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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: Admissions & Scholarships Committee (2026 – 2027), Chair
  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
  2026 Early Career Education Law Scholar, Association of American Law Schools Education Law Section
  2026 University of Denver Sturm College of Law "Faculty Career Champion" Nominee
- Other: Constitutional Rights & Remedies Program (2024 – present), Affiliated Faculty

**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

*Funding the New Special Education Federalism* (work-in-progress)

- Selected by Association of American Law Schools' Education Law and Children and the Law Section for Works-in-Progress Session at Georgetown Law School (Oct. 10, 2026)

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

- Selected by Association of American Law Schools' Section on Law Professors with Disabilities and Allies 2027 for Works-in-Progress Session for Junior Scholars (upcoming at 2027 AALS Annual Meeting)

*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)

## OTHER 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)

*Invited Lecturer*, "Municipal Environmental Failures and the School-to-Prison Pipeline," Race and the Equal Protection of the Law Course, Penn State Dickinson Law, University Park, PA, Jan. 22, 2027 (upcoming)

*Invited 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)

*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. 5, 2027 (upcoming)

*Invited Moderator*, Legal Fellowship Presentations, Prof. Alexi Freeman's Social Change Lawyering Course, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Nov. 2026

*Invited Lecturer*, "Municipal Environmental Failures and the School-to-Prison Pipeline," Race and the Equal Protection of the Law Course, Penn State Dickinson Law, Carlisle, PA, Nov. 6, 2026

*Invited Panelist*, The Future of the Integration Mandate After *Texas v. Kennedy*, University of Maryland Law School, Baltimore, MD (appearing via Zoom), Oct. 2026

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

*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

*Invited 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

*Invited Moderator*, Legal Fellowship Presentations, Prof. Alexi Freeman's Social Change Lawyering Course, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Nov. 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