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### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **CHARLES WIDGER SCHOOL OF LAW, Villanova University, Villanova, PA**

##### ***Director and Visiting Assistant Professor, Civil Justice Clinic***, July 2019-present

Teach clinical seminar which covers relevant lawyering and trial skills including client interviewing, counseling, fact investigation, systemic litigation planning, trial advocacy, and reflective practice. Supervise and support student casework in a variety of civil litigation, including supervising students in interviewing and advising low-income clients, drafting necessary pleadings, and preparing for and conducting hearings. Supervise advanced clinic students.

#### **PHILADELPHIA LEGAL ASSISTANCE, Philadelphia, PA**

##### ***Supervising Attorney for the Drexel Civil Litigation Field Clinic, Family Law Unit***, July 2012-present

#### **DREXEL UNIVERSITY THOMAS R. KLINE SCHOOL OF LAW, Philadelphia, PA**

##### ***Adjunct Professor***, July 2012-July 2019

Developed and currently teach the Drexel Civil Litigation Field Clinic at Philadelphia Legal Assistance, a year-long clinic in which law students become certified legal interns and represent indigent clients (primarily domestic violence survivors) in their Family Court cases, including Protection From Abuse and custody cases. Train students in substantive family law, working with low-income domestic violence survivors, and trial skills. Supervise and support student casework, including supervising students in interviewing and advising clients, drafting necessary pleadings, and preparing for and conducting hearings. Teach a weekly seminar, which covers substantive family law, reflective practice, and case rounds. Supervise clinic students in community education presentations to various groups, including pregnant and parenting teens, and in providing legal information to litigants at the Family Court Help Center. Develop projects for advanced clinic/independent study students based on unit and client needs, and supervise students.

#### **PHILADELPHIA LEGAL ASSISTANCE, Philadelphia, PA**

##### ***Co-Supervising Attorney, Family Law Unit***, February 2018-present

Supervise Family Law Unit attorneys and paralegals in provision of legal services to low-income clients in domestic relations cases. Develop yearly goals and priorities for Unit. Apply for federal grants funding the provision of legal services to particular client populations, and supervise grant-funded legal services and reporting. Develop partnerships with private law firms and train law firm attorneys to provide legal information at the Family Court Help Center.

#### **SUPPORT CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCATES, Philadelphia, PA**

##### ***Volunteer Attorney***, May 2009-July 2012

Represented children in dependency proceedings under supervision of staff attorney, including termination of parental rights hearing and permanency hearing. Drafted brief in support of litigation position.

#### **PHILADELPHIA VIP, Philadelphia, PA**

##### ***Volunteer Attorney***, February 2009-July 2012

Represented low-income survivors of domestic violence in Family Court proceedings, including Protection From Abuse and custody proceedings.

#### **PHILADELPHIA LEGAL ASSISTANCE, Philadelphia, PA**

##### ***Staff Attorney, Family Law Unit***, December 2005-February 2008

Represented clients, primarily immigrant, low-income survivors of domestic violence, in Family Court proceedings, including Protection From Abuse, custody, support, and divorce cases. Interviewed clients, developed litigation strategy, prepared witnesses, and conducted court appearances including protracted custody trials. Prepared required pleadings, motions, and memoranda. Supervised paralegals.

***Supervisor, Custody and Support Assistance Clinic***, May 2007-February 2008

Trained and supervised law students from University of Pennsylvania School of Law in providing assistance to *pro se* clients in custody and support cases. Supervised students in interviewing clients and assessing legal issues. Reviewed and edited all student written work, including complaints and motions.

**JUVENILE RIGHTS DIVISION, LEGAL AID SOCIETY**, Brooklyn, NY

***Staff Attorney/Law Guardian***, October 2003-December 2005

Represented children and youth in all stages of child protective proceedings, including neglect and abuse proceedings, termination of parental rights proceedings, and permanency hearings. Interviewed clients assessed service needs of children and families with social workers in interdisciplinary practice, developed a litigation position and strategy, and engaged in courtroom advocacy including direct examination and cross-examination of witnesses. Prepared applicable motions and memoranda. Handled caseload of over 100 cases. Supervised student interns.

**MCDERMOTT, WILL & EMERY**, New York, NY

***Litigation Associate***, October 2002- October 2003, ***Summer Associate***, Summer 2000

Researched parental rights in special education proceedings in *pro bono* matter. Participated in many aspects of commercial litigation, such as drafting complaints, answers, and discovery requests.

**JUSTICE CAROLYN BERGER, DELAWARE SUPREME COURT**, Wilmington, DE

***Law Clerk***, September 2001 – August 2002

## **EDUCATION**

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY

J.D., May 2001

Honors: *Environmental Law Journal*, Notes Editor

Activities: Immigrant Rights Clinic, Student Advocate

Lawyering Program, Teaching Assistant

Professor Peggy Cooper Davis, Research Assistant

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY**, Ithaca, NY

B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies, May 1997

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Preventing Vicarious Trauma and Encouraging Self-Care* (book chapter) (with Sarah Katz) in RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION (Matthew Atkinson and Ben Livings, eds., Routledge Publishing, forthcoming).

Katz, Sarah and Haldar, Deeya, *The Pedagogy of Trauma-Informed Lawyering*, 22 Clinical L. Rev. 359 (2016).

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter, Trauma-Informed Clinical Legal Education Discussion Group, AALS/CLEA Virtual Conference on Clinical Legal Education (July 21-23, 2020).

Presenter, Trauma-Informed Lawyering in Family Law Practice, Family Law Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association (November 18, 2019).

Presenter and Course Planner, Trauma-Informed Representation: Practical Applications, Philadelphia Public Interest Law Day (December 6, 2018).

Presenter, Assisting Self-Represented Litigants in Their Family Court Cases, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Statewide Conference (September 27, 2018).

Presenter/Trainer, Trauma-Informed Representation: Practical Applications, Training for Legal Services of Eastern Michigan at The University of Michigan – Flint (May 11, 2018).

Presenter, Go Full Circle: Creating a Comprehensive Curriculum Around Law Student Well-Being in Clinics and Externships, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (May 1, 2018).

Presenter, Practical Applications in Forensic Psychiatry: Trauma-Informed Representation, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pennsylvania (February 13, 2018).

Presenter, Trauma-Informed Representation in Family Court, Nicholas Cipriani Family Law Inn of Court (October 4, 2017).

Presenter and Panel Organizer, Trauma-Informed Representation, Philadelphia Public Interest Law Day (December 8, 2016).

Presenter, *The Pedagogy of Trauma-Informed Lawyering*, Mid-Atlantic Clinicians' Writers Workshop (November 6, 2015).

Presenter and Panel Organizer, The Pennsylvania Sexual Violence and Intimidation Act and the Protection From Abuse Act, Nicholas Cipriani Family Law Inn of Court (November 4, 2015).

Presenter, Protection From Abuse: Contempt and Collateral Estoppel, Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Statewide Conference (October 2, 2015).

Presenter, Teaching Trauma-Informed Lawyering Through Family Law, AALS Mid-year Conference on Family Law (June 24, 2015).

Poster Presentation, Teaching Trauma-Informed Lawyering in Law School Clinics, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (May 3, 2015).

Presenter, The Custody Statute and Relocation, Philadelphia Public Interest Law Day (December 11, 2013).

Presenter, Teaching Trauma-Informed Lawyering Through Family Law Clinics, Midwest Clinical Conference (November 3, 2013).

Presenter, Teaching Collaboration, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (April 30, 2013).

### **AWARDS AND SERVICE**

Philadelphia Public Interest Law Day 2018 and 2019: Course-planning Co-chair, April 2018 – present.  
Philadelphia Bar Association, Family Law Section: Executive Committee member, January 2019 – present;  
Domestic Violence Committee member, January 2019 – present; Diversity Committee member, March 2018 – present.

Nicholas Cipriani Family Law Inn of Court: Executive Committee member, August 2015 – present;  
Programming Committee member, August 2015 – present.

Women Against Abuse Legal Center Advisory Committee: September 2009 - July 2012.

Philadelphia VIP Chancellor Award (2010).

Pennsylvania First Judicial District Pro Bono Roll of Honor (2010, 2009).

### **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Fluent in spoken Bengali, proficient in written Bengali. Beginner's level Spanish.

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Pennsylvania, New Jersey (inactive), and New York (inactive).