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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO

Assistant Professor of Law, Aug. 2024 – present

- Courses: Civil Procedure
Disability Law
Impact Litigation Practicum
- Service: Community Support and Engagement Committee (2025 – 2026), Appointed Member
LRAP Committee (2024 – 2025), Appointed Member
- Awards: 2026 “Faculty Recognition of Excellence Award” from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law Student Bar Association

Brooklyn Law School, Brooklyn, NY

Adjunct Clinical Professor, Fall 2021

- Courses: Disability and Civil Rights Clinic and Seminar

EDUCATION

Harvard Law School, J.D., *cum laude*, 2015

- Dean’s Scholar Prizes: Child Advocacy Program, Criminal Justice Institute, and Tax Law
- Activities: *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, General Board Member
Miss. Delta Project, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Project Co-leader
HLS Project on Disability, Research Asst. for Prof. Michael Stein

University of Cambridge (Pembroke College), M. Phil in Perspectives on Inclusive and Special Education, 2011

- Honors: 2010 Harvard-Cambridge Scholarship – Governor William Shirley Scholarship
- Thesis: *A Complex Process: Building an Inclusive Approach to International Education Reform*

Harvard College, B.A., *magna cum laude* in Social Studies, 2010

- Activities: *Harvard Law Review*, Undergraduate Intern
- Thesis: *The Unfinished Revolution: A Case Study of Achievement Differences in Special Education*

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

Reclaiming Disability Law Enforcement, forthcoming in Volume 59 of the ARIZONA STATE LAW JOURNAL (Summer 2027)

[*Dismantling Disability Segregation*](#), 110 MINN. L. REV. 2165 (2026)

- Presented as part of the University of Colorado Law School's Faculty Colloquium Series (Dec. 2025)

Educational Death Sentences: Addressing the Plight of Students with Disabilities in Adult Jails and Prisons, 59 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. 103 (2024)

- Selected for inclusion in the 2025 University of Denver Research, Scholarship, & Creative Work Impact Report (Oct. 2025)
- Profiled in "Sturm College of Law Professor Fights Against 'Educational Death Sentences,'" University of Denver Sturm College of Law News (May 2025)

AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

2015 Harvard Law School David Grossman Exemplary Clinical Student Award

2015 Finalist for Harvard Law School Gary Bellow Public Service Award

2014 Justice Vorenberg Equal Justice Summer Fellowship

2013 Chayes International Public Service Fellowship

2011 Fulbright Grant English Teaching Assistant, İnönü University, Turkey

2010 Charles Wyzanski Award, Harvard College (Lowell House Prize)

LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

National Center for Youth Law, Washington D.C.

Senior Attorney, Legal Advocacy Team, Jan. 2022 – July 2024

Litigated class-action lawsuits on behalf of youth in the juvenile legal, education, and mental health systems. Supervised several staff members. Representative matters included:

- *J.N. v. Oregon Department of Education* (D. Or. 2019): Lawsuit on behalf of students with disabilities who had been placed on shortened school days across the state of Oregon.
- *M.J. v. D.C.* (D.D.C. 2018): Lawsuit on behalf of children with mental health disabilities challenging Washington D.C.'s failure to provide intensive community-based services.

The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY

Staff Attorney, Impact Litigation Practice, March 2020 – Jan. 2022

Litigated systemic lawsuits about issues in the criminal legal system. Led investigations, represented clients, drafted motions, and supervised staff. Representative matters included:

- *Mott Haven Collective Action*: Collective action of 24 protesters injured by police at a protest in the Bronx raising constitutional claims. Secured over \$1 million in damages.
- *R.C. v. City of New York* (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Cty. 2018): Lawsuit challenging the NYPD's illegal use and sharing of sealed arrest information.

Disability Rights Advocates, New York, NY

Staff Attorney, Feb. 2017 – Feb. 2020

Fellowship Attorney, Sept. 2015 – Feb. 2017

Litigated class-action lawsuits across the country on behalf of people with disabilities. Led investigations, represented clients, and monitored settlements. Representative matters included:

- *Adam X. v. New Jersey Department of Corrections* (D.N.J. 2017): Lawsuit challenging failure to provide educational services to students with disabilities in adult prisons.
- *M.F. v. New York City Department of Education* (E.D.N.Y. 2018): Lawsuit challenging failure to provide support services to students with diabetes in New York City schools.

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA

Teaching Fellow, Aug. 2013 – Dec. 2013

Served as teaching assistant for Prof. Thomas Hehir's course, *Implementing Inclusive Education*.

İnönü University, Malatya, Turkey (Fulbright Grant)

Turkish Higher Educ. Council, Fulbright Comm. English Teaching Asst., Aug. 2011 – May 2012

Taught English at İnönü University and delivered several lectures in special education department.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Organizer/Host, 2027 Federal Courts Junior Scholars Workshop, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, May 6-7, 2027 (upcoming)

Selected Panelist, Association of American Law Schools Disability Law Section's "25th Anniversary of the Help America Vote Act," 2027 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, NY, Jan. 2027 (upcoming)

Guest Lecturer, "Theories of Change: Enforcing Disability Law Through Systemic Litigation," Animals Forward, Animal Law Program at the University of Denver, Denver, CO, Jan. 12, 2027 (upcoming)

Reclaiming Disability Law Enforcement

- Civil Procedure Workshop, Fordham School of Law, June 2026
- Association of American Law Schools Disability Law Summer Workshop (virtual), June 2026
- Federal Courts Junior Scholars Workshop, The University of Kansas School of Law, April 2026

Moderator, "Retribution in the Mass Market Setting," Book Workshop for *Torts and Retribution: The Case for Punitive Damages*, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, April 2026

Panelist, "Navigating Law School & Legal Jobs: Stories & Experiences from Denver Law Faculty," University of Denver Sturm College of Law, April 2026

Guest Lecturer, "Disability Law in the Criminal Legal System," Prof. Amanda Savage's Criminal Defense Clinic Seminar, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, March 2026

Panelist, Health Law Society Careers Panel, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, March 2026

Presenter, “Disability-Informed Lawyering: Legal Obligations and Practical Skills when Working with Clients with Disabilities,” Continuing Legal Education Course hosted by University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Feb. 2026

Dismantling Disability Segregation

- Marquette University Law School’s 2025 Junior Faculty Workshop, Sept. 2025
- Civil Procedure Workshop, University of Richmond School of Law, June 2025
- American Association of Law Schools Disability Law Summer Workshop (virtual), June 2025

Presenter, “Disability Law and the Roberts Court,” Continuing Legal Education Course hosted by Disability Law United, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Sept. 2025

Panelist, “Community Centered Lawyering,” National Center for Youth Law’s Summer Seminar Series (virtual), July 2025

Invited Participant, “Public Interest Litigation from a Comparative Perspective: Legitimacy of Judicial Lawmaking,” UCLA School of Law (participated virtually), Los Angeles, CA, June 2025

Selected Panelist, “Protecting Public Accommodations,” 2025 Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Jan. 2025

Commenter, *The Right to Legal Personhood of Marginalized Groups: Achieving Equal Recognition Before the Law for All*, Ved Nanda Center Book Talk Series Webinar, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Nov. 2024

Guest Lecturer, “Special Education Litigation,” Prof. Sarah Lorr’s Course *Disability Justice & Civil Rights*, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law (virtual), Oct. 2024

Panelist, 2024-2025 Supreme Court Preview, Constitutional Rights and Remedies Program, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Sept. 2024

Presenter, “Using Novel and Holistic Defense Responses to Redress Racialized Police Violence,” 2022 Rise, Resist, Represent: National Assoc. for Public Defense Virtual Conference, March 2022

Panelist, “Realizing Systems Change through Legal Action,” 2019 New York Association of Independent Living Statewide Conference, Albany, NY, Sept. 2019

Presenter, “Enforcing Section 504 and the Americans with Disabilities Act for Children with Diabetes in Schools and Other Settings,” 2019 Jacobus tenBroek Disability Law Symposium, Baltimore, MD, March 2019

Presenter, “Addressing the Needs of Students with Disabilities in Correctional Facilities,” 2018 Jacobus tenBroek Disability Law Symposium, Baltimore, MD, March 2018

Panelist, “School Success for All Students: Dismantling the School-to-Prison Pipeline,” Harvard Law School Bicentennial: HLS in the World, Cambridge, MA, Oct. 2017

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Profile, “Fixing a Broken System Does Not Happen Overnight,” HLS Clinical Q&A Alumni Series, *Keeping Tabs* by Olivia Klein, Sept. 2023

Author, “Tribute to Professor William P. Alford,” HARVARD INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL ONLINE, Dec. 2020

Interviewee, “Parents of Children with Diabetes Sue NYC Education Department” by Melanie Grace West, THE WALL STREET JOURNAL, Nov. 2018

Interviewee, “City Violates Disabled Students’ Rights, Suit Claims” by Kate Taylor, N.Y. TIMES, July 2017

Profile, Student Spotlights by Ina Spaho, HARVARD LAW TODAY, May 2015

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

TASH Outstanding Leadership in Disability Law Symposium & Award Celebration

Planning Committee Member, March 2025 – present

Advise on substantive issues to support planning of TASH’s annual conference.

Harvard College, Cambridge, MA

Resident Tutor, Lowell House, Sept. 2012 – May 2015

Advised Harvard undergraduates about applying to law school and post-graduate fellowships.

Criminal Justice Institute, Cambridge, MA (Harvard Law School Clinic)

Student Attorney, Fall 2014

Represented indigent young people and adults accused of felonies and misdemeanors.

The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington D.C.

Law Clerk, Special Education Division, Summer 2014

Assisted with representing court-involved young people on special education matters.

Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Boston, MA (Harvard Law School Clinic)

Student Attorney with Child Advocacy Program, Spring 2014

Assisted with representing families experiencing homelessness in Massachusetts.

Education Law Clinic, Cambridge, MA (Harvard Law School Clinic)

Student Attorney, Fall 2013

Represented parent of a student in the Massachusetts special education process.

UNICEF Disability Section, New York, NY

Chayes International Public Service Fellow, Summer 2013

Assisted with various policy projects to help incorporate disability across UNICEF’s issue areas.

COURT AND BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State Bar (2015)

U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York

U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Disability Rights Bar Association