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### **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### **University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC**

*Visiting Assistant Professor*  
*Assistant Professor*

August 2012 – May 2013, January 2014 – May 2015  
August 2015 - present

Direct the Education Rights Clinic. Supervise student attorneys in cases involving eligibility for special education services, adequacy of special education and related services, and discipline matters, including expulsion hearings and appeals. Teach Special Education Law Seminar and Interviewing, Counseling, and Negotiation (simulation course).

#### **Howard University School of Law, Washington, DC**

April 2008 – May 2012

*Externship Director & Instructor*

Directed legal externship program and taught seminar on public interest lawyering for students who participate in externship program.

#### *Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project Coordinator & Instructor*

Supervised second and third year law students who taught constitutional law and juvenile justice at local public high schools. Planned and facilitated moot court competition with high school student participants.

#### *Equal Justice Program Coordinator*

Coordinated pro bono opportunities for law students. Facilitated partnerships with legal employers interested in supporting Howard public interest law students through fellowships, internships, and donations to the Howard Public Interest Fellowship Fund.

#### **American University, Washington College of Law (WCL), Washington, DC**

*Assistant Director, Public Interest Specialist*  
*Office of Career & Professional Development*

September 2006 – April 2008

Supported and assisted law students with professional interests in the fields of public interest and government work.

#### *Adjunct Professor, Advanced Externship Seminar*

Fall 2007 & Spring 2008

Taught an externship seminar course focused on social justice lawyering, diversity in the legal profession, and professional skills.

#### **The Children's Law Center, Washington, DC**

*Staff Attorney*

November 2004 – September 2006

Represented clients in neglect proceedings before judges in D.C. Superior Court. Prepared and litigated neglect and guardianship trials.

#### *Pro Bono Attorney*

September 2006 - May 2009

Stayed active with the organization by maintaining a pro bono neglect cases.

**EDUCATION**

**Case Western Reserve University School of Law**, Cleveland, OH  
*Juris Doctor*, May 2003

**University of Rochester**, Rochester, NY

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, May 2000

Study Abroad: **Institute of Political Science and Economics**, London, England, Spring 1999  
 Instructed by professors from the London School of Economics

**PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS**

*Disability Law as an Agent of School Reform*, 94 Wash.L.Rev. (forthcoming December 2019).

*Coerced Choice: School Vouchers and Students with Disabilities*, 68 Emory L.J. 1038 (2019).

*Disability, Discipline, and Illusory Student Rights*, 65 UCLA L. REV. 860 (2018).

*Endrew F. 's Unintended Consequences*, 46 J.L. & EDUC. 499 (2017) (co-authored with Emily Suski).

*The Misidentification of Children with Disabilities: A Harm With No Foul*, 48 ARIZ. STATE L.J. 374 (2016).

*The Gap Between Rights and Reality: The Intersection of Language, Disability, and Educational Opportunity*, 87 TEMPLE L. REV. 283 (2015).

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

*Ethical Issues in Special Education Law*, Education Advocacy CLE, SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center, Columbia, SC, August 9, 2019.

*Trauma as Disability and the Coming Expansion of Disability by Neighborhood*, works-in-progress, Southern Clinical Conference, University of South Carolina School of Law, October 19, 2018.

*Educating Students with Disabilities in the Era of School Choice*, works-in-progress, AALS Clinical Conference, Denver, CO, May 9, 2017.

*Special Education and Educational Rights*, Children's Law Conference, Children's Law Center, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, November 17, 2017.

*Educating Students with Disabilities in the Era of School Choice*, works-in-progress, AALS Clinical Conference, Denver, CO, May 9, 2017.

*The Role of Educational Advocates in Ensuring Educational Access*, Southeastern School Behavioral Health Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC, April 27, 2017.

*Collaborating with Mandatory Reporters*, Southern Clinical Conference, Louisiana State University Paul M. Herbert Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA, October 20, 2017 (panelist).

*Endrew F. v. Douglas County School District: How much education is enough for children with disabilities?* University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, SC, February 23, 2017.

*Crashing the Party: Teaching Students to Lawyer Where Lawyers Haven't Been*, Southern Clinical Conference, Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, LA, October 15, 2016 (panelist).

*The Intersection of Adolescent Development, Behavior and Disability*, School to Prison Pipeline CLE, Columbia, SC, June 24, 2016.

*The Misidentification of Children with Disabilities: A Harm with No Foul*, School-to-Prison Pipeline in Indian Country Symposium, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, March 27, 2015.

**BAR ADMITTANCE**

South Carolina (active), District of Columbia (active), Pennsylvania (inactive)