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EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School. J.D., 2001

- *Michigan Journal of Gender and Law*
 - Articles and Production Coordinator (Fall 2000)
 - Article Selection Committee (Spring 1999)

Grinnell College. B.A. in Anthropology and Environmental Studies, 1997

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Maurer School of Law – Indiana University

Nonprofit Legal Clinic: Spring, 2014-present

Clinic Director and Associate Clinical Professor of Law

- Creating, developing, and managing a transactional clinic in which second- and third-year law students represent Indiana nonprofit organizations and individuals looking to create new nonprofits.
- Supervising law students as they:
 - Form new nonprofit entities;
 - Help clients apply for 501(c)(3) status;
 - Negotiate and draft contracts;
 - Draft bylaws for existing nonprofits;
 - Provide basic tax advice, landlord/tenant, and bankruptcy advice;
 - Advise on governance, communications, intellectual property, and compliance matters;
 - Conduct community education on topics impacting nonprofits; and
 - Provide clients with other transactional legal support as needed.
- Extensive networking with local nonprofit organizations to develop a diverse client base.
- Teaching a related doctrinal course on nonprofit organizations.

Maurer School of Law's Tenant Assistance Project: Fall, 2011-Present

Faculty Supervisor

- Supervising law students as they counsel *pro se* tenants immediately before and during their eviction hearings in Monroe County, Indiana.

Disability Law Clinic: Fall, 2011

Adjunct Professor of Law

- Worked with law students as they prepared disabled clients for, and represented them at, their SSI hearings.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Indiana Legal Services, Inc.: 2009-2012.

Bloomington, IN; Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow and Staff Attorney

- Worked with staff attorneys and local agencies on projects aimed at preventing homelessness in southern Indiana;
- Defended eviction actions brought against Section 8 recipients, public housing residents, and tenants renting from private landlords in Circuit and Superior courts across southern and central Indiana;
- Represented Section 8 recipients at administrative hearings;
- Negotiated with local public housing authorities and private landlords on behalf of tenants at risk of eviction and/or loss of federal housing subsidies;
- Advised tenants at risk of eviction of their rights;
- Helped disabled clients advance Fair Housing Act disputes;
- Brought actions against landlords for breaching warranty of habitability; and
- Counseled victims of domestic violence about the eviction defenses available to them under the Violence Against Women Act ("VAWA").

Winer, McKenna & Davis, LLP: 2006-2008.

- Litigation associate
- Second-chaired month-long discrimination trial in Los Angeles Sup. Court.
- Extensive motion practice, including successful summary judgment oppositions.
- Wrote mediation briefs in personal injury and employment discrimination cases that led to successful resolution of our clients' cases; and
- Client counseling.

Bourhis & Wolfson: 2003-2005.

San Francisco, California; Associate.

- Represented policy holders in bad faith disability insurance litigation; and
- Engaged in extensive motion practice and oral and written discovery.

Piper Rudnick: 2001-2002.

Chicago, Illinois; Associate

- Intellectual Property Litigation

PRESENTATIONS

“Collaboration as Innovation: Integrating Collaboration into the Clinical Experience” (Norm Hedges, Laura Norris, Willow Tracy—co-presenters)

- May, 2019: Transactional Clinical Conference; Berkeley, California

“Nonprofit Community Outreach at Indiana University Maurer School of Law”;

“New Clinical Conference: Classroom Teaching” (Carwina Weng, co-presenter)

- October, 2018: Midwestern Clinical Legal Education Conference; South Bend, Indiana

“A Toolkit for the Pro Bono Housing Attorney” (Indiana Continuing Legal Education) (Marcy Wenzler, Chase Haller—co-presenters)

- February 27, 2018; Indianapolis. Sponsored by Indiana State Bar Association Leadership Development Academy Class 6

“The Tenant Assistance Project: A Collaboration Between Law School, Courts, and Community”

- October, 2017: Midwestern Clinical Legal Education Conference; Lawrence, Kansas

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Transactional Clinical Conference (“TCC”) Clinical Conference:
Member of TCC Planning Committee: 2018 and 2019.

Girls’ Inc. of Monroe County

Board of Trustees: November, 2015-November 2017

Vice President: March, 2017-February, 2018

Congregation Beth Shalom

Secretary, Board of Directors: May, 2018-present

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of Indiana: Active; 2009-present

State of Illinois: Inactive

State of California: Inactive