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EDUCATION

Columbia University School of Law, LL.M., 1993

New York University School of Law, J.D., 1985

Annual Survey of American Law, Articles Editor, 1984-1985

Princeton University, A.B., 1982

History major; concentration Latin American Studies and Afro-American Studies

Thesis: 20th Century Education in Puerto Rico

LAW JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

“An Equal Protection Standard for National Origin Subclassifications: The Context that Matters,” 82 Wash. L. Rev. 897 (2007)

“Creating an Intimate Partner Violence Against Women Legal Theory,” 8 N.Y.C. F. Rev. 495 (2005)

“Why A Feminist Law Journal? Moving the Margins,” 12 Colum. J. Gender & Law 473 (2003)

“The Availability of Domestic Violence Services for Latinas in New York State: Phase II Investigation,” 21 Buff J. of Pub. Int. L. 37 (2002-2003)

“Mainstream Legal Responses to Domestic Violence vs. Real Needs of Diverse Communities, Conference: Revolutions Within Communities: The Fifth Annual Domestic Violence Conference.” 29 Fordham Urb. L.J. 13 (2001)

“Extra! Extra! Read All About It: What a Plaintiff ‘Knows Or Should Know’ Based On Officials’ Statements and Media Coverage of Police Misconduct for Notice of a § 1983 Municipal Liability Claim,” 28 Fordham Urb. L.J. 505 (2000)

“Intimate Partner Violence Strategies: Models for Community Participation,” 50 Maine L. Rev. 283 (1998)

“The Availability of Domestic Violence Services for Latinas in New York State,” 16 In The Pub. Interest 1 (1997-1998)

Jenny Rivera, “Panel-The Diversity Among Us,” 19 W. New Engl. L. Rev. 31-35 (1997)

“The Violence Against Women Act and the Construction of Multiple Consciousness in the Civil Rights and Feminist Movements,” 4 J.L. & Pol’y 463 (1996)

“The Violence Against Women Act of 1994: A Promise Waiting To Be Fulfilled,” 4 J.L. & Pol’y 409 (1996)

“The Politics of Invisibility,” 3 Geo. J. on Fighting Poverty 61 (1995)

“Puerto Rico’s Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention Law and the United States Violence Against Women Act of 1994: The Limitations of Legislative Responses,” 5 Colum. J. Gender & L. 78 (1995)

“Domestic Violence Against Latinas by Latino Males: An Analysis of Race, National Origin, and Gender Differentials,” 14 B.C. Third World L.J. 231 (1994)

“Immigration Law,” 2 Ann. Surv. of Am. L. 633 (1984)

OTHER LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Jenny Rivera, Book Review, N.Y.L.J., Jan. 30, 2009, at A6 (reviewing IN JUSTICE: INSIDE THE SCANDAL THAT ROCKED THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION)

Jenny Rivera, "Domestic Violence Against Latinas by Latino Males: An Analysis of Race, National Origin, and Gender Differentials," 14 B.C. Third World L.J. 231 (1994), *reprinted in* LATINOS AND THE LAW: CASES AND MATERIALS, 767-772 (Richard Delgado, Juan F. Perea, Jean Stefancic eds. 2008)

Jenny Rivera, "Domestic Violence," *in* ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LATINOS/LATINAS IN THE UNITED STATES (Oxford Univ. Press, 2005)

Jenny Rivera, "Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc.," *in* ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LATINOS/LATINAS IN THE UNITED STATES (Oxford Univ. Press, 2005)

Jenny Rivera, "National Congress for Puerto Rican Rights," *in* ENCYCLOPEDIA OF LATINOS/LATINAS IN THE UNITED STATES (Oxford Univ. Press, 2005)

Jenny Rivera, "Availability of Domestic Violence Services for Latinas in New York State, Preliminary Report" 16 In The Pub. Interest 1(1997-1998), *reprinted in* CRITICAL RACE FEMINISM: A READER, 270 - 27 (Adrien Katherine Wing ed., 2d ed. 2003)

Jenny Rivera, "Domestic Violence Against Latinas by Latino Males: An Analysis of Race, National Origin, and Gender Differentials," 14 B. C. Third World L.J. 231 (1994), *quoted in* BATTERED WOMEN AND THE LAW, 162, 171, 174-75 (Claire Dalton & Elizabeth M. Schneider eds., 2001)

Jenny Rivera, "Domestic Violence Against Latinas by Latino Males: An Analysis of Race, National Origin, and Gender Differentials," 14 B.C. Third World L.J. 231 (1994), *reprinted in* DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAW, 155-171 (Nancy K.D. Lemon ed. 2000)

Jenny Rivera, "Puerto Rico's Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention Law and the United States Violence Against Women Act of 1994: The Limitations of Legislative Responses," 5 Colum. J. Gender & L. 78 (1995), *reprinted in* GLOBAL CRITICAL RACE FEMINISM: AN INTERNATIONAL READER, 347-61 (Adrien Katherine Wing ed. 2001)

Jenny Rivera, "Domestic Violence Against Latinas by Latino Males: An Analysis of Race, National Origin, and Gender Differentials," 14 B.C. Third World L.J. 231 (1994), *cited in* GENDER AND THE LAW: THEORY, DOCTRINE, COMMENTARY, 564, 566 (Katherine T. Bartlett, Angela P. Harris eds., 2d ed. 1998)

Jenny Rivera, "Domestic Violence Against Latinas by Latino Males: An Analysis of Race, National Origin, and Gender Differentials," 14 B. C. Third World L.J. 231 (1994), *reprinted in* CRITICAL RACE FEMINISM: A READER, 259-66 (Adrien Katherine Wing ed. 1997)

Jenny Rivera, 7 Bimonthly Rev. L. Books 12 (1996) (reviewing Applications of Feminist Legal Theory to Women's Lives: Sex, Violence, Work and Reproduction, D. Kelly Weisberg, ed. Temple Univ. Press 1996)

EXPERIENCE

CUNY School of Law, Flushing, NY, Director of the Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality (CLORE)
September 2008-present

Direct the Law School's Center on Latino and Latina Rights and Equality. The mission of CLORE is to promote law reform scholarship, public education, and litigation in support of expanded civil rights related to issues impacting the Latino community in the United States. Design, implement and supervise all CLORE programs, which include symposia, speakers series, scholarship and curricular development, and community education. Supervise the work of CLORE Law Student Fellows and work with the Law School's library on maintaining the newly established Special Collection on Law and the Latino Community.

CUNY School of Law, Flushing, NY, Professor of Law
August 1997-December 2006, July 2008-present

Teach the following: Administrative Law; Civil Procedure; Latina/os and the Law; Lawyering Seminar; Property; Wills and Trusts; and Paradigmatic Challenges to Race-Based Discrimination Theory and Practice: Gender Equity and Anti-Discrimination Law.

Advisory Council for the Housing Part of the Civil Court of the City of New York, New York, NY
Appointment to three year term on Advisory Council, with responsibilities including making recommendations concerning appointments and reappointments of Housing Court Judges, the preparation of an annual report to the legislature, and making recommendations on matters related to the improvement of the Housing Part.

State of New York Attorney General's Office, New York, NY, Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights
January 2007-June 2008

Special Deputy Attorney General for Civil Rights and Bureau Chief, Civil Rights Bureau
March 2008-June 2008

Appointed by the New York State Attorney General to assist with the design, development and implementation of the Attorney General's statewide civil rights agenda and civil rights legislative initiatives. In charge of the office's Civil Rights Bureau which enforces federal, state and local civil rights laws in New York State. Supervised the Bureau's civil rights investigations and enforcement actions involving discrimination in employment, housing, predatory lending, health services and access to public accommodations. Coordinated and lead outreach to community and civil rights advocacy groups, and designed and delivered presentations on civil rights for the Attorney General's statewide community forums.

New York City Commission on Human Rights, New York, NY, Commissioner
2002-2007

Mayoral Appointment to the New York City Commission on Human Rights. Served as an uncompensated member of the Commission. The Commission is authorized under the New York City Human Rights Law to "eliminate and prevent discrimination from playing any role in actions relating to employment, public accommodations, and housing and other real estate..." Administrative Code of the City of New York §8-101. The commissioners have educational, advisory and adjudicative functions. Commissioners issue the Commission's final decisions and orders in administrative cases.

New York County Lawyers Association Continuing Legal Education Institute, New York, NY, Lecturer
1999-2006

Lectured on Employment Discrimination Law in Bar Association's Bridge-the-Gap Program for recently admitted attorneys (0-5 years). Cover Title VII, ADEA, ADA and general State employment discrimination issues.

Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA, Assistant Professor of Law
August 1994-August 1997

Taught the following courses: Administrative Law; Property; Paradigmatic Challenges to Race-Based Discrimination Theory and Practice: Gender Equity and Anti-Discrimination Law; State and Local Government Law.

Judge Sonia Sotomayor, Southern District of New York, Law Clerk
September 1993-September 1994

Drafted and prepared memoranda, jury charges, orders and decisions for federal district court judge in criminal and civil cases. Conducted legal research on various issues, including the First Amendment, prisoners' rights, language rights, admiralty, bankruptcy, and civil and criminal procedure.

New York State Division of Human Rights, New York, NY, Administrative Law Judge
September 1992-September 1993

Conducted administrative hearings on complaints brought under the New York State Human Rights Law, and issued recommended decisions to the NYS Division of Human Rights Commissioner. The issues addressed in these cases included discrimination based on disability (AIDS), race, color, and sex, and retaliatory discharge.

Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, NY, Associate Counsel
1988-1992

Litigated federal and state claims in class actions and individual cases, involving issues impacting the Latino community in the United States and Puerto Rico. Conducted advocacy and community education efforts as components to the casework. Responsible for working with the development officer on fundraising for my project areas. Primary work areas included bilingual and special education, educational equity and student assessment, voting rights, employment rights focusing on national origin, race and gender discrimination, housing discrimination, and police brutality. Established and organized the Latina Rights Initiative of the women's rights advocacy and litigation efforts of PRLDEF.

Homeless Family Rights Project, Legal Aid Society, New York, NY, Staff Attorney
1987-1988

Responsible for all aspects of litigation in federal and state class actions on behalf of homeless families in New York City, including drafting of complaints, pretrial motions and trial documents, pretrial discovery, client interviews and trial preparation. Claims raised included state and federal constitutional issues, federal and state entitlement issues and housing rights claims. Conducted community education sessions for homeless families at public and private shelters.

Pro Se Law Clerks' Office, Second Circuit Court of Appeals, New York, NY, Law Clerk,
1985-1987

Researched and prepared bench memoranda with recommended disposition for judges on the federal court of appeals, on all motions and appeals involving pro se litigants. Cases addressed prisoners' rights, sections 1983 and 1985 claims, federal constitutional issues, habeas corpus petitions, and employment discrimination claims.

PRESENTATIONS AND APPEARANCES

“CURRENT ENROLLMENT TRENDS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN AND LATINO STUDENTS IN U.S. LAW SCHOOLS,”
City University of New York Black Male Initiative Third Annual Conference, New York, NY, October 3, 2008, Panelist

“THE SUPREME COURT’S CIVIL RIGHTS ROLL BACK,” HBNA Annual Conference, Hollywood, CA,
September 4, 2008, Presenter

FEMINISM AND CULTURAL NORMS, “Feminism and Domestic Violence in the Latino Community,”
Association of American Law Schools, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, January 8, 2005

BROWN v. BOARD OF EDUCATION: 50 YEARS LATER ON LONG ISLAND, “The Latino Struggle for
Educational Opportunity Through Desegregation,” Hofstra University School of Education and Allied Human
Services and Hofstra University School of Law, Long Island, New York, April 1, 2004

MENDEZ ET AL. v. WESTMINSTER SCHOOL DIST. OF ORANGE COUNTY ET AL.: DECISIONS AND
LESSONS FROM A LATINO STRUGGLE FOR EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY, Association of the
Bar of the City of New York, New York, New York, January 15, 2004, Panelist

LATINOS IN THE LAW: RECONCEPTUALIZING THE LATINO LAWYER, “Can You Hear Me Now? Staying Connected
and Having a Voice in the Latino Community,” LaLSA Annual Symposium March 8, 2003, Panelist

EXAM PREPARATION AND TEST TAKING, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., Incoming Student
Orientation Program, every summer 2000 - present, Presenter

White House Women’s Office for Women’s Initiatives and Outreach, July, 2000, Community Roundtable Discussant

“ISSUES OF THE DAY: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,” Local Cable Program, New York, July 25, 2000, Guest Speaker

“CURRENT ISSUES AFFECTING MINORITIES,” American Bar Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, July 11,
2000, Panelist

“THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT AND BEYOND,” National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence,
First National Latino Policy Summit on Domestic Violence, Washington, D.C. June 23, 2000, Panelist

“DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DEMOCRACY & THE STATE,” Law and Society Annual Meeting, Miami, Florida, May 26-29, 2000,
Panelist

“VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT,” National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence, Policy Forum
Organizing Committee Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 23, 2000, Presenter

“INTERPERSONAL/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, THE RACIALIZATION OF TRANSNATIONAL WOMEN AND LEGAL
REFORM,” Twenty Fourth Annual Conference of the Caribbean Studies Association, Critical Legal Theory and the Caribbean
Studies Association: Exploring the Intersections of Law and Liberation, Panama City, Panama, May 25, 1999, Presenter

“BRIDGING DIVIDES: A CHALLENGE TO UNIFY ANTI-SUBORDINATION THEORIES,” Panel II: Criminalizing Disadvantage, Moralizing Privilege, DePaul Law School Law Review, March 6, 1999, Panelist

“Good Day New York,” WNET-TV, New York, February 26, 1999, Guest Speaker

“INITIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE STRATEGIES: MODELS FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION,” Law, Feminism & the 21st Century Conference, Maine School of Law, April 4, 1998, Presenter

“A NEW COALITION? EXPLORING THE INTERSECTIONALITY OF GENDER, ETHNICITY & THE FIGHT FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS,” Committee on Women’s History Month at New York University School of Law, March 24, 1998, Panelist

“Tiempo,” WABC-TV, New York, July 20, 1997, Guest Speaker

SHARING WAR STORIES: TRANSNATIONAL APPROACHES TO STRATEGIZING AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE I,” Law and Society Association and Research Committee on the Sociology of Law International Sociological Association, Joint Meetings, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland, July 10-13, 1996

“GENDER EQUITY AND THE LATINO STRUGGLE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS: LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY CHALLENGES,” Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, October 23, 1995

“THE 1994 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT CIVIL RIGHTS REMEDY: LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND LITIGATION STRATEGY,” Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York, New York, September 14, 1995, Panelist

“NOW LEADERSHIP SUMMIT: THE LINK BETWEEN VIOLENCE AND POVERTY IN THE LIVES OF WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN,” Georgetown University Law School, Washington, D.C., April 28, 1995, Panelist

“SHOULD ENGLISH BE THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF THE U.S.,” New York Law School, New York, March 13, 1990, Panelist

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND HONORS

Puerto Rican Bar Association, President’s Medal 2007

Hispanic Business, “Elite Women of 2005”

Puerto Rican Bar Association, Flor de Maga Award, 2005

Puerto Rican Institute for the Development of Education, Civil and Human Rights Award, 2005

New York University School of Law Black, Latino, Asian/Pacific American Alumni Association, Professional Achievement Award, 2005

New York County Lawyers’ Association CLE Institute, Certificate of Appreciation, 2001 & 2002

Newsday, Queens Profile. 2000

National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, Inc., New York City Chapter, Awardee, 2000

El diario/La Prensa, “Fifty Outstanding Latinas for the Year 2000,” Awardee

CUNY PILA Faculty Award, 1999

CUNY LaSED Certificate of Appreciation, 1998

CUNY Black Allied Law Students Award, 1998

Certificate of Appreciation, New York State Spanish Domestic Violence Hotline, No Mas Abuso Conference, 1997

Puerto Rican Bar Association, Felipe Torres Award, 1995

Hispanic Women Leadership Institute, Award of Excellence and Certificate of Achievement, 1993

Manhattan Borough President Citation in Recognition of Work in the Field of Civil Rights, 1991

PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICE

Aspen Systems Corporation, Office for Violence Against Women Peer Review Consultant

Little, Brown and Company, Outside Casebook Reviewer of Bernard Schwartz, ADMINISTRATIVE LAW (4th ed)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Hispanic National Bar Association, Civil Rights Committee

Member, Puerto Rican Bar Association

Member, Grand Street Settlement, Board of Directors

Member, National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence, Policy Subcommittee, 2005-2007

Chair, Violence Intervention Program, Board of Directors, 2005-2007

Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee on Sex and Law, 1998-2001

Member, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee on Civil Rights, 2002-2004

Member, Office of the New York City Public Advocate's Accountability Project, Board of Advisors., 1999-2000

Co-Chair, Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. Women's Right's Initiative Advisory Committee, 1996-2000

Participant, United Nations World Conference on Women, Beijing, China, August-September 1995

BAR ADMISSIONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE THIRD CIRCUIT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
STATE OF NEW YORK