

Sarah E. Ricks
Rutgers Law School – Camden
217 N. Fifth Street | Camden NJ 08102
(856) 225 – 6419 (o)
sricks@camden.rutgers.edu

Education

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D. 1990

- Co-founded *Yale Journal of Law and Feminism*
- Prize for outstanding female graduate; Research Assistant for Associate Dean; Student Director of Housing Clinical
- Summer Associate: Paul Weiss (New York); ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project (New York; assisted drafting of U.S. Supreme Court merits brief in *Hodgson* abortion case); two Washington D.C. law firms

BARNARD COLLEGE, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, B.A. 1985

Phi Beta Kappa. Summa Cum Laude. Prize for outstanding political science major.

Legal Experience

COMMISSIONER, PHILADELPHIA COMMISSION ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Re-appointed by Philadelphia Mayor Cherelle Parker (2024 – pres.) and by Mayor Jim Kenney (2016 - 24); appointed by Mayor Michael Nutter (2008 – 16)

- Enforce Philadelphia’s antidiscrimination laws governing employment, housing, public accommodations, and delivery of City services.

RUTGERS LAW SCHOOL – CAMDEN

Distinguished Clinical Professor (July 2017 – present); Clinical Professor (2008 – 17); Clinical Associate Professor (2006 – 08); Legal Writing Faculty (2001- 06)

- Courses: *Current Issues in Civil Rights Litigation* (Spring 2014-25, 2008-12); co-taught *Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy* (2016-22); *Public Interest Research and Writing* (Fall 2013, 2010; Summer & Fall 2009); *Advanced Legal Writing* (Fall 2024, Spring 2008); Seminar on *Civil Rights Litigation* (Spring 2004, 2007); LAWR I and II (since 2001)

Leadership Roles in Legal Organizations

- *ABA Section 1983 Subcommittee of Civil Rights Litigation Comm*: Co-chair 2012 – present
- *The American Law Institute*: Elected March 2009 – present
- *Women’s Law Project*, nonprofit legal advocacy: Board Member (2021 – pres. & 2005-13)
- *CeaseFire PA*, anti-gun violence nonprofit: Litigation Committee (2021 – pres.)
- *Yale Law School Executive Committee* (2012 – 15)

UNIV. OF GRAZ, AUSTRIA, Visiting Professor (Summer 2017)

- Faculty exchange program with Rutgers, taught seminar on *U.S. Constitutional Litigation*

UNIV. OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL, Visiting Senior Lecturer (2012 – 13)

Civil Rights: Taught seminar on *Current Issues in Civil Rights Litigation*. Supervised extern in federal civil rights placement. *Legal Writing*: co-designed and taught new curriculum.

CITY OF PHILADELPHIA LAW DEPARTMENT, Appeals & Legislation

Senior Attorney (2000-01); Deputy City Solicitor (1996-2000); Assistant (1995-96)

- Researched, briefed, and/or argued mostly civil rights appeals before Third Circuit, Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court, and PA Supreme Court.
- Taught *Civil Rights Issue Spotting* to civil rights attorneys.
- Trial and appellate litigation team representing City in three separate lawsuits alleging inadequacy of public education and seeking funding for desegregation
- Principal drafter of City and School District of Philadelphia's joint brief to Pennsylvania Supreme Court in state constitutional law educational adequacy suit, *Marrero*

Counsel in significant litigation meriting academic commentary

e.g., Charles Abernathy, CIVIL RIGHTS & CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION 92 (4th ed., West 2006) (summarizing *Miller*); Richard E. Levy, *Gunfight at the K-12 Corral: Legislative vs. Judicial Power in the Kansas School Finance Litigation*, 54 U. Kan. L. Rev. 1021 (2006) (summarizing *Marrero*); Laura Oren, *Safari into the Snake Pit: The State-Created Danger Doctrine*, 13 Wm. & Mary Bill Rts. J. 1165 (2005) (citing *Miller*); Student Author, *Growing Pains: The Scope of Substantive Due Process Rights of Parents of Adult Children*, 57 Vand. L. Rev. 1883 (2004) (summarizing *McCurdy*); Student Author, *Settling Without 'Settling': School Finance Litigation and Governance Reform in Maryland*, 22 Yale L. & Pol'y Rev. 571 (2004) (citing *Marrero*); Deana Pollard, *Banning Child Corporal Punishment*, 77 Tul. L. Rev. 575, 657 (2003) (summarizing *P.R.*); Maryfrances T. Behney, *P.R. v. Commonwealth, Department of Public Welfare: The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Changes the Standard For Expunging A Record of Child Abuse*, 12 Widener L.J. 355 (2003); Student Author, *Frazier v. City of Philadelphia: Sovereign Immunity Plays Governmental Game with Citizen's Bodily Integrity*, 10 Widener J. Pub. L. 417 (2001); Student Author, *Confusing Pursuits: Sacramento v. Lewis and the Future of Substantive Due Process in the Executive Setting*, 41 Santa Clara L. R. 437 (2001) (summarizing *Miller*); Student Author, *Marrero v. Commonwealth: The Commonwealth Court Struggles to Preserve the Political Question Doctrine in Pennsylvania*, 8 Widener J. Pub. L. 781 (1999); *Constitutional Law-Home Rule And Firearms Regulation: Philadelphia's Failed Assault Weapons Ban - Ortiz v. Commonwealth*, 70 Temp. L. Rev. 1055 (1997).

TROUTMAN PEPPER (then PEPPER, HAMILTON & SCHEETZ), Litigation Associate, Philadelphia (Oct. 92 – Dec. 94)

Successfully briefed two Third Circuit appeals, including *Harris* (representing prisoners in overcrowding class action against Philadelphia).

HON. THOMAS N. O'NEILL, JR., U.S. District Court, Philadelphia Sept. 90 – Sept. 92

Law clerk; drafted bench memos for appellate sitting on Third Circuit.

Publications

Government Reports

Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, *Addressing Racism and Discrimination in Philadelphia's LGBTQ Community* (Jan. 2017), available <https://pchrilgbt.org/> (co-authored)

Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, *Widening the Circle of Our Concern* (March 2011) (co-authored report on report on 11 public hearings on inter-group conflict and intimidation in Philadelphia's public schools)

Books and book chapters

CURRENT ISSUES IN CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION: A CONTEXT AND PRACTICE CASEBOOK (Carolina Academic Press 3d Ed. 2020, 2d Ed. 2015, first edition 2011) (900+ pages) and Supplement (Jan. 2025) (two of 15 chapters by Evelyn Tenenbaum; Michael Hunter Schwartz, Editor). Constitutional and statutory doctrines necessary to litigate constitutional claims arising under the 4th, 8th, and 14th Amendments.

- Forwards by David Rudovsky, Univ. Pennsylvania Law School; Aderson Bellegarde Francois, Georgetown Law School; Karen Blum, Suffolk U. Law School, Rebecca Zietlow, Toledo Law School; Michael O'Connor, LaVerne Law School
- Adopted at Stanford, William & Mary, University of Utah, Drake, Temple, American, Northern Illinois, Widener, University of Pennsylvania (by me), and other law schools

TEACHER'S MANUAL for CURRENT ISSUES IN CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION (Carolina Academic Press 2d Ed. 2020, first edition 2011) (400+ pages)

Book chapter and portion of Teachers' Manual, *Constitutional Research*, for Suzanne Rowe, Editor, FEDERAL LEGAL RESEARCH (Carolina Academic Press 2d Ed. 2015)

- Revised 1st Ed. 2014, 1st Ed. 2012

Contributions to TEACHING THE LAW SCHOOL CURRICULUM, VOL. 2, Steven Friedland & Gerald Hess, editors (Carolina Academic Press 2011). This collection of teaching ideas includes my short pieces on *Using Graphs and Charts to Visually Represent Doctrine*, *Experiential Learning – Law Practice in Class*, *Class Participation Preference Survey*, *Maximizing Student Learning from Guest Speakers*, *Teaching Upper Level Legal Research and Writing in a Hybrid Clinic/Writing Course*, *90-Second Oral Argument Game*, *Prompt Feedback and Multiple Forms of Assessment*, and *Self-Editing Workshops*

Articles on civil rights law & appellate procedure

Suppressing Constitutional Law: Qualified Immunity and Non-precedential Opinions, _ U.C.L.A. LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2026)

A Modest Proposal for Regulating Unpublished, Non-precedential Federal Appellate Opinions While Courts and Litigants Adapt to Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 32.1, 9 J. APP. PRACT. & PROC. 17 (2007) (solicited essay)

Third Circuit Clarifies Inconsistency in State-Created Danger, The Legal Intelligencer (July 31, 2006)

- Reprinted in *The Pennsylvania Lawyer* (Aug. 2006)

The Perils of Unpublished Non-precedential Federal Appellate Opinions: A Case Study of the Substantive Due Process State-Created Danger Doctrine in One Circuit, 81 WASH. L. REV. 217 (2006)

- Cited in *Perez v. City of Philadelphia*, 701 F.Supp.2d 658 (E.D. Pa. 2010)
- Cited in 16AA WRIGHT & MILLER: FEDERAL PRAC. & PROC. §3978.10 (2024), West's Pennsylvania Practice treatise (2020) and 27 other secondary sources

Evolution of a Doctrine: The Scope of the Parental Liberty Interest Protected by Substantive Due Process After McCurdy, 3 RUTGERS J. L. & URB. POL'Y. No. 1 (Fall 2005)

RU-486: The Moral Property of Women, 1 YALE JOURNAL OF LAW & FEMINISM 75 (1989)

Blog posts on civil rights law

Rutgers Law Professors: Legal Issues to Watch in 2025 (Jan. 2025) (Supreme Court to consider whether to limit Fourth Amendment protection from police use of deadly force)

Rutgers Law Professors: Legal Issues to Watch in 2021 (Jan. 2021) (Supreme Court decides 1st Am. challenge to enforcement of Philadelphia's antidiscrimination law, which I enforce as Commissioner)

[*Supreme Court Should Make it Easier to Sue Cops Who Violate Our Civil Rights*](#), N.J. Star-Ledger Guest Columnist (June 2020) (solicited op-ed)

How the Historical Context of 42 U.S.C. 1983 Helps Understand "Black Lives Matter" Blog of the ABA Civil Rights Litigation Committee (2017)

Supreme Court Clarifies a "Legal Twilight Zone" in Excessive Force Claims Blog of the ABA Civil Rights Litigation Committee (March 2016)

Is a Judge Immune for Non-Judicial Acts? Two Federal Courts Answer Differently Blog of the ABA Civil Rights Litigation Committee (Sept. 2014)

When Is Police Violence Motivated by Personal Goals Action "Under Color of Law"? Blog of the ABA Civil Rights Litigation Committee (April 2014)

The Murky Landscape of Post-Iqbal Supervisory Liability in the Seventh Circuit: Is it Statutory or Constitutional? Is Intent Required? Blog of the ABA Civil Rights Litigation Committee (October 2013)

Eleventh Circuit Should Define Constitutional Use of Tasers, Blog of the ABA Civil Rights Litigation Committee (Dec. 2012)

Articles on teaching and writing

Law Schools Should Teach Non-precedential Federal Appellate Opinions, Perspectives (Spring 2023)

Integrating the Teaching of Doctrine and Skills: An Example Intended to Stimulate Ideas for Your Own Class, The Law Teacher (Fall 2013).

Never Let a Crisis Go to Waste: Erasing Lines Between Faculty, The Second Draft: Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute (Fall 2013)

How can I help my law professors help my job search? National Jurist (September 2013)

Using Real Legal Research Assignments to Teach Upper Level Students, The Second Draft: Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute (Spring 2011)

Reflections on the Twentieth Anniversary of Founding the Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, 20 Yale J. L. & Feminism 248 (2009).

Comment: Survey of Cooperation Among Clinical, Pro Bono, Externship, and Legal Writing Faculty, 4 J. ALWD 56 (2007) (solicited response to AALS panel) (with Susan Wawrose)

Effective Brief Writing Despite High Volume Practice: Ten Misconceptions that Result in Bad Briefs, 38 Toledo L. Rev. 1113 (2007) (with Jane Istvan)

- Steven Stark, *WRITING TO WIN: THE LEGAL WRITER* (Random House 2012) (cited as an article “every lawyer should read”)
- Top SSRN download in Law & Courts, Legal Writing, Legal Education (3165 downloads)
- Linked on blogs: The Researching Paralegal (July 2016); Legal Writing (2007); Law School Academic Support (2007)
- Excerpted in *New Jersey Lawyer* (Dec. 2006)
- Reprinted with permission on WinMoreCases.com

Student to Lawyer: Teaching the Culture(s) of Law Practice, *The Second Draft: Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute* (Dec. 2006)

Teaching 1L's to Think Like Lawyers By Assigning Memo Problems With No Clear Conclusions, *Perspectives*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (Fall 2005). Reprinted in *Legal Assistants Assoc. of Utah News* (June 2006)

Some Strategies to Teach Reluctant Talkers to Talk About Law, 54 *Journal of Legal Education* 570 (Dec. 2004). Linked on Law School Academic Support blog (2005)

Using Macros to Comment on Student Writing: A Little Technology Can Improve Consistency, Quality & Efficiency, *The Second Draft: Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute* (Dec. 2004). Reprinted in *The Law Teacher* (May 2005)

A Case is Just an Example: Using Common Experience to Introduce Case Synthesis and Rule Statements and then Applying Those Skills in a Legal Context, Vol. 18, No. 1 *The Second Draft: Bulletin of the Legal Writing Institute* (Dec. 2003)

You Are in the Business of Selling Analogies & Distinctions, *Perspectives*, Vol. 11, No. 3 (Spring 2003)

Awards & Committees

- **Awards:** *Fulbright Specialist Program*: Selected for Fulbright Specialist Roster 2014-19. State Department funds teaching at foreign law schools for two short visits over 5-year period
- **Rutgers Awards:** Hooder (2023); Clinical Professor of the Year (2022); Chancellor’s Award for Faculty Engagement (2017); Black Law Students Association Champion of Social Justice and Equality Award (2016); Chancellor’s Award for Teaching Excellence (2009); Lawyering Professor of Year (2009); Women’s Law Caucus Faculty Appreciation Award (2009, 2007).
- **Rutgers Committees:** Orientation (2024-25); Co-Chair, Academic Policy Committee (2023-24); Ad Hoc Committee on Generative AI (2023-25); Foreign Programs (Chair 2015 – 20; member 2020 – 22); Non-JD Programs (2019-20); Career Planning (Co-Chair 2014 – 15); Clerkship (2013; 2009-11; 2007; 2002 – 04); Faculty Advisor, *Journal of Law and Public Policy* (2002 – 20); Admissions (2009 -11); LAWR Dean’s Staff Rep. (2010); Chair, Clinical Appointments (2008); Lawyering Programs (2008); Speakers (2004 – 07).

Leadership roles in academic organizations

- *Association of Legal Writing Directors*: Teaching Workshops Committee (2021 – pres.; 2014 – 16); Chair, Scholarship Committee (2005-11) & member (2012-14, 2004-05)
- *Legal Writing Institute*: Pro Bono Cooperation Committee (2014 – 16); Global Legal Skills (2010 –14); Committee on Cooperation Between Pro Bono and Legal Writing Professors

(2008-10); First Chair, Committee on Cooperation Among Pro Bono, Clinical, and Legal Writing Programs (2005 – 08); Program Subcommittee for 2004 Conference

- *Philadelphia Bar Assoc. Justice Ginsburg Legal Writing Award Committee* (2020 – pres.)
- *Scribes Law Review Award Committee* (2015 – 18)
- Selected to lead Scholarship Forum for legal writing faculty 2012 (Empire State Conference); 2009 (Central States Conference)
- *AALS Section on Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research*: Program Committee for 2008

Interviews

Leah Trahan, ABA Litigation (Jan. 2024) (interview about new federal appellate interpretation of “prevailing party” in a civil rights litigation)

Michael Barbella, *School Dress Codes Present Double Standard*, NJ Bar Foundation publication Respect (Oct. 2020) (interview about federal lawsuit challenging public school girls’ dress code)

Byron Wordlaw, *LWI Lives*, Legal Writing Institute publication (June 2018) (interview about the arc of my career) <https://www.lwionline.org/sites/default/files/2018-06/LWILivesJune18.pdf>

George Mast, *Police Suits Lead to Action*, Courier-Post (Nov. 22, 2010) (interview about civil rights suits against Camden police)

Amaris Elliott-Engel, *Local Lawyers Active on Mayor Nutter’s Transition Teams*, The Legal Intelligencer (February 2008) (interview about participation on new Philadelphia Mayor’s transition team for City Law Department)

Kristi Poling, *Law Students Build a Link: Rutgers Camden Pro Bono Research Project Sharpens Skills While Serving Practitioners*, The Philadelphia Lawyer (Fall 2004)

Carmel Sileo, *U.S. Courts Grapple with Constitutional Claims for Loss of Adult Children*, 40 Trial 12 (March 2004) (interview about litigation strategy resulting in Third Circuit reversal of fifteen years of district court precedent)

Presentations

To foreign law students or foreign judges

November 2014 Università di Cagliari, Sardinia. 10-hours of guest presentations that integrated teaching of American constitutional law, including 4th Amendment law governing Tasers and 8th Amendment obligations to protect inmates, with introductions to litigation skills of client interviewing, negotiation, email communication, and persuasive writing. (Sardinia, Italy)

July 2014 *Precedent and Stare Decisis in a Common Law System*, presentation to Chinese judges visiting U.S. through a State Department program (Rutgers Law, Camden NJ)

October 2012 – January 2013 Guest presentations for University of Pennsylvania LLM Program on *How to Orally Brief a Supervising Attorney* and *How to Produce Legal Scholarship*. Organized and led small groups of LLM students on a series of formal visits to the chambers of a federal trial court judge, office of in-house counsel at a large corporation, and office of Morgan Lewis law firm partner (Philadelphia PA)

May 2012 Guest presentations to criminal justice and international relations students on comparative approaches to prisoner litigation and immigration case pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, Universidad Europea de Madrid (Madrid, Spain)

October 2011 *Precedent and Stare Decisis in a Common Law System*, Temple Law School Judicial Education Program (presentation to Chinese judges) (Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, Philadelphia PA)

To faculty, practicing lawyers, law students, diversity pipeline

By invitation, May 2024 *Effective Legal Writing* (New Jersey Continuing Legal Education)

Oct. 2023, *AI and Teaching Writing: Advantages, Disadvantages, and Ethical Considerations*, Rutgers-Camden Lunch and Learn

By invitation: June 2023 *Law Schools Should Teach Non-precedential Federal Appellate Opinions*, Westlaw-produced national webinar (recording distributed via Westlaw)

By invitation: March 2023 Panelist, *Police Misconduct and the Elusive Quest for Accountability*, with Prof. Joanna Schwartz on SHIELDED: HOW THE POLICE BECAME UNTOUCHABLE (Viking 2023) (with author and two Princeton faculty) (Princeton University, NJ)

Feb. 2023 Introduced Prof. Joanna Schwartz to Rutgers faculty colloquium presenting on her book SHIELDED: HOW THE POLICE BECAME UNTOUCHABLE (Viking 2023) (Rutgers Law)

Feb. 2024, *Persuasive Writing for Law School Applicants*, Sixth Annual Pre-Law Diversity Conference at Rutgers Law

- Also presented Feb. 2023

By invitation: August 2022 *Introduction to Legal Methods*, Philadelphia Diversity Law Group Boot Camp for Incoming Law Students (Philadelphia PA)

- Also presented August 2015, July 2014, and July 2011

July 2022 *Law Schools Should Teach Non-precedential Opinions* Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (Washington DC) (poster presentation)

By invitation: July 2022 *Effective Brief Writing*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial, Continuing Legal Education for lawyers (Washington, D.C.) (cancelled for administrative reason)

- July 2020 *Effective Brief Writing*, Legal Writing Institute, Continuing Legal Education for lawyers (Washington DC) (cancelled for Covid)
- July 2018 *Effective Brief Writing*, Legal Writing Institute, Continuing Legal Education for lawyers (Milwaukee, WI)
- July 2016 *Effective Brief Writing*, Legal Writing Institute, Continuing Legal Education for lawyers (Portland, OR)

March 2022 *The Disappearing Constitutional Law: Qualified Immunity, Non-precedential Opinions, and Perpetually Undefined Rights*, ALWD Scholars' Forum and Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference (scholarly workshop; virtual)

June 2021, [Qualified Immunity](#), New Jersey Law Day, Monmouth Vicinage (presentation to judges, lawyers, students) (virtual)

April 2021, Moderated & responded to civil rights counsel on *Who is to Blame for the State of American Policing Today?*, Rutgers Law School (Federalist Society) (virtual)

Nov. 2020, *Staying Engaged in Law Teaching For Decades*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (virtual)

Oct. 2020, Moderated panel of civil rights counsel on *Police Brutality*, Rutgers Law School (co-sponsored by Rutgers Black Law Student Association and Association of Public Interest Law) (virtual)

Aug. 2020, *Experiential Learning and Doctrinal Classes*, Southeastern Law Schools Conference (virtual)

Dec. 2019, *Teaching the Culture(s) of Law Practice*, Legal Writing Institute, One-Day Workshop St. Mary's University School of Law (San Antonio, TX)

January 2018, *Tips from the Trenches: Teaching Students to Help Social Justice Practitioners From First Year to Graduation*, AALS Legal Writing, Reasoning, and Research (main panel; co-sponsored by Clinical Legal Education) (San Diego, CA)

By invitation: July 2016, Facilitator, Social Justice Connections Workshop, Legal Writing Institute Biennial (Portland OR)

By invitation: June 2015, *Introducing Legal Skills into Classroom Teaching: Examples to Spark Ideas for Your Own Class*, Plenary Session: The New World of Legal Academia: Planning for the Future, 2015 AALS Workshop for New Law School Teachers (Washington D.C.)

May 2015, *Integrating the Teaching of Doctrine and Skills for International Students: An Example to Spark Your Own Ideas*, Global Legal Skills Conference (John Marshall, Chicago IL)

By invitation to faculty colloquium: April 2015, *Integrating Doctrine and Introductions to Skills: Examples to Spark Ideas for Your Own Class* (Seton Hall Law School, Newark NJ)

By invitation to faculty colloquium: April 2015, *Integrating Doctrine and Introductions to Skills: Current Issues in Constitutional Litigation Casebook* (Albany Law School, NY)

June 2014 Organized the first national conference on integrating social justice and legal writing, BRINGING OUTSIDE IN: SOCIAL JUSTICE COLLABORATIONS IN THE LEGAL WRITING CURRICULUM

- Presented *Upper Division Hybrid Clinical Collaborations* (Drexel Law, Philadelphia PA, with Jill Friedman)

June 2014 *Teaching Professional Identity Across the Curriculum*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (Philadelphia PA) (with Michael Hunter Schwartz and Laura Rovner)

June 2014 *Never Let a Crisis Go to Waste: Curricular Innovations in Legal Education*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (Philadelphia PA)

June 2014 *Effective Brief Writing Despite High Volume Practice*, Philadelphia City Solicitor's Office, Continuing Legal Education for City lawyers (Philadelphia PA)

December 2013 *Hybrid Clinical-Writing Course: Working With Government Agencies*, "Preparing Practice Ready Students," a conference of the Legal Writing Institute (Charleston, South Carolina).

November 2013 *Designing the Persuasive Writing Problem: Appellate Briefs and Trial Memoranda*, Stetson Law School Virtual Legal Writing Conference Webinars. Webinar for a national audience taught from my office in Camden, NJ

June 2013 *A Casebook Designed to Integrate the Teaching of Skills and Doctrine: Current Issues in Constitutional Litigation: A Context and Practice Casebook*, Institute for Law Teaching and Learning (Wichita, Kansas)

- March 2012 Albany Law School Center for Excellence in Law Teaching (Albany, NY)

October 2012 *Litigating the Scope of the Parental Liberty Interest*, Guest Speaker in Appellate Advocacy (Marquette Law School, Milwaukee WI) (also in October 2009)

Keynote address June 2012 *Never Let a Crisis Go to Waste: Erasing Lines Between Faculty*, Empire State Legal Writing Conference (SUNY Buffalo).

June 2012 *Choose Your Own Adventure: Four Ways to Incorporate Public Interest Work & Practice Skills Into the Curriculum*, Legal Writing Institute (Palm Springs, CA) (with Mary Bowman and Kirsten Clement)

January 2012 *Teaching Research, Writing, Collaboration, and Professional Communication Through Service Learning and Pro Bono Programs*, AALS Section on Pro Bono and Public Service Opportunities (AALS Conference, Washington D.C.)

September 2011 *Research and Writing for a Real Client: A Hybrid Clinical/Writing Course*, Central States Legal Writing Conference (John Marshall School of Law, Chicago, IL).

- Also presented in May 2011 to Empire State Legal Writing Conference (St. John's University School of Law, New York, NY)

July 2011 *Implementing Carnegie and Best Practices: Challenging Students to Develop Practical Skills and Professional Identity*, South Eastern Association of Law Schools (Hilton Head, South Carolina)

June 2011 *Developing Course Materials to Give Context to a Litigation Clinic: Materials for a Section 1983 Constitutional Clinic*, Association of American Law Schools' Conference on Clinical Legal Education (Seattle, WA)

Feb. 2011 *Effective Brief Writing Despite High Volume Practice*, Philadelphia District Attorney Continuing Legal Education for approximately 80 practitioners (Philadelphia, PA)

Dec. 2010 *Effective Commenting and Grading Final Drafts*, Panel at Legal Writing Institute Regional Conference (Charleston School of Law, Charleston, SC)

October 2009 *Getting Published*, Panel at Central States Regional LRW/Lawyering Skills Conference (Marquette Law School, Milwaukee WI)

October 2009 *Procedural Due Process* (Chapter 8 of forthcoming casebook CURRENT ISSUES IN CONSTITUTIONAL LITIGATION), Association of Legal Writing Directors Scholars Forum (Marquette Law School, Milwaukee WI)

- Also presented to Delaware Valley Legal Writing Consortium (May 2009)

May 2009 *Workshop on Innovative Law Teaching and Learning Ideas*, Conference of Authors for the Carolina Academic Press Context and Practice Casebook Series (Washburn Law School, Topeka KS)

April 2009 *Procedural Due Process: The Failed Attempt to Create a Constitutional Right to Enforce Protection from Abuse Orders*, Women's Studies Senior Seminar, Rutgers-Camden College (Camden, N.J.)

November 2008 *Teaching the Culture(s) of Law Practice and Cheating in the Legal Writing Course*, Delaware Valley Legal Writing Consortium Semi-Annual Meeting (Penn. Law School, Philadelphia, PA)

November 2008 *The Future of Law School Casebooks*, Adjunct/Full-time Faculty Teaching Workshop, Rutgers School of Law- Camden (Camden, NJ)

October 2008 Moderator of Women's Law Caucus Discussion, *Election 2008: Female Candidates and America's Reaction*, Rutgers School of Law- Camden (Camden, N.J.)

October 2008 *Effective Brief Writing: Four Key Concepts*, Hunter Moot Court, Rutgers School of Law- Camden (Camden, N.J.)

July 2008 *Publishing Books in LRW and Beyond: How We Did It, and How You Can Do It, Too*, Legal Writing Institute (Indianapolis, IN) (with Michael Murray, Christy DeSanctis, and Ruth Ann McKinney)

October 2007 *Pro Bono Collaboration: Let Faculty Show the Way*, The Role of Law Schools in Fostering Commitment to Pro Bono (Washington DC) (with Eve Klothen)

June 2007 *The Perils of Unpublished Non-precedential Federal Appellate Opinions: A Case Study of the Substantive Due Process State-Created Danger Doctrine in One Circuit*, Association of Legal Writing Directors (Denver, CO)

May 2007 *Legal Writing for Lawyers and Paralegals*, NJ Institute for Continuing Legal Education (New Brunswick, NJ) (with Emily Zimmerman and Libby White)

November 2006 *Thirty Minutes to a Better Resume*, Rutgers-Camden Career Planning Workshop (Camden, NJ) (presented again November 2007)

August 2006 *Professional Networking*, Rutgers-Camden Career Planning Workshop (Camden, NJ) (presented again February 2007)

July 2006 *Persuasive Legal Writing*, Continuing Legal Education for 300 Philadelphia attorneys (Philadelphia, PA)

June 2006 *Encouraging Cooperation Between Legal Writing Programs and Pro Bono, Clinical, and Externship Programs*, Legal Writing Institute (Atlanta, GA) (with Susan Wawrose and Eve Klothen)

May 2006 *Collaboration Across Law School Programs*, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (New York, NY) (with Susan Wawrose)

June 2005 *The Perils of Non-precedential Federal Appellate Opinions: A Case Study of the Substantive Due Process State-Created Danger Doctrine in One Circuit*, Legal Writing Institute Writers Workshop (Lake Geneva, WI)

March 2005 *Legal Writing on the Job: Professional Use of E-Mail and How to Become Your Own Best Editor*, guest speaker in externship class (Camden, NJ)

August 2004 *Drafting Documents: Help for Transactional Attorneys and Litigators*, Continuing Legal Education for 100 Philadelphia attorneys (Philadelphia, PA)

July 2004 *Overcoming Reticence: Teaching Reluctant Speakers to Talk About Law*, Legal Writing Institute (Seattle, WA) (with Anne Kringel)

December 2003 *Technology and Grading: Using Macros and Mail Merge to Efficiently Provide Consistent Comments on Student Writing*, New England Legal Writing Consortium (Cambridge, MA) (with Margaret Sova McCabe)

October 2003 *Women in Law Practice*, Rutgers-Camden School of Law Women's Law Caucus (Camden, NJ)

May 2003 *Integrating Pro Bono Projects and Legal Research and Writing*, Philadelphia Area Regional Meeting of Teachers of Legal Research & Writing (Camden, NJ) (with Eve Klothen)

Dec. 2002 *Teaching Logical Analogies and Distinctions to First Year Students*, New England Legal Writing Consortium (Boston, MA)

Guest speaker, *Appellate Advocacy*, Univ. of Pennsylvania Law School (1999 & 1998)

Guest speaker, *Appellate Advocacy*, Temple Law School (1998)

Guest judge, education law student argument of *Marrero* challenge to Pennsylvania's system of funding public education, Temple Law School (1998)

Selected Appellate Briefs Available on Westlaw's Online Brief Bank

McCurdy (2002) (available in 2002 WL 32819435) (Third Circuit; scope of parental liberty interest protected by substantive due process)

P.R. (2001) (available in 2001 WL 34136291) (Pa. Supreme Court; standard for distinguishing accidental injury from child abuse under the Pennsylvania child abuse statute)

Webb (2001) (available in 2001 WL 34112171) (Third Circuit; state-created danger theory of substantive due process)

Vakkas (2000) (available in 2000 WL 34024340) (Third Circuit; whether a secured creditor's self-help remedy is "state action")

Gatter (2000) (available in 2000 WL 33993720) (Third Circuit; absolute witness immunity for police who broke the “blue wall of silence”)

Hewlett (2000) (available in 2000 WL 34251096) (Third Circuit; preclusion of civil claim arising from criminal conviction)

Williams (1999) (available in 1999 WL 33620292) (Third Circuit; procedural and substantive due process claims resulting from police failure to disclose exculpatory information)

Gilbert (1999) (available 1999 WL 33620584) (Third Circuit; employment discrimination)

Miller (1998) (Third Circuit; substantive and procedural due process claims against social worker for taking temporary custody of child)

Pennsylvania Ass’n of Rural and Small Schools (1998) (available in 1998 WL 34114286) (Pennsylvania Supreme Court; for amici curiae City and School District of Philadelphia supporting state constitutional challenge to Pennsylvania system of funding public education)

Atlantic Used Auto Parts (1997) (available in 1997 WL 33620214) (Third Circuit; procedural due process claims)

Caputo (1994) (available in 1994 WL 16100962) (brief in opposition to certiorari to United States Supreme Court for private drug testing laboratory)

Non-legal experience

JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CITY U. OF NEW YORK

Director of Public Relations Feb. 85 – Aug. 87.

Boards and Memberships

- Board Member, *Mothers in Charge*, nonprofit founded by mothers of children killed by gun violence in Philadelphia and focused on violence prevention and education. (2015 – 19)
- Board Member, Chestnut Hill Children’s Park (1996-2008) (solicited corporate in-kind donations to feed total of 2000 volunteers during construction of playground)
- Pennsylvania Bar; Philadelphia Bar Association (Appellate Courts, Federal Courts, Gov’t & Public Service)