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Education

Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut, Juris Doctor, 1989

Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization
Homelessness Clinic
Child Advocacy Clinic
Student Funded Fellowships
The Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale, Board
Yale TRO Project for Battered Women, Director

Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut, Bachelor of Arts, Romance Literatures, 1984

Phi Beta Kappa, June 1984

Academic Positions

University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, Maryland

Visiting Law School Assistant Professor, Fall 2008 to present
Immigration Clinic
Clinical Instructor, Fall 2004 to 2008
Adjunct Clinical Faculty, 1996 to 2001, Summer 1995

Other Legal Employment

Associated Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services, Baltimore, Maryland

Staff attorney, 1995 to 2001. Provided legal assistance to low income refugees and immigrants in a variety of cases including asylum, family and domestic violence related applications.

Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, Baltimore, Maryland

Interim staff attorney: March - May 2004

Migrant Legal Action Program, Washington, DC

Staff attorney, 1994 to 1995. Represented migrant farmworkers in legislative and administrative advocacy on environmental and occupational safety and health issues.

Farmworker Legal Services of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina

Staff attorney, 1990 to 1994. Director, Worker Safety and Health Project, 1989 to 1990.
Represented migrant and seasonal farmworkers in multi-faceted civil legal practice, with an emphasis on employment and occupational safety and health law.

Texas Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance, Houston, Texas

Paralegal and coordinator of Central American refugee program, 1984 to 1986.

Publications

Forthcoming: “Fact or Fiction: The Legal Construction of Immigration Removal for Crimes,” The Yale Journal on Regulation, Vol. 27, No. 1, Winter 2010.

“A Practical Guide to the Immigration Consequences of Domestic Violence and Drug Charges in Maryland,” The Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers, Inc., October 2008.

Abbreviated Chart for Criminal Defense Practitioners of the Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions Under Maryland State Law, available at <http://www.law.umaryland.edu/programs/clinic/initiatives/immigration/articles.html>.

“A Check on the Real Realities of Immigration: A Reflection,” The Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender and Class, Vol. 5, No. 2, Spring 2006.

“Occupational Injuries Among North Carolina Migrant Farmworkers,” with Steven Ciesielski and S.P. Hall, American Journal of Public Health, Vol. 81, No. 7, July 1991.

“Between Sorrow and Happy Endings: A New Paradigm of Adoption,” Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, Vol. 2, No. 2, Spring 1990, reprinted in *Family Law in Action: A Reader*, ed. by Margaret F. Brinig, Carl E. Schneider, and Lee E. Teitelbaum, Anderson Publishing, 1999.

Selected Presentations

Panel Moderator: *Working Session: Practical Considerations: Creating a Domestic Best Interests Determination*, Practical Considerations: The Nexus of Social Work and Law in International Child Welfare Conference, University of Maryland School of Social Work, October 31, 2009.

Panel, *Supreme Court Preview: Collateral consequences and juvenile incarceration*, University of Maryland School of Law, October 12, 2009.

Panel, *Immigration Law for the Non-Immigration Practitioner – Focus on Interactions with Family, Business and Criminal Law*, Maryland State Bar Association Annual Meeting, June 12, 2009.

Panel, *The Visitor*, University of Maryland School of Law, November 12, 2008.

A Practical Guide to the Immigration Consequences of Domestic Violence and Drug Charges in Maryland, Immigration Consequences of Criminal Activity, The Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers, Inc., October 2008.

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions, ABA Commission on Effective Criminal Sanctions, Collateral Consequences of a Criminal Proceeding, June 13, 2008.

Immigrant Workers in Baltimore, 2nd Annual Law & the City Panel, Loyola College in Maryland, November 8, 2007.

Immigration Pitfalls in Family and Criminal Cases, Maryland State Bar Association, 9th Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference, November 3, 2007.

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions, Maryland Partners for Justice Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, May 3, 2007.

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, April 10, 2007.

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions, Maryland Office of the Public Defender, numerous trainings for new and experienced defenders; May 12, 2005; August 24, 2005; January 26, 2006; April 19, 2006; March 22, 2007.

Immigration Consequences, Criminal Practice and Procedure: Winning in District Court, Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers, August 11, 2006.

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions, Montgomery County (Maryland) Bar Association Criminal Section, April 25, 2006.

Impacts of Legislative and Policy Proposals, Panel Moderator, Broken Fences: Legal and Practical Realities of Immigration Reform in the Post-9/11 Age, University of Maryland Law Journal of Race, Religion, Gender and Class, Fall Town Hall, November 10, 2005.

Immigration Consequences of Criminal Convictions, to the Maryland Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys, September 20, 2005.

Serving the Latin American Immigrant Community: A Multi-Faceted Social Service Approach, University of Maryland School of Social Work, December 6, 2004.

Rights of Abused Immigrant Spouses and Children, Catholic Charities Immigration Legal Services workshop, March 1, 2000.

Immigration and Cultural Perspectives, Third Annual Domestic Violence Conference, Baltimore City Commission for Women and Baltimore City Department of Social Services, October 28, 1999.

Perspectives from Diverse Communities, "DV 101" Conference, Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee for Baltimore City, June 17, 1999.

Selected Memberships and Awards

Maryland Immigrant Rights Coalition, Inc., founding Board of Directors, President, 2008 – present.

Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma, Board of Directors, member, 1996- present.

Maryland State Bar Association, member, 2008 – present.
Member, Immigration Section.

American Immigration Lawyers Association, member, 1997-2001, 2004 - present.
DC Chapter Pro Bono Award, Fall 2007.

Mayor's Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee, Multi-ethnic Workgroup, Baltimore, Maryland, member, 2000-2001.

Bar Memberships

Maryland
North Carolina (inactive status)

Languages

Fluent in Spanish and French, proficient in Dutch and Italian