
- *Court Is In Session: Integrating the Courtroom Experience into the Law School Classroom*, ATHENS INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATION AND RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM SERIES (submitted and accepted for publication June 2012)

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of Family Resources and Adoption Services (2000 - 2005)

Lakeside Family & Children's Services, Jamaica, NY

Assistant Director of Foster Care (1997 - 2000)

Senior Supervisor (1996 - 1997)

Caseworker Supervisor (1994 - 1996)

- Serve as Queens Site Director, overseeing an office of approximately sixty staff

- Assure that New York State statutes and regulations, New York City mandates, and agency policies are adhered to, with a focus on foster home licensing requirements and adoption finalizations
- Provide administrative oversight for operation of the foster care program, with a current census of more than five hundred children placed in about 400 facilities
- Monitor Family Court Article X, Extension of Placement and Permanency Hearings, as well as Termination and Adoption Proceedings
- Work with the State Central Registry and ACS' Office of Confidential Investigations for protection of children in the foster care system
- Participate in internal administrative committees, including Intake Review, Adoption Task Force, Permanency Planning, Foster Home Review Panel
- Participate in community-based committees including, Chairperson of the Northeast Queens Community Partnership, Con Edison Advisory Board, HRA Queens Advisory Board

Administrative Supervisor (1991 - 1993); **Supervisor I** (1989 - 1991); **Caseworker** (1987 - 1989)
New York City Child Welfare Administration, New York, NY

- Administrative and supervisory responsibility for a special unit performing assessments and licensing of foster homes via New York State Interstate Compact and the completion of Special Adoption Studies with all court-required documentation.