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**EDUCATION**

Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y., Graduate Department of Philosophy  
Ph.D., May 1997, Area of Specialization: Philosophy of Law  
Awarded Presidential Scholarship for Academic Achievement (1988-1990)  
GPA 4.0

Florida State University College of Law, Tallahassee, Florida.  
J.D. with Honors (1983)

Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut.  
Master of Arts in Philosophy (1980)

Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.  
Graduate Department of Philosophy (1977)

Assumption College, Worcester, Massachusetts.  
Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy (1976), Magna Cum Laude

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

1995-Present. Clinical Professor, Florida State University College of Law, Co-director of Public Interest Law Center and Director of the Children's Advocacy Clinic. Specialize in disability law and children's legal issues. Lecture, supervise and mentor law students. Coordinate legislative and policy research. Created the Children in Prison Project, and the Children's Health Care Access Project. Manage and develop research grants.

Spring 2002. Courtesy Professor at Florida State University Philosophy Department. Taught upper level undergraduate course on Philosophy of Law. Lectured on Sophocles, Plato, Melville, Hart, Dworkin, Faulkner, Kafka and Habermas.

1988-1990. Teaching Fellow, Fordham University, N.Y., N.Y. Taught two semesters of undergraduate Philosophy of Human Nature, concentrated on classical Greek philosophy (Plato and Aristotle) and two semesters of undergraduate Philosophy of Human Knowledge, concentrated on Descartes, Berkeley, Hume, Kant and Kuhn.

**LEGAL EMPLOYMENT**

1992-1995. Litigation Director, Central Florida Legal Services. Supervised staff attorneys and interns. Specialized in education law and the rights of children with disabilities. Appointed Attorney ad Litem to represent children in state dependency and juvenile proceedings. An extensive state and federal administrative, trial and appellate practice.

1990-1992. Assistant Public Defender, Appellate Division. Represented juvenile and adult criminal defendants before the Fifth District Court of Appeal and the Florida Supreme Court.

1983-1988. Staff Attorney, Legal Services of North Florida, Tallahassee, Florida. Specialized in family, housing and employment law. Jury and non-jury trial experience. Supervised legal interns.

1982. Legal Intern, Patient Legal Services, Florida State Hospital, Chattahoochee, FL. Advocated for the rights of persons with mental illnesses.

**PUBLICATIONS** *Final Regulations on School Assessments: An Attempt to Align the NCLBA and the IDEIA*, 31:6 A.B.A. MENTAL & PHYSICAL DISABILITY LAW REP. 830 (2007).

*The Revised IDEA: Will It Help Children With Disabilities?* 29:1 A.B.A. MENTAL & PHYSICAL DISABILITY LAW REP. 11 (2005).

*The Buckhannon Decision: The End of the Catalyst Theory and a Setback to Civil Rights*, 26:1 A.B.A. MENTAL & PHYSICAL DISABILITY LAW REP. 11 (2002)

*Children in Florida Adult Prisons: A Call for a Moratorium*, 28 FLA. ST. L. REV. 471 (2001)

*The New IDEA Regulations: The Next Step in Improving the Quality of Special Education*, 23:3 A.B.A. MENTAL & PHYSICAL DISABILITY LAW REP. 439 (1999)

*The 1997 Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: Improving the Quality of Special Education for Children with Disabilities*, 23:1 A.B.A. MENTAL & PHYSICAL DISABILITY LAW REP. 125 (1999)

Ph.D. Dissertation: A Philosophical Evaluation of Ronald Dworkin's Hermeneutical Theory of Law. (1997) (Fordham University).

## REPORTS

“Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Report of Intersection Curb Ramps in Downtown Tallahassee, Florida.” 1998. (Conrad and Velazquez)

## AWARDS

“Community Advocate of the Year for the State of Florida.” Awarded by the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office and the Governor of the State of Florida. August 2006.

“Community Advocate of the Year for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Circuit.” Awarded by the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office and the Governor of the State of Florida. August 2006.

“Excellence in a Public Interest Project.” Awarded by Clinical Legal Education Association, for the F.S.U. College of Law Children in Prison Project. (Director). Chicago. 2005.

## INTERNATIONAL

National University of Cordoba, Argentina. “Teaching Social Justice: The Impact on Persons with Disabilities.” (panel presentation). Global Alliance for Justice Education Conference. December 2006.

University of Guyana, Georgetown, Guyana. Lecture sponsored by the Carter Center and Florida Association of Voluntary Agencies for Caribbean Action.” The Role of a Legal Aid Clinic in Legal Education.” Facilitated the University of Guyana Law Department in

developing a legal clinic. February 2004.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Annual Conference. Orlando, Fl. "Update on Children's Law." February 2006.

Annual Convention of the Florida State NAACP. Tallahassee, Fl. "Stopping the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track." (Panel discussion) September 2005.

A.B.A. Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit. Nashville, Tenn. "Children in Florida Prisons: Clemency Advocacy." October 2004.

A.B.A. Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit. Phoenix, Arizona "Defense Strategies for Children with Serious Crimes." October 2002.

The Florida Bar Continuing Legal Education Committee and the Public Interest Law Section. Fort Lauderdale, Fl. "Special Education Law Update." April 2002.

The Florida Supreme Court's Commission on Fairness. Orlando, Fl. "The Unfair Treatment of Children in the Florida Justice System." March 2001.

The Equal Justice Project. An Initiative of the Association of American Law Schools. A Colloquium for Florida and Puerto Rico. Fort Lauderdale, Fl. "Children in Florida Prisons." January 2001.

Florida ACLU Lawyer's Conference. Key West, Fl. "Update on Special Education Law and School Discipline." July 2000.

The Florida Bar Commission on Children. Orlando, Fl. "Rethinking Juvenile Legal Representation." June 2000.

Children's Legal Issues Forum. Sponsored by Legal Services of North Florida. Quincy, Fl. "The Key to Receiving SSI Benefits for Children: Records, Records, Records." March 2000.

A.B.A. Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit. Washington D.C. "Juvenile Law and Media Advocacy" and "Defense Strategies for Children With Serious Crimes." October 1999.

Florida House of Representatives Corrections Committee. Tallahassee, Fl. "Children and Suicide in Florida Prisons." January 1999.

The Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Disabled Citizens. Tallahassee, Fl. "1998 Update to the Americans with Disabilities Act: The Gap Between Law and Reality." November 1998.

The Florida Disability Rights Conference. Tallahassee, Fl. "The 1997 Amendments to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act: The Four Ways to a Quality Education." February 1998.

A.B.A. Annual Conference. Tampa, Fl. "Psychological Testing and the New Supplemental Security Income Rules for Children." October 1997.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Legal Advisor. State of Florida, Governor's Commission on Disabilities, Civil Rights Committee. 2008

Co-Chair of the Disability Law Committee of the Florida Bar. 2006-2008.

Editor-in-Chief of the Public Interest Law Reporter of the Florida Bar. 1999, 2001 and 2003-2006.

Legislative Chair of the Disability Law Committee of the Florida Bar. 1997- 2000.

Member of the Executive Council of the Public Interest Law Section of the Florida Bar. 1996-2007.

Member of the Florida Supreme Court Chief Justice's Advisory Committee for the Tobias Simon Pro Bono Awards. 2001 and 2003.

Member of the Steering Committee for the Florida Bar Board of Governors Retreat on Equal Access to Justice. 2001.

Member of the Steering Committee of the Equal Justice Project, A Colloquium for Florida and Puerto Rico. 2001.

Chair of the Public Interest Law Section of the Florida Bar. 1999-2000.

Chair-Elect of the Public Interest Law Section of the Florida Bar. 1997-1998.

Chairperson of the Daytona Beach Chapter of the NAACP Fair Housing Committee. 1994-1995.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Mary McLeod Bethune Community Center, Daytona Beach. 1994-1995

Legal Advisor. State of Florida Human Rights Advocacy Committee for the Developmentally Disabled. Appointed by Governor Bob Graham. 1984-1987.

## **ACADEMIC**

Member of FSU College of Law Self –Study Committee. 2006-2008.

Member of FSU College of Law Committee on Grants and External Support. 2004-2005.

## **COMMITTEE SERVICE**

Member of FSU College of Law Curriculum Committee. 2001-2003.

Member of F.S.U. Council on Research and Creativity. 2000-2001.

Member of the F.S.U. College of Law Clinical Committee. 1999-2001.

Faculty Advisor to the F.S.U. College of Law's Public Interest Law Student Association. 2000-Present.

## **MEDIA**

Capital Reports, WFSU. "Children in Prison Rehabilitation Bill." Tom Flanagan. <http://www.wfsu.org/> 15:39-21:40. Feb.8, 2008.

Tallahassee Democrat. "FSU law-school students work to redeem futures of juvenile convicts." Bill Cotterell. Jan. 17, 2008.

St. Petersburg Times. "Bill redeems model inmates locked up as kids." Meg Laughlin. Jan. 2, 2008.

Miami Herald. "State Ordered to Care for Teen In Crisis." Carol Marbin Miller. May 9, 2006.

St. Petersburg Times. "Suit: Kids housed in office." Curtis Krueger. April 4, 2006

The O'Reilly Factor. "Child Abuse: The Death of 2-year-old Jonathan Jackson." Bill O'Reilly. May 19, 2004.

The ABA Journal. "Questions for the Prosecution." Molly McDonough. September 13, 2002.

The American Prospect. "Hard Times Kids." Sasha Abramsky. August 27, 2001.

U.S.A. Today. "Overly Tough Fla. Sentence Shows Flaw in Get-Tough Laws." March 16, 2001.

60 Minutes II. "Adult Time." Scott Pelley. February 6, 2001.

New York Times Sunday Magazine. "What's become of the Juvenile Delinquent?" Margaret Talbot. September 10, 2000.

Miami Herald. "Youth Crimes, Adult Penalties: Florida Policy Starts a Debate." Shari Rudavsky. October 10, 1999.

The Florida Bar News. "Law School Clinics Find Students to Work for Children." September 1, 1999.

## **GRANTS**

The Florida Bar Foundation. (1999-2008). \$835,000.

U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Office. (1999-2003). \$470,230.

Florida Legal Services. (1999-2003). \$74,759.

Guardian Ad Litem Program, Second Judicial Circuit. (2003). \$9,100.

Jessie Ball DuPont Foundation. (2001). \$70,000.

Advocacy Center For Persons With Disabilities. (1996-1998). \$50,000.

**BAR**

The Florida Bar (1983-current)

United States Court of Appeals, Eleventh Circuit (1984-current)

**MEMBERSHIP**

United States District Court, Northern District of Florida (1983-current)

United States District Court, Middle District of Florida (1992-current)