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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2013 – Present **TEMPLE UNIVERSITY – BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA**
Associate Clinical Professor of Law

- Teach and supervise Family Law Litigation Clinic addressing child custody, paternity, child and spousal support, and adoption matters, as part of in-house clinical program.
- Teach weekly family law practice seminar, covering substantive and procedural law as well as practice skills and issues.
- Supervise upper level law students in all aspects of direct representation in family law litigation practice, including intake interviews, case assessment, counseling clients, negotiating settlement, trial preparation, court appearances and appeals.
- Handle a small case load of complex family law matters.
- Supervise and teach Family Law Practicum where law students are placed at Child Advocate Unit –Defender Association, Support Center for Child Advocates, Women Against Abuse, and other family law placements.
- Research, write and publish on a variety on areas of scholarly interest including trauma-informed practice, the child welfare system, child custody, intimate partner violence, and other family law topics.
- Speak at scholarly conferences and trainings on a variety of family law topics.
- Supervise Stoneleigh Foundation Emerging Leader Fellow’s research and advocacy project on barriers to kinship care.
- Serve on Act 33 Child Fatality Commission of Philadelphia
- Serve on various law school committees including Clinical Committee (Chair 2018-Present, Member 2012-Present), Disciplinary Committee (2017-2019), Executive Committee (Alternate 2019-Present), Faculty Hiring Committee (2019-Present), Family Law Society (Faculty Advisor 2013- Present), Public Interest Committee (2012-Present).

2005 – 2010 **TEMPLE UNIVERSITY – BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA**
Adjunct Professor

Taught child welfare law seminar titled “Parent, Child and the State” to second and third year law students.

2008 -- 2009 **UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL, Philadelphia, PA**
Lecturer in Law

Taught child welfare law seminar titled “Parent, Child and the State” to second and third year law students.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LAW SCHOOL, Philadelphia, PA, *J.D., May 2003*

Honors: Benjamin R. Jones Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Public Interest, 2003; Henry Meacham Public Service Award, 2003.

Activities: Equal Justice Foundation (Chair and Board Member) 2000-2003; Journal of Labor and Employment Law (Book Review/Updates Editor and Associate Editor) 2001–2003; Inn of Court (Member) 2002–2003.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

B.A., May 1997

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

2004 – 2012 **COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES – FAMILY ADVOCACY UNIT, Philadelphia, PA**
Supervising Attorney & Staff Attorney

- Represented parents in civil child abuse and neglect cases, by interviewing and counseling individual clients, appearing in court, preparing documentary evidence and witnesses, and writing motions and appellate briefs.
- Trained and supervised certified law students handling individual cases each summer and during academic year.
- Supervised and provided ongoing training to unit's paralegals and new attorneys.
- Participated in policy advocacy at city-wide and state-wide levels through participation in ongoing workgroups and committees in conjunction with the court system, the Philadelphia Department of Human Services and the state Department of Public Welfare.
- Organized and taught Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs, and researched and drafted CLE materials.
- Conducted community education and training for clients and health and human service providers.
- Member and former Chair, Law Student Hiring Committee.

2003 -- 2004 **HON. NORMA L. SHAPIRO, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**
Law Clerk

Assisted Judge in all aspects of trial practice: prepared pre-trial memoranda, attended trials, and researched and drafted opinions. Researched and drafted appellate opinions for the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Summer 2002 **NAACP LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, New York, NY**
Legal Intern

Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda on issues including employment, desegregation, affirmative action, voting rights, and education.

- Summer 2002** **SWIDLER, BERLIN, SHEREFF, FRIEDMAN LLP, New York, NY**
Summer Associate/Public Interest Fellow
 Conducted legal research and drafted memoranda on issues including white-collar criminal defense, intellectual property, commercial litigation, and prisoners' rights.
- 2001—2002** **DEFENDER ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA, Philadelphia, PA**
Clinical Student/Intern
 Represented adult defendants in criminal court in felony preliminary hearings and misdemeanor trials; Interviewed girls in juvenile detention and performed case advocacy for girls' delinquency cases.
- Summer 2001** **LEGAL AID SOCIETY – JUVENILE RIGHTS DIVISION, New York, NY**
Legal Intern
 Prepared evidence, interviewed clients and other parties, researched legal issues, and performed case advocacy for allegedly abused, neglected, and delinquent children.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 1998 – 2000** **CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND – NEW YORK, New York, NY**
Program Coordinator
 Coordinated statewide and national program outreach and enrollment campaign for subsidized children's health insurance. Provided training on program eligibility, outreach, and enrollment to community-based health and human service providers and students. Participated in policy advocacy.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

- Sarah Katz, *Parental Criminal Convictions and the Best Interest of the Child*, 90 Pa. Bar J. 27 (Jan. 2019).
- Sarah Katz, *Trauma-Informed Practice: The Future of Child Welfare?*, 28 Widener Commw. L. Rev. 51 (2019).
- Sarah Katz & Deeya Haldar, *The Pedagogy Of Trauma-Informed Lawyering*, 22 Clinical L. Rev. 359 (2016).
- Sarah Katz, *High Quality Parent Advocacy as an Intervention that Addresses Disproportionality*, CW 360 CHILD WELFARE REFORM 16 (Spr. 2016).
- Sarah Katz, *Termination of Parental Rights*, in REPRESENTING PARENTS IN CHILD WELFARE CASES (Martin Guggenheim and Vivek Sankaram, eds. 2015).
- Sarah Katz, *The Value of Permanency: State Implementation of Legal Guardianship Under the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997*, 2013 Michigan St. L. Rev. 1079 (2014).
- Sarah Katz, *When the Child is a Parent: Effective Advocacy for Teen Parents in the Child Welfare System*, 79 TEMPLE L. REV. 535 (2007).
- Sarah Katz & Barbara Bennett Woodhouse, *Martyrs, the Media and the Web: Examining a Grassroots Children's Rights Movement Through the Lens of Social Movement Theory*, 5 WHITTIER J. OF CHILD & FAMILY ADVOCACY 121(Spring 2006).

- Marty Beyer, Gillian Blair, Sarah Katz, Sandra Simkins, & Annie Steinberg, *A Better Way to Spend \$500,000: How the Juvenile Justice System Fails Girls*, 18 WISC. WOMEN'S L. J. 51 (Spring 2003).
- Sarah Katz & Sandra Simkins, *Criminalizing Abused Girls*, 8 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 1474 (Dec. 2002).

OTHER SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Sarah Katz, *Understanding 23 Pa. C.S. §2511(a)*, 1801 Vine CLE Series (2011).
- Sarah Katz, *Act 101 of 2010: What Dependency Lawyers Need to Know*, 1801 Vine CLE Series (2011)
- Sarah Katz, *The Rights of Grandparents, Parents and Children*, Gratz College CLE Program (2008).
- Sarah Katz, *Advocating for the Child as Parent: Teen Parents and the Child Welfare System*, National Association of Counsel for Children National Conference Manual, Ch. 15 (Aug. 2005).
- Sarah Katz, *Visitation: The Key to Reunification*, in FIGHTING FOR FAMILIES: THE CHALLENGING WORK OF REPRESENTING PARENTS IN PHILADELPHIA DEPENDENCY COURT, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (Sept. 2005).
- Sarah Katz, *TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS: EFFECTIVE ADVOCACY IN REPRESENTING PARENTS*, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (April 2005).

SELECTED LECTURES

- *Trauma-informed Representation*, Public Interest Law Day CLE Program, Philadelphia Bar Association, Philadelphia, PA; Dec. 7, 2018.
- *Trauma-informed Practice: The Future of Child Welfare*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, Cardozo Law School, New York, NY; June 20, 2018.
- *How the Child Protection System Contributes to Poverty and Child Neglect*, 2018 Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Toronto, Canada; June 10, 2018.
- *Creating a Comprehensive Curriculum Around Law Student Well-Being in Clinics and Internships*, AALS Clinical Conference, Chicago, IL; Apr. 30, 2018.
- *Trauma-informed Practice: The Future of Child Welfare?*, Widener Commonwealth Law Review Symposium on Children and the Courts, Harrisburg, PA; March 23, 2018.
- *Trauma-Informed Practice*, Multidisciplinary Seminar on Forensic Evidence, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Phila., PA; Feb. 13, 2018.
- *The Real Family Law Practice: Bringing Experiential Education into the Family Law Classroom*, Family Law Teachers and Scholars Workshop, New Orleans, LA; June 1, 2016.
- *Criminal Convictions and Best Interest Decisions*, International Society of Family Law, Jackson, WY; May 24, 2016.
- *Rethinking Best Interests*, American Bar Association's Biannual National Parent Representation Conference, Washington, D.C.; July 23, 2015.
- *Criminal Convictions and the Best Interest Standard*, Family Law Teachers and Scholars Workshop, Orlando FL; June 22, 2015.
- *Teaching Trauma-informed Lawyering in Family Law*, AALS Mid-year Meeting, Orlando, FL, June 24, 2015.
- *Teaching Trauma-informed Lawyering in Law School Clinics*, poster presentation, AALS Clinical Conference, Rancho Mirage, CA; May 3, 2015.

- *Collateral Consequences of Intimate Partner Violence & Intimate Partner Violence & Custody Decisions* (Panel Moderator), “VAWA at 20 - Where Do We Go From Here?” Symposium, Philadelphia, PA, November 7, 2014.
- *Teaching Trauma-Informed Lawyering Through Family Law Clinics*, Clinical Law Review Workshop, NYU Law School, New York, NY; September 27, 2014.
- *New Developments in Child Custody - Review of Child Welfare Records as a Best Interest Factor*, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network conference, Harrisburg, PA; May 22, 2013.
- *Teaching Trauma-informed Lawyering Through Family Law Clinics*, Midwest Clinical Teaching Conference, Minneapolis, MN; November 2, 2013.
- *The Effect of Criminal Convictions, Protection Orders, Incarceration and Abuse Allegations on Child Custody Decisions*, National Fatherhood Conference, Philadelphia, PA; June 17, 2013.
- *The Value of Permanency*, In Search of Equality in Family Law Symposium, Michigan State University Law School; April 11-12, 2013.
- *Dependency 101 for Domestic Relations Lawyers*, Nicholas A. Cipriani Inn of Court, Philadelphia, PA; February 2013.
- *Communicating with your Client*, AOPC Training for Dependency Lawyers, Philadelphia and Harrisburg, PA; various dates 2012.
- *Understanding 23 Pa. C.S. §2511(a)*, 1801 Vine CLE Series, Philadelphia, PA; 2011.
- *Act 101 of 2010: What Dependency Lawyers Need to Know*, 1801 Vine CLE Series, Philadelphia, PA; 2011.

MEMBERSHIPS

Bar: Pennsylvania (September 2004 - Present); New York (July 2004 -- Inactive).

Other Organizations: American Bar Association; Columbia Club of Philadelphia; Nicholas A. Cipriani Family Law Inn of Court; Mishkan Shalom; Philadelphia Bar Association Family Law Section, Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section.