

# WENDY A. BACH

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## EDUCATION

### **New York University School of Law, J.D., 1996**

*Honors:* Magna Cum Laude; Order of the Coif; Eric Dean Bender Prize, given to a graduating student who engaged in outstanding public interest work.

*Activities:* Senior Articles Editor, *Review of Law and Social Change*; research assistant for Professors David Richards and Burt Neuborne; president of Gay and Lesbian Student Association; student intern in the Federal Defender Clinic.

**University of Pennsylvania, M.A. English Literature, 1991.**

**University of Pennsylvania, B.A., Cum Laude, English Major, American History Minor, 1991.**

## SCHOLARSHIP

*Welfare Reform, Privatization, and Power: Reconfiguring Administrative Law Structures from the Ground Up*, 74 BROOKLYN L. REV. 275 (2009).

*Governance, Subordination and the New Welfare State*, Work in Progress.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Clinical Instructor - City University of New York School of Law**

#### **Economic Justice Clinic (spring) and Elder Law Clinic (fall), Flushing, NY, July 2005 – Present**

*Co Teach Weekly Seminar:* Developed curriculum and teach in multiple areas including welfare law, Medicaid planning, legal claims analysis and administrative hearing planning, fact investigation in guardianship cases, and the role of racialized gender subordination in the social welfare state and in poverty law practice. Pedagogy focuses on doctrine and skills integration, professionalism, transferability and social justice lawyering.

*Supervise Case and Project Work:* Supervise planning, administrative and trial practice in a variety of courts; supervise in individual, pair and group settings; collaborated with students to develop community lawyering projects with Community Voices Heard and the Welfare Rights Initiative, both grassroots, membership led organizations.

*Additional Service Activities:* Advise students on clerkship and fellowship application process, moot court advisor, faculty senate representative, instructor and communications director search committee, faculty student disciplinary appeals committee, labor management committee, law review advisor.

### **Adjunct Professor - New York Law School**

#### **Public Benefits Clinic, New York, NY, January 2004 – May 2005**

Taught doctrinal classes; consulted on program design; provided cases for representation and consulted with clinical teachers on case representation.

**Project Director - The Urban Justice Center**

**Homelessness Outreach and Prevention Project, New York, NY, July 2001 – July 2005**

Directed a staff of fourteen lawyers, advocates and researchers; raised and managed a \$350,000 - \$960,000 annual budget; acted as lead counsel on all project litigation; led staff in program design and implementation.

*Individual Representation:* staff attorneys and legal advocates staffed daily outreach clinics at soup kitchens and food pantries and represented hundreds of clients yearly with public assistance problems.

*Affirmative Litigation:* settled *Davila v. Eggleston*, ensuring access to two-year college and training programs for public assistance recipients; settled *Meachem v. Wing*, ensuring enhanced due process for welfare recipients at administrative hearings, and litigated *Harris v. Eggleston* and *Williston v. Eggleston*, two lawsuits designed to enhance access to Food Stamps.

*Legislative Advocacy and Community Lawyering:* working in coalition with advocacy and grassroots organizations, secured passage of a local law expanding access to education and training for welfare recipients and defended that law in court; represented Families United for Racial and Economic Equality in a Racial Justice Collaborative project.

*Publications:* research staff published *A Better Recipe for New York: Less Red Tape, More Food on the Table*, an in depth report examining barriers to Food Stamp access for low income New Yorkers.

**Staff Attorney - The Legal Aid Society**

**Public Benefits and Housing, Brooklyn, NY, September 1996 – July 2001**

*Individual Representation:* Represented individuals in fair hearings, appeals and class action litigation. Represented tenants facing eviction in administrative, trial and appellate cases.

*Systemic and Community Lawyering:* class actions included *Rivera v. NYCHA*, a lawsuit designed to increase physical access to local housing authority properties for individuals with disabilities and *Davila v. Eggleston*, a lawsuit designed to increase educational access for public assistance recipients; counsel to Coalition for Access to Education and Training, which lobbied New York City Council and New York State Legislature to increase access to and funding for education and training for public assistance recipients.

**Legal Intern – Legal Momentum, New York, NY, June - December 1995**

**Legal Intern - Arizona Capital Representation Project, Phoenix, AZ, June - August 1994**

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

*Governance, Subordination and the New Welfare State*, to be presented at the *Transatlantic Conference on New Governance and the Transformation of Law*, Madison, WI, November 2009

*CLEA New Clinicians Conference*, small group leader, May 2009

*Georgetown Law School Intensive Clinical Institute*, participant, June 2008

*Social Justice Lawyering and Community Needs: Opportunities and Barriers in a Clinical Setting* Concurrent Session, AALS Clinical Conference, co-presenter, May 2008

*Conditional Cash Transfer Programs: Poverty Reduction Efforts in New York City and Beyond*, New York City Bar Association Forum, moderator, May 2008

*The Practitioner and the Clinician: A Structured Conversation About What and How Senior Clinicians*

*and Senior Practitioners Turned Clinicians Learn From Each Other About Lawyering, Teaching and Learning*, Concurrent Session, AALS Clinical Conference, co-presenter, May 2007

*The Impact of the Deficit Reduction Act on New York State's Welfare Programs*, State Conference on Welfare Reauthorization, presenter, June 2006

*Collaborating With Communities and Community-Based Organizations*, Concurrent Session, AALS Clinical Conference, co-presenter, May 2006

*Stein Scholars Panel on Welfare Reform*, Fordham Law School, panelist, 2005

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

*Chair*, New York City Bar Association, Social Welfare Law Committee, 2007 - Present

*Advisory Board Member*, The New York Women's Foundation, Report on Status of Low Income Women and Girls in New York City, 2006 - 2007

*Grants and Program Chair*, The New York Women's Foundation, Board of Directors, 2004 - 2006

*Board Member*, The New York Women's Foundation, Board of Directors, 2000 – 2004

*Committee Member*, United Way of New York City, Community Impact Committee, 2003

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

New York State; Federal Court for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York