

Curriculum Vitae

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Teaching

Indiana University Maurer School of Law, Bloomington.

Senior Lecturer in Law, 2009–present. Lecturer in Law, 1995–2009

Current courses: *Appellate Advocacy; Advanced Appellate Advocacy; Federal Habeas Litigation; Protection Order Litigation; Judicial Field Placements; Advocacy (External Trial Teams).*

Other courses taught: *Legal Research and Writing (1995–2007, 2014, 2016); Child Advocacy Clinic (1996–99); Federal Appellate Project; Federal Courts Clinic; Mediation; Advocacy (External Moot Court Teams).*

Protective Order Project, Supervising Attorney and Faculty Advisor, 2000–present.

Inmate Legal Assistance Project, Faculty Director, 2007–present.

LGBT Legal Project, Faculty Advisor, 2011–16

Visiting Professor, Assumption Law School, Bangkok, Thailand, June 2006

Visiting Lecturer, Adilet Law School, Almaty, Kazakhstan, October 2000.

Education

Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut. J.D., 1982. Moot Court Board of Directors; Thurman Arnold Prize Argument Team. Research Assistant to Professors John G. Simon (corporate philanthropy) and Paul Gewirtz (antidiscrimination law).

Yale College, New Haven, Connecticut. B.A., 1979, *summa cum laude*, with honors in History. Phi Beta Kappa.

Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C. 1975–1977.

Legal Practice

Deputy Attorney General (Federal Litigation Section), State of Indiana. 1993–1995. Represented state officials, employees, and agencies in complex constitutional, class action, employment, tort claim, and other civil matters, including first-chair trial and appellate work.

Deputy General Counsel, Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. 1992–1993. Assistant Commissioner (Legal), Indiana Department of Human Services. 1989–1992.

As Assistant Commissioner, supervised four staff attorneys and oversaw all legal aspects of dozens of programs serving low-income families, children, and persons with disabilities, including SSBG, CDBG, LIHEAP, and other federal grants. Following legislative reorganization, helped design new consolidated legal division for State's public welfare, mental health and social service agencies and served as lead counsel for federal housing, child care, and social service programs.

Associate, Webster & Sheffield [1934-1991], New York, New York. 1983–1989. Litigated product liability, employment, copyright, securities, real estate, probate and other matters on behalf of diverse corporate, governmental, individual, and not-for-profit clients. Helped represent nineteen nonsectarian New York child care agencies unsuccessfully intervening in and modifying settlement of landmark civil rights lawsuit reforming City's foster care system, *Wilder v. Bernstein*, 848 F.2d 1348 (2nd Cir. 1988).

Law Clerk, United States District Judge Edward N. Cahn, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. 1982–1983

Professional and Community Service

Indiana State Bar Association

- Counsel to the President, 2011–2012
- Board of Governors, 2011–2014
- Legal Ethics Committee and Hotline, 1999–present
- Chair, Clients' Financial Assistance Fund Committee, 2004–06
- Chair, Section on Professional Legal Education, Admission, and Development, 2003–04

Volunteer Hearing Officer, Bloomington Housing Authority. 2009–12

Planned Parenthood Federation of America

National Nominating Committee, 2008–11

Central Region Steering Committee. 2001–09 (Chair, 2008–09)

Planned Parenthood of Indiana, Board of Directors. 1997–2002

Participating Attorney, District 10 Pro Bono and Bartholomew Area Legal Assistance. 2000–2004. Represented low-income clients in family law and landlord-tenant matters.

Middle Way House, Inc., Board of Directors. 1993–1995

Bar Admissions and Memberships

Bar examinations taken: New York (1982)

**Admitted: New York
Indiana (by reciprocity)**

**Member: U.S. Courts of Appeal for the Fourth and Seventh Circuits
U.S. District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York
U.S. District Courts for the Northern and Southern Districts of Indiana**

Selected Conference and CLE Presentations

NCOs and Protection Orders, Monroe County Bench-Bar Conference, February 2021.

“Good” Legal Writing, Seventh Circuit Bar Association & ISBA Appellate Division conference, Indianapolis, August 2015.

Writing Effective Appellate Briefs, Indiana Public Defender Council Appellate Advocacy conference, South Bend, May 2015.

Responding to the New Normal in Field Placement Clinics: Teaching Students to Work in and Manage the Small Firm, AALS Clinical Legal Education Conference, Rancho Mirage, California, May 2015.

Addressing Disability Bias at the Intersection of Disabilities and Professional Responsibility, ISBA continuing legal education program (w/ Katrina Gossett, Faegre Baker Daniels), Indianapolis, November 2014.

The Metaphysics of Moot Court Problem Creation, First Annual LWI Moot Court Conference, Marquette Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 2014.

Same-Sex Unions at the “Crossroads,” ISBA continuing legal education program (w/Steve Sanders), Indianapolis, February 2013.

LGBT Advocacy in the Heartland (with Prof. Carrie Hagan, IU McKinney School of Law). AALS Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, California, May 2012.

Reports from the Field: What Are Our Students Thinking At and About their Placements? And What Does that Tell us About How to Build a Better Externship? Externships 5 Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, March 2012.