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EDUCATION:

Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC
LL.M. (Advocacy), May 1994

The American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC
J.D., May 1988; Graduated Cum Laude; 28/277
Student Attorney, Women and the Law Clinic

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
B.A. Economics/Legal Studies, May 1985

EMPLOYMENT:

Professor of Law, Annamay Sheppard Scholar, and Director 7/23 - present
Distinguished Clinical Professor of Law, Annamay Sheppard
Scholar, and Director 7/17 - 6/23
Clinical Professor of Law, Annamay Sheppard Scholar, and Director 7/11 - 6/17
Clinical Professor of Law and Director 8/01 - 6/11
Visiting Clinical Professor of Law and Acting Director 8/00 - 7/01
Child Advocacy Clinic
Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey

Deputy Director, Clinical Programs, Newark campus 1/23 - present
Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey

Associate Clinical Professor of Law 7/98 - 6/00
Assistant Clinical Professor of Law 7/95 - 6/98
Civil Justice Clinic
University of California, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA

Acting Director and Visiting Associate Professor 7/94 - 6/95
Clinical Law Fellow 6/92 - 6/94
Juvenile Justice Clinic, Family Poverty Division
Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Staff Attorney 3/89 - 5/92
Child Advocacy Unit, Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., Baltimore, MD

STRATEGIC LITIGATION:

NJ Division of Child Protection and Permanency v. J.M. and A.T.; In the Matter of A.T., A-5065-16T2 (April 30, 2018). This case successfully overcame a challenge to the court's jurisdiction over children involved in New Jersey's child welfare system who are between the ages of 18 and 21. (Amicus brief with Advocates for Children of NJ).

A.B. o.b.o. Y.F. v. Commissioner of Social Security, 2:15-cv-02143 (U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, Feb. 2016). A favorable decision for children applying for SSI, holding that administrative law judges must consider the supportive services that children with disabilities receive and how the children would function without them.

C.I.M. v. F.M.R., 2016 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 397 (App. Div. 2016) A case which helped to establish the principle that family court judges cannot dismiss a custody petition simply because a child has turned eighteen years of age.

H.S.P. v. J.K.; K.G. v. M.S., 223 N.J. 196 (2015). A significant and favorable decision for undocumented immigrant children in New Jersey, clarifying the federal statute and the role of state court judges in making determinations about Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. (The CAC represented the Plaintiff in K.G. v. M.S., and, with Prof. Joanne Gottesman and Prof. Meredith Schalick, represented a group of amici in H.S.P. v. J.K.).

Thomas v. Commissioner of Social Security Administration, 625 F.3d 798 (3d Cir. 2010). A favorable decision for a client of the CAC, which also had significant procedural implications for other SSI claimants.

DYFS v. N.J. and D.R., 412 N.J. Super. 357 (App. Div. 2010); 2011 N.J. Super. Unpub. LEXIS 309 (App. Div. 2011). A favorable decision establishing sibling associational rights for foster youth in New Jersey.

Correa v. Comm'r of Soc. Sec., 381 F. Supp. 2d 386 (N.J. 2004). This case helped to expand the criteria for qualifying for SSI benefits due to severe asthma.

LEGISLATIVE and ADMINISTRATIVE ADVOCACY

2019-2021: With another attorney, drafted and successfully advocated for legislative amendments to New Jersey's standby guardianship statute and the statute that permits parents and guardians to designate someone to care for his/her child (N.J.S.A. 3B-12:39 and 3B-12:69 - 76), enabling a parent, legal guardian, or custodian to delegate caregiving responsibilities to another adult, without going to court and expanding the grounds and time period on which such a delegation can be made.

2018: Wrote an advocacy brief for practitioners entitled *Supplemental Security Income (SSI) for Children: Determining Childhood Disability* and worked with SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery), an agent of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), to create an educational curriculum for non-legal representatives who are assisting families with children with severe disabilities.

2017: With another attorney, drafted emergency family planning documents for parents and caregivers who are concerned that they may be deported and/or detained. (available on the Rutgers Law School website at <https://law.rutgers.edu/sites/law/files/POA%20bilingual%2012.20.2021%20FINAL.pdf> and <https://law.rutgers.edu/sites/law/files/FAQ%20English%20and%20Spanish%2012.20.2021%20FINAL.pdf>).

2015: Drafted a model state statute entitled *Special Provisions for Immigrant Youth: A Model State Statute* (January 2015) (with Olga Byrne, Dora Galactos, Alison Kamhi, Garret Rasmussen, and Elissa Steglich). (available at https://www.fordham.edu/download/downloads/id/2948/special_provisions_for_immigration_youth_model_state_statute.pdf).

GRANTS AWARDED

2023-25 TOTAL \$2,609,329

\$1,667,383 from NJ Department of Children and Families (with Joanne Gottesman)
\$666,946 from Chancellors and University President for Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project and other immigration law activities (with Joanne Gottesman and Anjum Gupta)
\$275,000 from NJ Department of Human Services, Office of New Americans, as subgrantee of Kids In Need of Defense, for two-year post graduate fellowship program

2021-23 TOTAL \$1,733,789

\$1,317,655 from NJ Department of Children and Families (with Joanne Gottesman)
\$393,634 from Chancellors and University President for Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project and other immigration law activities (with Joanne Gottesman and Anjum Gupta)
\$22,500 Lowenstein and Sandler

2019-21 TOTAL \$1,368,890

\$1,076,270 from NJ Department of Children and Families, with Joanne Gottesman
\$287,620 from Chancellors and University President for Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project and other immigration law activities (with Joanne Gottesman and Anjum Gupta)
\$5000 Lowenstein and Sandler

2018 -19 TOTAL \$549,476

\$337,744 from NJ Department of Children and Families (with Joanne Gottesman)
\$134,232 from Chancellors and University President for Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project and other immigration law activities (with Joanne Gottesman and Anjum Gupta)
\$45,000 from the Community Foundation of NJ
\$30,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project
\$2500 Lowenstein and Sandler

2017-18 TOTAL \$495, 963

\$292,663 from NJ Department of Children and Families (with Joanne Gottesman)
\$125,800 from Chancellors and University President for Rutgers Immigrant Community Assistance Project (with Joanne Gottesman and Anjum Gupta)
\$45,000 from the Community Foundation of NJ for pro bono support attorney
\$30,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project
\$2500 Lowenstein and Sandler

2016-17: TOTAL \$167,500

\$25,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project
\$50,000 Chancellor Seed Grant for Youth Mentor Project (with Laura Cohen and Suzanne Kim)
\$45,000 Community Foundation of NJ for pro bono support attorney
\$45,000 NJ Department of Children and Families for immigration attorney (with Joanne Gottesman)
\$2500 Lowenstein and Sandler

2015-16 TOTAL \$27,500

\$25,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project
\$2500 Lowenstein and Sandler

2014-15 TOTAL \$25,000

\$25,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project

2013-14 TOTAL \$25,000

\$25,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project

2012-13 TOTAL \$95,000

\$70,000 New Jersey State Bar Foundation
\$25,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project

2011-12 TOTAL \$211,000

\$152,000 New Jersey State Bar Foundation
\$25,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project
\$34,000 Children in Court Improvement Committee

2010-11: TOTAL \$211,000

\$152,000 New Jersey State Bar Foundation
\$25,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project
\$34,000 Children in Court Improvement Committee

2009-10: TOTAL \$200,000

\$152,000 New Jersey State Bar Foundation
\$25,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project
\$18,000 Children in Court Improvement Committee – publication costs
\$5,000 Investors Savings Bank

2008-09: TOTAL \$190,000

\$165,000 New Jersey State Bar Foundation
\$25,000 Schumann Fund for Aging Out Project

2007-08: TOTAL \$172,000

\$125,000 New Jersey State Bar Foundation
\$25,000 private donor
\$22,000 Children in Court Improvement Committee – publication costs

PUBLICATIONS:

Book Review: *Heeding the Voices of Migrant Youth: The Need for Action*, 121 Michigan Law Review 965 (2023).

Release to Sponsor Approved, Now What?, 91 Fordham Law Review Online 83 (2023). (http://fordhamlawreview.org/res_gestae/release-to-sponsor-approved-now-what/)

Why Does the Federal Government Get a Pass? Applying Best Practices in Child Protection to the Circumstances of Migrant Children and Families, 71 American Univ. L. Rev. 1977 (2022). SSRN Top Ten list in the area of Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship in March and April 2022.

This is What Happens to Child Migrants Found Alone at the Border from the Moment they Cross into the U.S. Until Age 18 THE CONVERSATION (July 23, 2021) (<https://theconversation.com/this-is-what-happens-to-child-migrants-found-alone-at-the-border-from-the-moment-they-cross-into-the-us-until-age-18-163205>).

The Situation at the U.S.-Mexico is a Crisis – But is it New? THE CONVERSATION (April 2, 2021) (<https://theconversation.com/the-situation-at-the-us-mexico-border-is-a-crisis-but-is-it-new-158106>).

Viewpoint: Applying a Human Rights Lens to the Work of the Biden Task Force on Separated Families, (with Jennifer McQuaid, Ph.D.), Health and Human Rights Journal, Harvard School of Public Health (March 10, 2021) <https://www.hhrjournal.org/2021/03/applying-a-human-rights-lens-to-the-work-of-the-biden-task-force-on-separated-families/>.

Supporting Immigrant Children and Youth: What Pediatricians and Other Clinicians Can Do, 67 PEDIATRIC CLINICS OF NORTH AMERICA 309 (2020).

A Pathway to Permanency: Collaborating for the Futures of Children who are Immigrants in the Child Welfare System (with Joanne Gottesman and Meredith Pindar), Vol. 96, No. 6 CHILD WELFARE 25 (2019).

Responding to the Child Migrant Crisis (with Joanne Gottesman and Anjum Gupta) New Jersey Lawyer 54-56 (February 2017).

Re-Examining and Re-Defining Permanency from a Youth's Perspective, 43 Capital Law Review 259 (2015).

Presented on March 6, 2014, as part of 10th Annual Wells Conference on Adoption Law.

Disparate Outcomes: The Quest for Uniform Treatment of Immigrant Children, 50 Family Court Review 606 (2012) (with Elissa Steglich).

Delicate Balances: Assessing the Needs and Rights of Siblings in Foster Care to Maintain Their Relationships Post-Adoption, 41 New Mexico Law Review 1 (2011).

Child Welfare and Special Education (with Jennifer Rosen Valverde), chapter in Special Education Advocacy (Matthew Bender/Lexis 2011).

Aging Out: Don't Miss Out: A Model of Community Legal Education, 48 Family Court Review 338 (2010).

Aging Out: Don't Miss Out: Clinics and Community Education, chapter in You Can Tell It to the Judge and Other True Tales of Law School Lawyering (Vandeplas Publ. 2009).

Traumatized Yet Again: The Plight of Foster Children in Times of Natural Disaster, 28 Rutgers Women's Rights Law Reporter 53 (2007).

Consent and Confidentiality Questions in Psychotherapeutic Work with Minors, New Jersey Focus 6 (National Association of Social Workers, New Jersey Chapter Newsletter, Volume XV, Number 6, June 2006) (with Susan Esquilin, Ph.D.).

Kids Will Be Kids: Creating a Framework for Interviewing and Counseling Adolescent Clients, 79 Temple Law Review 357 (2006) (with Laura Cohen).

Are Abused and Neglected Children in New Jersey Faring Any Better Since the Tragedies of 2003? New Jersey Lawyer 9-15 (October 2005/No. 236).

Revisiting the Question of Whether Young Children in Child Protection Proceedings Should Be Represented by Lawyers, 32 Loy. U. Chi. L. J. 1 (2000). Reprinted in Coursebook of the Practicing Law Institute's Fifth Annual Children's Law Institute. Excerpts in Jean Koh Peters, Representing Children in Child Protection Proceedings, Second Edition (LexisNexis 2001).

Book Review: *Noble Justice, Ignobly Applied: A Review of Neil Gilbert's Welfare Justice: Restoring Social Equity*, 7 Hastings Women's L. J. 345 (1996).

Rules of Confidentiality When Representing Children: The Need for a "Bright Line" Test, 64 Fordham L. R. 2053 (1996).

Trying to Fit Square Pegs into Round Holes: The Need for a New Funding Scheme for Kinship Caregivers, 22 Fordham Urb. L. J. 101 (1995). Reprinted in part in J. Nice and L. Trubeck, Cases and Materials on Poverty Law: Theory and Practice (West 1997).

D.C. Medical Consent Law: Moving Toward Legal Recognition of Kinship Caregiving, 2 D.C. L. Rev. 277 (1994) (with Susan Waysdorf).

HONORS and AWARDS:

Elliott Milstein Award for Professional Excellence 2020
Presented by the American University Washington College of the Law Clinical Program

**Co-Chair, Association of American Law Schools,
Section on Clinical Legal Education** 2008

SELECT PRESENTATIONS and INVITATIONS:

What's Next: Supporting Children and Families in a Post-Abolition World 10/23
Newark, New Jersey
Planned and Organized day-long symposium

National Association of Women Judges Webinar 9/23
Virtual
Invited to co-present on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

2023 Children In Court Education Conference 4/23
Newark, New Jersey
Planned and moderated one workshop entitled *Incorporating Youth Voices*

Statewide New Jersey CASA Training 4/23
Virtual
Planned and facilitated a session of CASA College on Redefining Permanency and the Importance of Youth Voice

New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children Training Series 6/22
Virtual
Invited to co-present training session entitled *Hot Topics: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status in New Jersey* (with Samantha Rumsey)

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender Statewide Training	5/22
Virtual	
Invited to co-present a training session entitled <i>Immigrant Children and Youth in Court: A Deep Dive into Special Immigrant Juvenile Status</i> (with Joanne Gottesman)	
2022 CICIC Conference, Overcoming Barriers to Permanency	3/22
Virtual	
Planned and moderated two workshops entitled <i>Redefining How We Think about Permanency and APPLA</i> and <i>SPENT: A Day in the Life - The Impact of Poverty on Decision Making</i>	
AULR's 2022 Annual Symposium: The Impact of Race on Youth [in]Justice	2/22
Virtual	
Invited to present on panel entitled <i>Special Immigrant Juvenile Status Application Backlog</i>	
Rutgers' Journal of Public Policy Annual Symposium: Reforming and Restructuring Child Welfare Law in New Jersey And Abroad	2/22
Virtual	
Invited to moderate and present on impact of child welfare reform in New Jersey on children in the system	
New Jersey CASA Program Statewide Training	1/22
Virtual	
Invited to conduct training on the needs of immigrant children in foster care	
National Association for Public Defense Annual Conference	3/21
Virtual	
Invited to present workshop entitled <i>Immigrant Children and Youth in Juvenile Court: Let's Drill Down on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status</i>	
New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children Training Series	2/21
Virtual	
Invited to co-present training session on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (with Catherine Weiss)	
New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Office of Law Guardian Annual Training	11/20
Virtual	
Invited to co-present on panel on the representation of the very young child and moderated a panel on child development and its impact on the representation of young children (with Guadalupe Casillas and Lauren Petty)	
Rutgers University Alumni Association Webinar Series	8/20
Virtual	
Presented webinar entitled <i>Foreign-Born Children in New Jersey</i>	

New Jersey Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics Training Series	5/20
Virtual Invited to co-present workshop entitled <i>Virtual House Call: COVID-19 and Its Impact on Immigrant Children and Families</i> (with Amelia Biramian)	
Casey Foundation National Roundtable	2/20
Baltimore, Maryland Invited Consultant for Roundtable Discussion on Expanding Opportunities for Lifelong Permanence for Older Youth	
2019 National Training on Representation and Advocacy for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children	12/19
Houston, Texas Co-presented three workshops entitled <i>Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood? Expanding Services Through Local and Regional Collaboration; Incorporating Child Welfare Principles into Work with Unaccompanied Immigrant Children</i> , and <i>Approval is Attainable: Dealing with Problematic USCIS Trends in SIJS Adjudications</i>	
Stockton University Child Welfare Education Institute	5/19
Atlantic City, New Jersey Invited to co-present workshop entitled <i>Collaborating for the Futures of Immigrant Children in the Child Welfare System</i> (with Joanne Gottesman)	
ABA Center on Children and the Law National Training, Spotlight on Immigration	4/19
Washington, D.C. Invited to co-present workshop entitled <i>Family Separation at the Border and the U.S. Child Welfare System: Completely Distinct or Inextricably Intertwined?</i>	
Immigration Policy Forum, Rutgers Law School Center for Immigration Policy and Law	4/19
Newark, New Jersey Co-presented panel workshop entitled <i>Meeting the Needs of Immigrant Youth</i> (with Joanne Gottesman)	
2019 CICIC Conference, Overcoming Barriers to Permanency	3/19
Princeton, New Jersey Invited to co-present workshop, entitled <i>Supporting Immigrant Children and Families</i> (with Meredith Pindar)	
New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Office of Law Guardian Annual Training	11/18
Hamilton, New Jersey Invited to co-present on panel on ethical issues in the representation of children (with Guadalupe Casillas and Traci Telemaq)	

Advanced Training for Legal Services of New Jersey	11/11, 12/13, 10/18
Edison, New Jersey Invited to present statewide training session for attorneys and paralegals on Supplemental Security Income benefits for children	
Department of Children and Families Leadership Training	9/18
Trenton, New Jersey Invited to co present workshop with Joanne Gottesman entitled <i>Immigrant Children in Family Court</i>	
National Conference on Representation and Advocacy for Unaccompanied Immigrant Children	12/17
Houston, Texas Co-presented three workshops	
Judicial College (Statewide Judicial Training)	11/17
Newark, New Jersey Invited to co present workshop entitled <i>The Intersection of Immigration Law and the New Jersey Superior Courts – Family Court</i>	
New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Office of Law Guardian Annual Training	11/17
Trenton, New Jersey Invited to co present an all-day training entitled <i>Hot Topics in the Representation of Adolescents</i> (with Samantha Verwilt and Beth Matoon)	
One Child, Many Hands: A Multi-Disciplinary Conf. on Child Welfare, sponsored by The University of Pennsylvania’s Field Center for Children’s Policy, Practice & Research	6/17
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Co-presented workshop entitled <i>Addressing the Needs of Immigrant Children in the Child Welfare System</i> (with Joanne Gottesman and Meredith Pindar)	
ABA National Conference on Children and the Law, Strengthening our Advocacy for Results (SOAR)	4/17
Tysons Corner, Virginia Co-presented workshop entitled <i>Immigrant Children in the Child Welfare System: How Best to Address their Needs</i> (with Joanne Gottesman and Meredith Pindar)	
2017 CICIC Conference, Overcoming Barriers to Permanency	3/17
Princeton, New Jersey Invited to co-present workshop, entitled <i>Undocumented Families and the Child Welfare System</i> (with Joanne Gottesman and Meredith Pindar)	

- New York Asylum and Immigration Conference,** **2/17**
sponsored by the Federal Bar Association and New York Law School
 New York, New York
 Invited to co-present workshop on issues concerning Special Immigrant Juvenile Status
 (with Maureen Schad)
- ABA Center on Children and the Law National Teleconference** **1/17**
 Invited to co-present teleconference entitled *Assuring a Successful Transition:
 Innovative Solutions and Looking Ahead*
- Society of American Law Teachers Annual Conference** **9/16**
 Chicago, Illinois
 Co presented workshop entitled *Real-World Problem-Solving Approaches:
 Embedded Learning Abroad and Legislative Advocacy at Home*
- 39th Annual National Child Welfare, Juvenile and Family Law Conference,** **8/16**
sponsored by the National Association of Children’s Counsel (NACC)
 Philadelphia, PA
 Co-presented workshop entitled *Best Practices in Permanency Planning for Immigrant
 Youth* (with Colleen Duffy, Joanne Gottesman, and Elissa Steglich)
- 2016 Adolescent Networking Conference** **4/16**
Strategies for Stability and Permanency for Immigrant Youth
 New Brunswick, New Jersey
 Co-presented workshop on the immigration needs of foster youth
 (with Joanne Gottesman and Robin Hernandez-Mekonnen)
- 2016 CICIC Conference, Hot Topics in CIC** **3/16**
 Princeton, New Jersey
 Invited to co-present workshop, entitled *The Intersection of Child Welfare and
 Immigration: Challenges and Legal Options*
- Practice Guidance on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status,** **1/16**
 Newark, NJ.
 Co-presented (with Catherine Weiss) a forum for attorneys on H.S.P. v. J.K.
- Beyond Permanency: Challenges for Former Foster Youth,
 and Legal Reform Symposium** **10/15**
 New York Law School, Manhattan, New York
 Invited to co-present workshop on post-adoption sibling visitation
- AALS 2015 Clinical Conference** **5/15**
 Rancho Mirage, California
 Co-presented session entitled *Creatively Embracing Change Using an Eco-System Model*

Finding Home: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for Children in New Jersey	10/14
Newark, New Jersey	
Co-organized and presented at this all-day conference for family law and immigration law attorneys	
2014 CICIC Conference – Fostering Collaboration to Reach Educational Summits	3/14
Ewing, New Jersey	
Invited to co-present workshop on the educational needs of older foster youth	
10th Annual Wells Conference on Adoption Law at Capital University Law School	3/14
Columbus, Ohio	
Invited to present paper entitled <i>Re-Examining and Re-Defining Permanency from a Youth’s Perspective</i>	
Enhancing the Representation of Older Youth	11/13
Newark, New Jersey	
Presented at and organized all-day conference for law guardians and law guardian investigators throughout the State of New Jersey.	
2013 CICIC Conference	4/13
Stockton, New Jersey	
Invited to present workshop entitled “Ethical Issues and Permanency Decisions”	
Webinar for NJ CASA	12/12
Invited to co-present webinar entitled “Educational Stability and Attendance at School for Children in Foster Care” (with Michele Safrin)	
Society of American Law Teachers Annual Conference	11/12
Baltimore, Maryland	
Co-presented workshop entitled Modeling Collaboration and Strategic Lawyering to Provide Statewide Access to Justice for Youth (with Laura Cohen, Meredith Schalick, and Sandra Simkins)	
Conference for Statewide Office of Public Defender, Office of Law Guardian	9/11
Trenton, New Jersey	
Co-facilitated and co- presented an all-day conference for law guardians on legal issues concerning youth aging out of the foster care system (with Nana Wilson Olson)	
National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Annual Conference	7/11
Washington, DC	
Co-presented workshop on the Aging Out Project (with Nana Wilson)	

AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education	6/11
Seattle, Washington Co presented workshop entitled <i>The Context(s) of Disability</i> (with Yael Cannon, Esther Canty-Barnes, and Robert Dinerstein)	
2011 Children in Court Summit	5/11
Princeton, New Jersey Co-presented workshop entitled <i>Successful Aging-Out</i>	
Youth Development Forum	4/11
New Brunswick, New Jersey Keynote Speaker at roundtable discussion entitled <i>Innovations in Youth Development</i>	
Conference for Statewide Office of Public Defender, Office of Law Guardian	11/10
Newark, New Jersey Co-presented workshop on educational stability and cross-systems advocacy for children in foster care (with Jennifer Rosen Valverde)	
Advanced Skills Training for Office of Public Defender Office of Law Guardian	3/10
Newark, New Jersey Invited to present workshop on theory of the case and opening and closing statements	
Statewide Child Welfare Mediator Training	3/10
Trenton, New Jersey Invited to present workshop on sibling rights	
Cross-Systems Advocacy to Meet the Educational Needs Of Children in Foster Care	2/10
Newark, New Jersey Co-presented with Jennifer Rosen Valverde	
The Rights and Entitlements of Youth Transitioning Out of the Foster Care system	5/09
Montclair, New Brunswick, and Glassboro, New Jersey Invited to co-present three regional training sessions, sponsored by the New Jersey Children in Court Improvement Committee (with Nana Wilson)	
Assessing the Educational Needs of Children in Care	3/09
Sayreville, New Jersey Invited to co-present workshop at NJ CASA's statewide conference. (with Jennifer Rosen Valverde)	
Effective Community Education: The Aging Out: Don't Miss Out Project	3/09
Atlantic City, New Jersey Co-presented workshop at the New Jersey Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families and the New Jersey Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect (with Lila Bernstein)	

New Jersey's First Youth Summit	10/08
Princeton, New Jersey Moderated panel on benchmark hearings, facilitated a workgroup on youth participation in the court system, and served as a member of the executive planning committee	
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Statewide Conference	5/08
New Brunswick, New Jersey Invited to co-presented workshop entitled <i>Permanency and the Child's Best Interest: Legal and Psychological Implications of Adoption versus Kinship Legal Guardianship</i> (with Christine Baker, Ph.D.)	
Child Advocacy Clinic Celebration and Conference Celebrating the Decade Past and the Decade Ahead	10/07
Tucson, Arizona Invited to present, as part of a panel, presentation <i>Modeling Advocacy and Representational Approaches: A Focus on Foster Children's Bill of Rights</i>	
The Promise of In Re Gault: Promoting and Protecting the Right to Counsel in Juvenile Court	4/07
Newark, New Jersey Co-chaired national symposium conference honoring the fortieth anniversary of the <i>In Re Gault</i> decision (with Laura Cohen).	
Strong Families Within Strong Communities: A Multifaceted Approach to Empowerment, sponsored by NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect	10/06
Atlantic City, New Jersey Co-presented a workshop entitled <i>Complex Trauma and Female Youth in the Juvenile Justice & Child Welfare Systems: Clinical and Legal Interventions</i> . (with Christine Baker, Ph.D. and Susan Esquilin, Ph.D.)	
Child Maltreatment and Beyond: New Approaches and Initiatives, National Conference, sponsored by Montclair State University	4/06
Montclair, New Jersey Invited to co-present an interdisciplinary plenary session on the impact of complex trauma on children and youth. (with Christine Baker, Ph.D. and Susan Esquilin, Ph.D.)	
Women and Children Last? Feminist Perspectives on Disaster Relief and Recovery, Symposium sponsored by Women's Rights Law Reporter	4/06
Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey Invited to participate in panel discussion	
Advanced Skills Training for New Jersey Office of the Law Guardian	1/06
Trenton, New Jersey Participated in statewide training on ethical issues in the representation of children	

Collaborative Approaches to Representing Children: A Working Conference	6/05
Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey	
Co-chaired, co-moderated a panel, and co-facilitated a workgroup at statewide conference of lawyers for children in New Jersey	
First Annual Statewide Public Defender Conference	9/04
Atlantic City, New Jersey	
Co-moderated panel on child welfare reform in New Jersey	
The Role of the Village: Community Strategies to Strengthen New Jersey's Child Welfare Safety Net	6/04
Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey	
Panelist at an all-day conference on child welfare issues in New Jersey	
New Jersey Summit on Child Advocacy and Juvenile Defense	6/04
Rutgers Law School, Newark, New Jersey	
Co-chaired first conference of lawyers for children in New Jersey	
NJ CASA's Annual Statewide Conference	4/03
Central New Jersey	
Invited to present a session on Education Surrogates	
Promoting Justice Through Interdisciplinary Education, Scholarship, and Practice	3/03
St. Louis, Missouri	
Co-chaired, conference planning committee and facilitated workgroup on designing interdisciplinary clinical programs	
Practicing Law Institute's Fifth Annual Children's Law Institute	9/02
New York, New York	
Invited to lead session entitled <i>Ethical Considerations in Children's Law Practice</i>	
2002 Association of American Law Schools' Conference on Clinical Legal Education	5/02
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	
Co-facilitated workshop entitled <i>Learning from Students: How Students Enhance the Process</i>	
1998 Association of American Law Schools' Conference on Clinical Legal Education	5/98
Portland, Oregon	
Co-facilitated workshop entitled <i>Value Clarification in Case Selection: Choosing Cases and Clients to Reflect our Value</i>	
Child Welfare League of America's National Conference on Kinship Care	8/97
San Francisco, CA	
Led workshop entitled <i>The Fate of Kinship Caregivers in a Time of Block Grants</i>	

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

<i>President of Board</i>	2023 - present
<i>Executive Committee Member</i>	2020-2022
New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children	
<i>Member</i>	2019 - present
Statewide Chafee Advisory Group	
<i>Member of Board and Treasurer</i>	2018 - present
Colectivo Vida Digna	
<i>Member</i>	2011 - present
New Jersey Children in Court Improvement Committee, Administrative Office of the Courts	
<i>Member</i>	2001 - present
Model Children’s Court’s Advisory Committee Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, Family Division	
<i>Co-Chair</i>	2003 - present
<i>Member</i>	2002 - present
Model Children’s Court Advisory Committee Subcommittee on Educational Issues Impacting Children in Foster Care Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, Family Part	
<i>Co-Chair</i>	2016 - present
<i>Member</i>	2003 - present
Model Children’s Court Advisory Committee Subcommittee on Teens-in-Transition Superior Court of New Jersey, Essex County, Family Part	
<i>Member</i>	2009 - 2011
Executive Committee, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Children and the Law	
<i>Co-Chair</i>	2010 - 2011
Membership and Outreach Committee, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Clinical Legal Education	
<i>Past Co-Chair</i>	2009
<i>Co-Chair</i>	2008
<i>Co-Chair Elect</i>	2007
Association of American Law Schools, Section on Clinical Legal Education	

<i>Board Member</i> Clinical Legal Education Association	2006 - 2008
<i>Member and Secretary</i> Executive Committee, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Clinical Legal Education	2004 - 2006
<i>Member</i>	2002
<i>Chair</i> Awards Committee, Association of American Law Schools, Section on Clinical Legal Education	2001
<i>Member</i> New Jersey Child Welfare Citizen Review Panel	2007 - 2010
<i>Member</i> New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Department of Children and Families Workgroup	2007 - 2010
<i>Member</i> Safestart Planning Board, The Violence Institute University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey	2000 - 2003
<i>Advisory Board Member</i> Domestic Violence Advocacy Project, Rutgers University School of Law	2000 - 2003
<i>Executive Committee Member</i>	2002 - 2003
<i>Participant</i> Essex County Kids Connection Consortium, Trinitas Hospital	2000 - 2003
<i>Public Member</i> Ethics Committee, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy	1994 - 1997
<i>Participant</i> Law Reform Working Group, Family Law Task Force of the District of Columbia Bar	1994 - 1995
<i>Board Member</i> D.C. Kinship Care Coalition	1994 - 1995

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