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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

UC Hastings College of the Law

San Francisco, CA

Associate Professor of Law

6/13 – Present

Founding Director, Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Established and designed the first corporate law clinical course at the law school, which provides corporate and transactional legal counsel to social enterprises (small businesses with a social mission and nonprofits using market-based strategies) in the San Francisco Bay Area. Provide year-around legal representation to corporate clients. Recruit and screen potential clients for the clinic. Develop curriculum for and teach the seminar component on subjects of corporate law (with an emphasis on new hybrid entities), theories underpinning transactional lawyering, professional responsibility, and economic justice. Directly supervise all law students enrolled in the clinic and enable them to take the lead on client representation in a range of transactional and corporate governance matters. Regularly coordinate with city officials, community leaders, and private attorneys engaged in the social enterprise sector.

Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, DC

Graduate Clinical Teaching Fellow, Housing & Community Development

7/11 – 5/13

Supervised law students in a range of transactional and community lawyering activities in real estate finance matters. Provided bilingual representation and advised low-income, resident-owned cooperatives and tenant associations in the acquisition and substantial renovation of their residential buildings. Negotiated and drafted documents in financing and construction transactions. Developed and taught seminar classes on Corporations, Contracts and the D.C. Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act. Completed coursework in clinical pedagogy.

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center

Washington, DC

Masters of Law in Clinical Advocacy, with distinction

February 2015

UCLA School of Law

Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor, with a specialization in Critical Race Studies

May 2008

Lawyering Skills, *Writing Advisor*; Chicana/o-Latina/o Law Review, *Articles Editor*; Black Law Student Association, *Academic Chair*; La Raza Law Student Association, *Academic Chair*; Student Body Association's Diversity Action Committee, *Co-Chair*

Wellesley College

Wellesley, MA

Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics and Spanish, with a concentration in Latin American Studies

May 2003

SCHOLARSHIP & SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Scholarship:

Social Enterprise Governance, 18 U. PA. J. BUS. L. __ (forthcoming 2016)

Disruptive Pedagogy: Incorporating Critical Theory in Business Law Clinics, 22 CLINICAL L. REV. 1 (2015) (peer-reviewed journal)

An Imperative Redefinition of “Community”: Incorporating Reentry Lawyers to Increase the Efficacy of Community Economic Development Initiatives, 55 UCLA L. REV. 1883 (2008)

Corporate-Community Lawyering (*work in progress*)

Chartered, Incorporated & E-raced?: Bridging the Divide Between Corporate and Community Lawyering (*work in progress*)

Presentations:

Invited Presenter, “Corporate-Community Lawyering” at Savannah Law School, Savannah, GA (August 2016)

Presenter, “Trauma-Informed Lawyering and Social Change,” at Law and Society Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA (June 2016)

Presenter, “Social Enterprise Governance,” at Kuwait International Law School Governance and Capital Markets Regulation Conference, Doha City, Kuwait (May 2016)

Invited Presenter, “What is Community Lawyering?” at University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA (April 2016)

Presenter, “Moving from Do-Gooder to Power-Builder: Strategies to Shift Students’ Mindsets & Enhance Critical Analysis,” at Poverty Law Conference, Seattle, WA (February 2016)

Presenter, “Social Enterprise Governance,” at Sturm College of Law Faculty Colloquium, Denver, CO (February 2016)

Presenter, “Corporate-Community Lawyering” at Clinical Writer’s Workshop, New York, NY (September 2015)

Panelist, “Is there Room for Racial Justice, Truth and Equality in the New Normal?” at AALS Conference on Clinical Education, Rancho Mirage, CA (May 2015)

Panelist, “Pedagogical Innovations in Transactional Law Clinics” at Transactional Clinical Conference, Kansas City, MO (April 2015)

Presenter, “Disruptive Pedagogy: Incorporating Critical Theory in Business Law Clinics,” at the George Washington University Law School’s Center for Law, Economics, and Finance Junior Faculty Business and Finance Law (C-LEAF) Workshop, Washington, DC (February 2015)

Discussant, “Historical, Social and Legal Dimensions of Exploitation, Prostitution and Slavery,” at UCLA Law Review Symposium, “Examining the Roots of Human Trafficking and Exploitation,” Los Angeles, CA (January 2015)

Invited Presenter, “Disruptive Pedagogy: Incorporating Critical Theory in Business Law Clinics,” at Southern California Clinical Conference, Irvine, CA (November 2014)

Panelist, “Lawyering for Social Justice Movements: How the Legal Academy Can Maximize Impact” at SALT Teaching Conference, Las Vegas, NV (October 2014)

Presenter, “Disruptive Pedagogy: Incorporating Critical Theory in Business Law Clinics,” at Clinical Writer’s Workshop, New York, NY (September 2014)

Presenter, “Chartered, Incorporated & E-raced?: Bridging the Divide Between Corporate and Community Lawyering,” at Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN (May 2014)

Panelist, “Finding Voice and Overcoming Resistance: Teaching Cross-Cultural Learning in Transactional Law Clinics and other Unobvious Settings,” at AALS Conference on Clinical Education, Chicago, IL (April 2014)

Presenter, “Chartered, Incorporated & E-raced?: Bridging the Divide Between Corporate and Community Lawyering,” at AALS Conference on Clinical Education, Chicago, IL (April 2014)

Presenter, “Integrating Theoretical Learning into Clinical Experiences” at Shaping the Future of Law and Entrepreneurship, CLIP Innovation Summit 2014, Dallas, TX (February 2014)

Panelist, “Cultivating Imaginative and Effective Problem-Solving Practitioners,” at Rebellious Lawyering Conference, Santa Fe, NM (November 2013)

Panelist, “Junior Faculty Development Workshop,” at Biennial LatCrit Conference, Chicago, IL (October 2013)

Panelist, “Teaching Identity and Understanding Community-Based Lawyering in Transactional and Non-Litigation Practices,” at SALT Teaching Conference, Baltimore, MD (October 2012)

Presenter, “Chartered, Incorporated & E-raced?: Bridging the Divide Between Corporate and Community Lawyering,” at Clinical Writer’s Workshop, New York, NY (September 2012)

Presenter, “Affordable Housing Lawyering Skills: Identifying Them and Determining Their Transferability,” at the Association for Law, Property and Society Third Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (March 2012)

Presenter, “Lawyering for Post-Incarceration Economic Sustainability,” at Race and Criminal Justice in the West Conference, Gonzaga University School of Law, Spokane, WA (September 2011)

Miscellaneous:

SEC staff narrows the “ordinary business” exclusion for shareholder proposals (November 2009)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Morrison & Foerster LLP Washington, DC
Financial Transactions Associate 11/09 – 7/11
Advised and served as the primary liaison for institutional investor clients in syndicated debt transactions. Negotiated and analyzed credit agreements and loan transfer documentation. Represented and advised nonprofit organizations in incorporation, tax exempt application, and corporate governance matters.

San Francisco, CA
Corporate Associate 10/08 – 11/09
Drafted and reviewed a wide variety of transactions and agreements for public company and small business clients, including equity financings, asset acquisitions, mergers, promissory notes, organizational agreements, company and subsidiary formation, and security filings.

Hon. Richard J. Holwell, Southern District of New York New York, NY
Judicial Extern 6/06 – 8/06
Conducted legal research, prepared legal memoranda, and debriefed issues before the Court for judicial opinions.

Hispanics in Philanthropy San Francisco, CA
California Program Coordinator 9/03 – 4/05
Coordinated the Northern California/Central Valley and Southern California sites of a transnational re-granting initiative to support Latino-led nonprofits through capacity building grants. Provided technical assistance to executive directors and monitored grants to grassroots organizations throughout California. Organized and assisted in the facilitation of grantee convenings and community events. Composed analytical reports and development materials for funders.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

REPAIR, *Advisory Board Member* Los Angeles, CA
Public Advocates, *Board Member* San Francisco, CA
Sisters Tri-ling, *Founding Board Member and Treasurer* Denver, CO

PUBLIC SERVICE

- UC Hastings College of the Law (Appointments Committee, 2015 – Present; BLSA Faculty Advisor, 2014 – Present; LEOP Committee, 2014 – 2015; 1L Faculty Advisor, 2014 – 2015; Curriculum Committee, 2013 – 2014)
- AALS Section on Transactional Law and Skills (*Executive Committee*, 2016 – Present)
- Pacific Community Ventures (*Volunteer Attorney*, 2014 – Present)

- INSEAD MBA Program (*Invited Speaker* for Silicon Valley MBA Program, August 2015)
- Council on Legal Education Opportunity (CLEO) at Hastings (*Presenter*, 2015 & 2016)
- Bar Association of San Francisco (*Mock Trial Championship Judge*, February 2014)

DISTINCTIONS

UC Hastings College of the Law

Student Choice Award for Faculty Member of the Year (April 2016), student selection of a professor who has gone above and beyond in their work to support students both in and outside of the classroom.

UC Hastings College of the Law

Outstanding Faculty Contributions to the UC Hastings Community (April 2015), award recognizes leadership in expanding the horizons and skills of UC Hastings students, providing exceptional guidance and support outside of the classroom, and going above and beyond in their contributions to student and community life at UC Hastings.

Center for Law, Economics and Finance (C-LEAF)

Junior Faculty Business and Finance Law Workshop Participant (February 2015), selected as one of ten articles (of over sixty articles submitted) to present at annual conference at George Washington University Law School. The workshop recognizes and supports the work of pre-tenure scholars in accounting, banking, bankruptcy, corporations, economics, finance and securities.

Association of American Law Schools

Bellow Scholar (January 2015), selected as a clinical professor engaged in empirical research to increase access to justice for marginalized communities. The Bellow Scholars Program supports the work of the selected clinical professors by providing mentorship and presentation opportunities on scholarship derived from faculty research and clinical representations.

Association of American Law Schools

Clinical Design Workshop Participant (April 2014), selected to participate in a workshop devoted to exploring clinical pedagogy, improving metrics for student evaluation, and developing student learning objectives.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Clinical Legal Education Association (2011 – Present); San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association (2014 – Present); Society of American Law Teachers (2014 – 2016)

BAR ADMISSIONS

California (November 2008); District of Columbia (January 2011).