

## RESUME

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### EMPLOYMENT:

University of Maryland  
School of Law  
500 W. Baltimore Street  
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Professor Emeritus	2013- present
Law School Professor	1997-2013
Director, Clinical Law Program	2000-2001
Law School Associate Professor	1990-1997
Law School Assistant Professor	1978-1990

At the present time, I supervise the Maryland Legislative Externship Program and co-teach a course on "Social Justice and Health, Are They Related in my Community." As part of the course, law, nursing, social work, pharmacy students participate with Israeli students in study tours in Haifa, Israel, Akko and Jerusalem.

Previously, I directed the Juvenile Law Clinic where I supervised students who represented children in special education, abuse and neglect and delinquency proceedings. I also taught a seminar on Issues in School Reform, Counseling and Negotiation, Public Interest Advocacy, supervised the Evening Moot Court Program and taught Family Law in the summer Law School Program in Aberdeen, Scotland.

Lecturer and Deputy Director – August 1975 – June 1978  
Developmental Disabilities Law Project  
University of Maryland School of Law  
500 W. Baltimore Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc.-- August 1972-August 1975  
Legal Aid Lobbyist  
Administrative Law/Law Reform Unit  
Managing Attorney, Welfare Unit - Specialized in welfare hearings and class  
action federal court cases.  
Staff Attorney, Administrative Law/Law Reform Unit

## **AWARDS**

1. The Public Citizen of the Year Award, NASW Annual Conference Maryland Chapter, March 2014.
2. Top 25 Human Rights and Justice Champion Award, Legal Aid Bureau, September 2011.
3. Margaret Brent – Juanita Jackson Mitchell Award Recipient, Bar Association of Baltimore City, Baltimore, Maryland, 2010.
4. Honoree, Advocates for Children & Youth 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 2007.
5. Maryland's Top 100 Women, Inducted into Circle of Excellence, 2003.
6. Child Advocate of the Year, Court Appointed Special Advocate Program, April 2002.
7. Honoring 3 women, "Leading Lives of Meaning," Gender & Judaism Symposium, Beth Tfiloh Congregation, April 2002.
8. Women of Distinction, Baltimore Chapter of Hadassah, November 2000.
9. Child Advocacy Award, Maryland Interdisciplinary Council for Children and Adolescents, January 23, 1999.
10. 1998 Sheroes, Celebrating Fifteen Extraordinary Women for their Character, Courage, and Commitment to Community, Maryland Coalition of Women for Responsive Government, Hoffberger Bldg., Zanoiski Auditorium. (March 31, 1998).
11. 1997 Recipients of the Founder's Day Award for Public Service for diligence efforts on behalf of children by the University of Maryland (Baltimore campus), presentation at Founder's Day Dinner on October 30, 1997.

12. Chosen as 1 of Baltimore's 25 Smartest, Baltimore Magazine (September 1996).
13. Recipient, Trailblazer Award, Foster Care Review Board (December 10, 1996).
14. Recipient, 1993 Award for Professional Legal Excellence in Advancement of the Rights of the Disadvantaged, Maryland Bar Foundation (February 26, 1993).
15. Recipient, Benjamin L. Cardin Pro-Bono Service Award, University of Maryland Law School Alumni Association (April 21, 1992).
16. Recipient, Child Advocacy Award, Maryland Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics (November 1, 1991).
17. Recipient, Dorothy Beatty Memorial Award, The Women's Law Center (April 1991).
18. Recipient, 1991 Women of Excellence Awards, National Association of Women Business Owners, Baltimore Regional Chapter (March 18, 1991).
19. Recipient, Third Annual Outstanding Child Advocacy Awards, ABA Young Lawyers Division, Committee on Children and the Law (February 1990).
20. Recipient, Woodbourne-Tivoli Youth Services Award. (Award to individual who has made significant contributions to welfare of children in Maryland) (November 19, 1987).
21. Recipient, Maryland Association of Non-Public Special Education Facilities Annual Award (November 13, 1987).
22. Recipient, Child Advocate Award from Maryland Association of Residential Facilities for Youth (January 1986).
23. Recipient, Maryland Legal Services Award for Distinguished Legal Services (June 1986)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Articles

1. "Acknowledging Uncommon Relationships: Changing How We Teach Students to Become Leaders," *Law and Leadership, Integrating Leadership Studies into the Law School Curriculum*, 233-251 (co-authors) (Paula Monopoli, Susan McCarty eds. 2013)

2. "Students Schooling Students: Gaining Professional Benefits While Helping Urban High School Students Achieve Success," *J of Law & Educ.*, vol. 38, No. 3, pp. 359-392 (co-author) (July 2009).
3. "Preventing Schools from Become the Pipeline to Prison," *Md. Bar J.*, vol. XLII, No. 3, pp. 43-47 (co-author) (May/June 2009).
4. Children of color With Mental Health Problems: Stuck in All the Wrong Places, 2 *Margins*, 13-39 (Spring 2002).
5. In Memoriam: John M. Brumbaugh, 61 *Md. L. Rev.*, 5-6 (2002).
6. "Court ruling is slowing research that could help sick children," *THE SUN* (Perspective section), 9/23/01 at p. F3 (co-authors).
7. "Children: Wards or Waifs of the Court," *Maryland Bar Journal*, Vol. XXXIII, No. 2 (March/April 2000).
8. "The Law on Special Education," *The State of Baltimore's Schools: Data and Information on the Current Status of Baltimore City Public Schools, Special Education*, pp. 1-57 (June 1997) (co-author).
9. "Ethical Decisionmaking and Ethics Instruction in Clinical Law Practice," 3 *Clinical Law Review*, 109-174 (1996) (co-authors).
10. "A State at Risk," *The Evening Sun*, March 14, 1995.
11. "Whatever Happened to the American Dream?" *Maryland Bar Journal*, Vol. XXV 11, No. 3 (May-June 1994).
12. "African American Youth: Drug Trafficking in the Justice System," *Pediatrics*, Vol. 93, No. 6 (Suppl.), pp. 1078-1084, (June 1994) (co-author).
13. "An Adequate Education For All Maryland's Children: Morally Right, Economically Necessary, and Constitutionally Required," 52 *Md. L. Rev.*, 113-1191 (1993) (co-author).
14. "Why Welfare Reform Won't Work - Again," *The Sun*, October 24, 1993.
15. "Toilet Bowl Logic," *The Sun*, May 29, 1993.
16. "Advocacy or How the Squeaky Wheel Gets Oiled," *The School-Community Cookbook, Recipes for Successful Projects in the Schools* (Carl Hyman, ed.), pp. 189-195 (May 1992).

17. "Cutting Children's Programs Isn't Cutting Fat," *The Evening Sun* (March 23, 1992).
18. "Players," *The Sun* (November 19, 1991).
19. "We're No. 42," *The Sun* (October 23, 1991).
20. "These Kill Kids, Too," *The Evening Sun* (August 19, 1991).
21. "Pay Now or Pay Later," *The Morning Sun* (April 10, 1991).
22. "Juvenile Courts Need Authority to Prescribe Placements," Perspective Section, *The Sunday Sun* (December 9, 1990).
23. "School Restructuring: Good Idea, Bad Plan," Perspective Section, *The Sunday Sun* (October 7, 1990).
24. *Maryland Trial Judges Benchbook* - Revision to Chapter on Juvenile Law Practice (pp. 1-86) 1990.
25. "Ways to Save Maryland's System of Foster Care, Perspective Section, *The Sunday Sun* (October 19, 1989).
26. "Child Statements of Abuse in Court," *Maryland Bar Journal*, Vol. XIX, No. 11 (December 1986).
27. "A Call for Uniformity," *Maryland Bar Journal*, Vol. XIX, No. 11 (December 1986).
28. "Maryland's Exchangeable Children: A Critique of Maryland's System of Providing Services to Mentally Handicapped Children," *42 Md. L. Rev.*, 823-863 (1983) (co-author).
29. "Freedom of Choice: Competency and Guardianship," in *Cases, Tests and Materials on the Legal Rights of Handicapped Persons*, (Robert Bergdorf, ed.) (Pp. 521-598).
30. "Informed and Substitute Consent to Medical Treatment: A Model Act," *15 Harvard J. on Legislation*, 431-496 (April 1978) (co-author).
31. "Tailoring Guardianship to the Needs of Mentally Handicapped Citizens," *6 Maryland Law Forum* 109 (Winter 1976) (co-author).
32. *Women and Society: Problems and Prospects, Proceedings from Spotlight on Women, 1979-80* (Judy Johnstone, ed.).

## Manuals

1. *The Future of Baltimore's Children: The Jury's Still Out*, Report of the Bar Association of Baltimore City Committee for Baltimore's Children, 57 pages (June 1995) (co-author).
2. *Baltimore's Unhealthy Children: Is There a Doctor in the House?* Advocates for Children and Youth, Inc., (pp. 92) (May 1991) (co-author).
3. *A Place to Call Home: The Need for Family Preservation Services*, (pp. 55) (September 1990) (co-author).
4. *Growing Up Alone: Children Waiting for Families*, Governor's Task Force Report on Adoption (187), Chair, Governor's Task Force on Adoption (pp. 40).
5. *Advocating for Children and Families In Child In Need of Assistance Proceedings*, MICPEL (Text 167 pages; Appendices 135 pages) (April 1985).
6. *A Manual for Impartial Hearing Officers: Local and State Level Procedures Relating to Special Education Due Process Hearings* (Maryland State Department of Education) (March 1981) (Training Manual, 284 pages; Resource Manual, 516 pages).
7. *The Legal Rights of Handicapped Persons* (Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers, February 1981).
8. *How to Handle Special Education Due Process Hearings* (Maryland Institute for Continuing Professional Education of Lawyers, January 1981).
9. *Guide to Institutional Admission and Release Procedures in Maryland for the Mentally Handicapped*, Special Committee on Law and the Handicapped of the Maryland State Bar Association (1978) (co-author).

## Book Reviews, audio-visual materials, or other

1. Participated in developing "In re: Lori," Mock Child in Need of Assistance (CINA) Hearing (April 2014).
2. "Children with Mental Health Problems: Stuck in All the Wrong Places" 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Proceedings, A System of Care for Children's Mental Health, Expanding the Research Base, March 2002, Tampa, Florida.

3. Mitigating the Effects of Divorce on Children Through Family-Focused Court Reform, (with Jana Singer and Anna Davis), a monograph prepared for the Abell Foundation, Inc. (August 1997).
4. Developed briefing papers on “Creating a Center to Promote Change in the Delivery of Services to Children and Families,” (Annie E. Casey Foundation Grant) (1993).
5. (Book Review) *Children, Ethics, and the Law* by Gerald P. Koocher and Patricia C. Keith-Spiegel, in Vol. 13/Number 6 *Journal of Development and Behavioral Pediatrics*, pp. 430-431 (December 1992).
6. Real to Reel “Child Abuse,” Television Show (June 21, 1992).
7. “Model Procedural Regulations for Contested Adjudicatory Hearings Under the Administrative Procedure Act,” (developed in conjunction with the Administrative Law Section, Maryland State Bar Association); 42 pages.
8. Participated in developing video, “Kids in Court” (tape to help kids who have to appear in court as witnesses) (September 1987).

### **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES**

1. Board, Aaron and Lillian Straus Foundation (2006-present)
2. Baltimore Board of Directors, Open Society Institute (2002-present)
3. Founding Board Member, Free State Legal Project, Inc. (non-profit legal center advocating on behalf of disadvantaged LGBT individuals) (2009-present)
4. Founder, President and Honorary Board Member, Advocates for Children & Youth, Inc. (a statewide child advocacy organization) (1986-present)
5. Acting Director, Center for Dispute Resolution (2009-2011)
6. Professional Advisory Board, The Auborn School (2011-2013)
7. Daily Record Editorial Board (January 1999 - January 2000)
8. University of Maryland Hospital for Children, Board of Trustees (2000-2002)
9. Advisory Board, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (1996-2001)

11. Commissions and Task Forces
  - a. Governor's Task Force on Children, Youth and Families Systems Reform (1996);
  - b. Governor's Commission on Gun Control (1995);
  - c. Cabinet Council on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform (1995-1997);
  - d. Governor's Commission on Welfare Policy (1993-1994);
  - e. Governor's Commission on School Funding (1993);
  - f. Governor's Task Force on Administrative Hearing Officers (1987-1988);
  - g. Chairperson, Governor's Task Force on Adoption (1985-1987);
  - h. Commission on Students at Risk (1989-1990);
12. Chair, Dissemination Unit, Center on Minority Health Research, University of Maryland School of Medicine (1994-1997).
13. Commissioner/Chair, Maryland Human Relations Commission (1977-1996).
14. Search Committees: Vice President for Academic Affairs, UMAB (1994); Dean, University of Maryland School of Law (1991-1992) (Fall/Spring, 1999/2000); Director, Baltimore City Department of Social Services (1991-1992).
15. Human Rights Committee, Veterans Administration (1992-1995).
16. Advisory Council, Family Law Center (1996-1998).
17. Board of Directors, Legal Aid Bureau (1996-1998).
18. State Advisory Board, Department of Juvenile Services (1992-1993).
19. Advisory Board, CHANA.
20. Consultant to the Maryland State Department of Education. (Training impartial hearing officers to conduct due process hearings in accordance with P.L. 94-142).



21. Commissioner, Baltimore City Department of Social Services (1989-1991).
22. Advisory Committee, Child & Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP); Technical Assistance Center, Georgetown University Child Development Center.

### **BAR ACTIVITIES**

1. ABA Steering Committee on Unmet Legal Needs of Children (1996-1997).
2. Co-chair, Committee for Baltimore's Children, Baltimore City Bar Association (1994-1996).
3. Chair, Task Force on Children & Youth, Baltimore Community Coalition Against Drug Abuse (1994).
4. Chairperson, Juvenile Law Committee, Baltimore City Bar Association (1986-1988).
5. Chairperson, Administrative Law Section (Md. State Bar Association) (1985-1986).
6. Special Committee on Law and the Handicapped, Maryland State Bar Association (1976-1982).
7. Bar Association of Baltimore City, Equal Justice Under Law Committee (1977-1980); Legal Services to the Indigent (1977-1982).

### **EDUCATION**

Law School: University of Maryland School of Law  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Degree: J.D. - June 1972

College: University of Maryland, College Park  
Graduated with high honors - 1969  
Honors: Who's Who in American Universities

### **BAR ADMISSION**

Maryland State Bar, December 1972  
Federal District Court, Maryland

June, 2014