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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**2013 –
Present**

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY – BEASLEY SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA
Clinical Professor of Law

- Senior Fellow, Stoneleigh Foundation (2023 – Present)
- Direct, teach and supervise newly-created Family Justice Clinic where students advocate in partnership and solidarity with families whose family stability or integrity has been harmed by state intervention through direct legal advice and representation, and through advocacy projects with community partners.
- Directed, taught and supervised Family Law Litigation Clinic (2012-2024) where students provided direct legal representation to low-income litigants in Philadelphia Family Court in child custody, paternity, child and spousal support, and adoption matters, as part of in-house clinical program.
- Teach *Policing Families* and *Abolitionist Praxis & the Law*. Previously taught *Parent, Child & the State*
- Handle a small case load of complex family law matters.
- Supervise and teach Family Law Practicum and student guided research.
- Research, write and publish on a variety of areas, including anti-racism, family policing, trauma-informed practice, child custody, intimate partner violence, and other family law topics.
- Speak at scholarly conferences and trainings on a variety of family law topics.
- Supervised Stoneleigh Foundation Emerging Leader Fellow's research and advocacy project on barriers to kinship care (2019 – 2021).
- Served on Act 33 Child Fatality Commission of Philadelphia (2018 – 2022).
- Serve on Pennsylvania Supreme Court Juvenile Court Rules Committee (2022 – Present, Vice-Chair (2024 - Present)).
- Serve on various committees including Ad – Hoc Committee on Tenure Equity (2021 – 2022), Administrative Committee (2022 – Present), Clinical Committee (Chair 2018-Present, Member 2012-Present), Dean's Hiring Committee (2022), Disciplinary Committee (2017-2019), Executive Committee (Member 2020-2022, Alternate 2019-2020), Faculty Hiring Committee (2019-2020), 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, *Practicing Justice: A Critical Self-Reflection on the Role of Trauma in Legal Practice*, 30 Roger Williams L. Rev. 406 (2025).
- Corey B. Best & Sarah Katz, *True Narratives: Framing Pain, Punishment, and the Lethality of Termination of Parental Rights*, 106 Families in Soc'y 570 (2025)
- Taleed El-Sabawi & Sarah Katz, *Deinstitutionalizing Family Separation in Cases of Parental Drug Use*, 134 Yale L. J. Forum 163 (Mar. 28, 2025).
- April Lee & Sarah Katz, *Lies my child welfare system has told me: The critical importance of centering families' voices in family policing legal advocacy*, 62 Fam. Ct. Rev. 790 (2024).
- Deeya Haldar & Sarah Katz, *Vicarious Trauma & the Child Protection System*, in, Josh Gupta-Kagan, LaShanda Taylor Adams, et al. Eds, CHILD WELFARE LAW AND PRACTICE (Nat'l Ass'n of Counsel for Children 2023).
- Sarah Katz, *We need to talk about trauma: Integrating trauma-informed practice into the family law classroom*, 60 Fam. Ct. Rev. 1 (2022).
- Sarah Katz, *Families First? Overcoming Barriers to Kinship Care in Pennsylvania*, 3 Pa. Bar. Ass'n Qtrly 140 (July 2022).
- Sarah Katz, *The Trauma-Informed Classroom: Incorporating Principles of Trauma-Informed Practice into the Pandemic Age Law School Classroom*, 25 U.C. DAVIS SOCIAL JUSTICE L. REV. (2020).
- 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).

SELECTED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- *Decarceralizing and Decolonizing Family Law*, panel at Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (May 28, 2025)
- *Practicing Abolitionism: How Critical Connections and Solidarity Can Leverage the Movement to Abolish Family Policing* with Corey Best, American Bar Association Multidisciplinary Parent Representation Conference (May 1, 2025)
- *How Law Clinics Can Leverage the Movement to Abolish Family Policing*, panel at AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (Apr. 28, 2025)
- *Preventive Family Law: How to Build Family Defense into your Family Law Clinic*, panel at AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (Apr. 28, 2025)
- *True Narratives: Framing Pain, Punishment, & the Lethality of Termination of Parental Rights, Incorporating Abolitionist Practice in Advocacy Around Family Policing*, with Corey Best, University of Miami School of Law's symposium Prison Abolition Pedagogy: Teaching Across Disciplines (Apr. 15, 2025)
- *Dismantling the Master's House: Resisting with Bravery to Build Anti-Racist Culture* via webinar with Corey Best, National Association of Counsel for Children Race Equity Training Series (Feb. 28, 2025)
- *Paving the Way Forward*, panel at Philly Voice for Change launch at Temple University Beasley School of Law (Feb. 21, 2025)
- *Teaching Parent, Child & the State*, roundtable at AALS Annual Meeting (Jan. 4. 2025)
- *Trauma-aware Lawyering*, panel at Roger Williams University School of Law Justice for the All Symposium (Nov. 15, 2025)
- *Litigating Abuse Cases in Civil Court: Intersections Between Family Court and Civil Court & the Importance of Trauma-Informed Representation* as part of a panel CLE program for the Philadelphia Bar Association (Aug. 9, 2024)

- *Trauma Informed Lanyering & Your Mental Health*, First Judicial District (July 26, 2024)
- *Centering Lived Expertise in Family Policing Legal Advocacy* at the Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference at the University of Baltimore School of Law (June 19, 2024)
- *Trauma aware lanyering strategies* at the Kids at Court Trauma Sensitive Strategies for Attorneys conference at Montgomery County Bar Association (May, 17, 2024) and Penn State Law (July 11, 2024), Temple University Beasley School of Law (Sept. 13, 2025), Duquesne School of Law (Sept. 20, 2025)
- *Trauma-aware lanyering* for Pennsylvania Defender Association Webinar (Apr. 24, 2024)
- *Representing Your Client in a DHS Investigation*, at Philadelphia Bar Association Family Law Section (May 6, 2024)
- *Trauma-informed lanyering* at the plenary panel of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Fall Conference (Nov. 3, 2023)
- *Family Law Pedagogy Panel*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) conference, Boca Raton, FL, Jul. 2023
- *Centering Lived Experience in Teaching Family Policing*, Law and Society Conference, San Juan, PR, June 2023.
- *The Promise of Trauma-informed Lanyering*, Arkansas University Bowen School of Law, Trauma, Aces and the Law Symposium; Little Rock, AK, Mar. 2023.
- *Advocacy Strategies for Overcoming Barriers to Kinship Care*, Bucks Cty Bar Ass'n – Family Law Section; Doylestown, PA; Jan. 17, 2023.
- *Adoption Law Overview*, Adoption & Family Building Continuing Legal Education program, Pa. Bar Institute; Phila., PA; Dec. 14, 2022.
- *Trauma-informed Counseling & Interviewing*, Public Interest Law Day Continuing Legal Education Program, Phila. Bar Ass'n; Phila., PA; Dec. 8, 2022.
- *Custody Trial Skills*, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Continuing Legal Education program, Phila., PA; Nov. 17, 2022.
- *The Ethics of Trauma-informed Lanyering*, Rutgers Law, Nov. 16, 2022.
- *Lies My Child Welfare System Has Told Me*, Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, Phila., PA; June 20, 2022.
- *Incorporating Vicarious Trauma Prevention into Family Law Courses*, Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, Phila., PA; June 20, 2022.
- *Incorporating Racial Trauma and Trauma-Informed Practice into Legal Advocacy and Clinical Education*, AALS Clinical Conference, via Zoom; May 10, 2022.
- *Navigating Along the Intersection of Ethics, Client/Community Relationships, and Professional Identity*, AALS Clinical Conference, via Zoom; May 10, 2022.
- *The Duty to Do Better: The Law Professor Edition*, Trauma-Informed Lawyer Podcast, via Zoom; May 3, 2022.
- *Trauma-informed Lanyering*, University of Memphis Law School, via Zoom; Feb. 24, 2022.
- *Teaching in a Time of Trauma*, AALS 2022 Annual Meeting, Section on Criminal Law, via Zoom; Jan. 8, 2022.
- *Careers in Clinical Legal Education*, University of Pennsylvania School of Law, via Zoom; Nov. 18, 2021.
- *The Law of Standing in Pennsylvania Custody Cases*, PA Legal Aid Network Statewide Conference, via Zoom; Nov. 12, 2021.

- *Trauma-informed Practice in Child Protection Cases*, Child Protection Defence Association of Ottawa – Child Protection Hustle VI – Virtual Conference Series, Ottawa, Canada; Oct. 28, 2021.
- *Challenges to Family Stability & Integrity*, COVID-19, Reproduction & the Law, Drexel University School of Law; Oct. 15, 2021.
- *Trauma-informed Interviewing*, Public Defender Association of Pennsylvania; Oct. 13, 2021.
- *Introduction to Custody Practice*, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program CLE, Phila., PA; Aug. 5, 2021.
- *Trauma-informed Family Law Pedagogy*, Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, via Zoom; June 21, 2021.
- *Preventing and Responding to Vicarious Trauma in Law School Clinics*, Panel, American Association of Law Schools Clinical Conference; May 1, 2021.
- *Trauma-informed Lawyering & Interviewing for Public Defenders* CLE panel, Pennsylvania Association of Public Defenders; Apr. 22, 2021.
- *Attorney Competence and Client Capacity in Family Law Practice*, CLE program Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network; Apr. 13, 2021.
- *Advocacy Strategies for Kinship in Domestic Relations and Dependency Matters*, CLE Program, Family Law Section – Philadelphia Bar Association; Apr. 5, 2021
- *How to Try a Custody Case*, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program CLE, Philadelphia, PA; Mar. 23, 2021.
- *Adoption & Family Building – Overview, Updates and Best Practices in 2021*. CLE Program, Pennsylvania Bar Institute; Mar. 2, 2021.
- *Philadelphia Adoption Practice*, CLE Program, Family Law Section – Philadelphia Bar Association; Mar. 1, 2021.
- *Strategies for Incorporating Principles of Trauma-informed Lawyering into the Law Classroom*, SALT Webinar: Trauma-informed Teaching and Lawyering; Feb. 26, 2021.
- *Ethical practice issues in handling virtual hearings*, CLE Program, Nicholas Cipriani Inn of Court; Jan. 13, 2021.
- *Resisting and Preventing Burnout & Vicarious Trauma in Public Defender Practice*, CLE Program, Defender Association of Philadelphia; Dec. 23, 2020.
- *Best Practices for the Virtual Hearing*, Nicholas Cipriani Family Law Inn of Court, Philadelphia, PA; Nov. 4, 2020.
- *Domestic Violence and the Law*, Program by Temple Law Women's Law Caucus; Oct. 21, 2020.
- *Best Practices for the Virtual Hearing*, with Prof. E. Lippy, Pa. Legal Aid Network, virtual statewide conference, Philadelphia, PA; Oct. 9, 2020
- *Best Practices for the Virtual Hearing*, with Prof. E. Lippy, Family Law Section, Philadelphia Bar Association, Philadelphia, PA; Aug. 10, 2020.
- *Introduction to Custody Practice*, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program CLE, Philadelphia, PA; Aug. 11, 2020.
- *Podcast: Trauma-Shock and Wellness in Law Students, Lawyers & Judges*, Interview by Myrna McCallum, Canadian Bar Association; June 30, 2020.
- *Preventing vicarious trauma and encouraging self-care in clinical legal teaching*, with D. Haldar, Family Law Teachers Conference, virtual conference; June 15, 2020.
- *Trauma-Informed Lawyering in Family Law Practice*, Family Law Section, Philadelphia Bar Association, Philadelphia, PA; Nov. 18, 2019.

- *The Law of Standing in Custody and Dependency*, Family Court Law Clerk CLE, Philadelphia, PA; Oct. 22, 2019.
- *Family First? Barriers to Kinship Care*, Family Law Teachers and Scholars Conference, Wash. D.C.; June 19, 2019.
- *Incorporating Learning Outcomes into Clinical Teaching*, CLE Program for Adjunct Clinical Faculty, Philadelphia, PA; May 21, 2019.
- *The Future of Kinship Care: Systemic issues in the Child Welfare System*, CLE program for Temple Law's Alumni Weekend; Philadelphia, PA; May 18, 2019.
- *Custody: Providing Family Stability*, Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program CLE, Philadelphia, PA; May 15, 2019.
- *Scholarly Works in Progress Session*, AALS Clinical Conference, Chicago, IL; May 7, 2019.
- *Trauma-informed Lawyering in Law School Clinics*, Howard Law School, Wash. DC; April 11, 2019 – Presenter
- *Child Custody: Understanding and Preventing Abuse*, AOPC Judicial Training, Temple Law School (and various locations statewide via satellite), Philadelphia, PA; Mar. 8, 2019.
- *Trauma-informed Representation*, Public Interest Law Day CLE Program, Philadelphia Bar Association, Philadelphia, PA; Dec. 7, 2018.
- *Teaching the Personal as Political in the Age of Trump*, Society of American Law Teachers Conference, Penn State Law School, University Park, PA; Oct. 5, 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.

MEMBERSHIPS

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

Other Organizations: American Bar Association; Nicholas A. Cipriani Family Law Inn of Court (President 2023 – 2025, Secretary 2021-2023, Member 2012 – Present); Mishkan Shalom; Pennsylvania Bar Association Family Law Section; Philadelphia Bar Association Family Law Section