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EMPLOYMENT

CUNY School of Law

Professor, September 2007 – present. Associate Professor, August 2002 – August 2007.

Courses: Criminal Defense Seminar and Clinic; Juvenile Defender Clinic; Criminal Procedure.

Interim Associate Dean for Clinical Programs, June 2011 – June 2012.

Outstanding Professor of the Year Award, May 2011.

Teaching

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Associate Professor of Clinical Law. April 1996 - August 1999. (Assistant Professor, August 1992 - March 1996; Acting Assistant Professor, January 1989 - July 1992).

Courses: Criminal Defense Seminar and Clinic; Evidence: Litigation Planning; Criminal Litigation.

Great Teacher Award, New York University Alumni Association, June 1997.

PACE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Adjunct Professor. January 2000 - December 2000.

Course: Criminal Procedure - Investigation.

FORDHAM UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Adjunct Professor. August 2001 – May 2002.

Course: Foundation Skills.

Practice

THE FUND FOR MODERN COURTS

Executive Director, August 1999 - August 2002. Managed statewide, nonprofit, nonpartisan court reform organization. Responsibilities included researching and writing, lobbying, and fundraising.

Consultant, August 2002 – August 2003.

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY CRIMINAL DEFENSE DIVISION

Supervising Attorney, May 1986 - January 1989.

Staff Attorney, September 1981 - April 1986.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Floyd v. City of New York Academic Advisory Council -- September 2013 – present (Council created by District Court Judge Shira Scheindlin to help implement her remedial order issued in the Floyd stop-and-frisk trial).

Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary -- January 2008 – January 2010 (the committee evaluates applicants for the New York City Family and Criminal Courts as well as judges seeking reappointment).

Appellate Division, First Department -- Indigent Defense Organization Oversight Committee. January 2003 – present.

Prisoners' Legal Services of New York -- Member, Board of Directors. January 2000 - present.

The Commission on the Future of Indigent Defense Services -- Committee Co-Chair. June 2004 – June 2006 (statewide Commission created by New York State Chief Judge Judith Kaye).

The New York County Lawyers' Association, Criminal Justice Section -- Task Force on Reform and Enhancement of the New York City Criminal Court. June 2004 – May 2006.

New York State Judicial Institute -- Participant, "Partners in Justice: A Colloquium on Developing Collaborations Among Courts, Law School Clinical Programs and the Practicing Bar." May 2005.

Fordham University Department of Sociology and Anthropology -- Focus Group to explore the potential of a professional MA in Justice and Criminology. May - June 2004.

The Jury Trial Project -- Advisory Committee. February 2003 – February 2006 (the committee advised the New York State Office of Court Administration as it implemented and evaluated a number of jury trial innovations).

New York State Office of Court Administration National Jury Summit 2001 -- Planning Committee, Advisory Committee. November 1999 – February 2001.

The Sentencing Reform Act Commission -- Statewide Commission created by the Sentencing Reform Act of 1995. Appointed by New York State Chief Judge Judith Kaye, August 1996 - December 2000.

Mayor's Advisory Committee on the Judiciary -- May 1996 - April 1999 (the committee evaluates applicants for the New York City Family and Criminal Courts as well as judges seeking reappointment).

Appellate Division, First Department -- Assigned Counsel Plan, Central Screening Committee, October 1993 - February 1999 (the committee evaluates candidates for the Assigned Counsel Panel as well as attorneys seeking recertification to the Panel). Subcommittee on arraignment policies, Spring 1993.

The New York County Lawyers' Association, Criminal Justice Section -- Task Force on Representation of the Indigent in Criminal Court, February 1995 - December 2000. Co-Chair, August 1997 - December 2000.

The Jury Project -- Co-Chair, Selection and Utilization Subcommittee. Appointed by New York State Chief Judge Judith Kaye, August 1993 - May 1994.

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York -- Criminal Courts Committee, 1998 - 2001. Chair, Subcommittee on Forfeiture, Fall 1998 - Spring 2000. Designee, Council on Judicial Administration, September 1999 - June 2000.

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York -- Corrections Committee, Class of 1996. Subcommittee on Probation, Fall 1994.

Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, Inc., A Project of the Vera Institute of Justice, New York -- Consultant, October 1990 - 1997.

GRANTS/AWARDS

CUNY Collaborative Incentive Research Grant (with Professors Elizabeth Jeglic and Cynthia Calkins Mercado of John Jay College of Criminal Justice), "Sex Offender Management, Treatment, and Civil Commitment: An Empirical Analysis of Four Sex Offender Populations", July 30, 2008.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

"Are Violation Pleas a Necessary Evil?", New York County Lawyers' Association, January 29, 2009.

"Public Defense in Misdemeanor Cases: How to Make the Promise of Argersinger Real in the 21st Century", Open Society Institute, May 29, 2008.

"Ethical Issues in Defense Decisionmaking", New York State Defenders' Association Twenty-Second Annual Metropolitan New York Trainer, March 1, 2008.

"Jail, Justice and the Community Court Model: Alternative Steps Pursuant to an Arrest", CUNY School of Law, November 13, 2007.

"Who's to Choose – Where Do We Go After Lopez Torres", Bar Association of Nassau County, February 6, 2007.

"A Lasting Blueprint for Judicial Diversity", Public Forum convened by New York State Sen. Malcolm A. Smith, St. John's University School of Law, January 18, 2007.

"Recent Developments in Criminal Law", New York State Appellate Judges Seminar, October 22, 2006.

"Whose Case is it Anyway?", Appellate Division, First Department, Continuing Legal Education Program, New York, May 15, 2006.

"Judicial Selection and Appointive Systems: The Devil is in the Implementation", Fordham University School of Law, April 7, 2006.

"Advising and Deciding: The Evolving Role of Defense Counsel", New York County Lawyers' Association, Twenty-Eighth Annual Criminal Trial Institute, January 27, 2006.

"Recent Developments in Criminal Law", New York State Appellate Judges Seminar, October 30, 2005.

“The Initial Interview: Questioning, Informing and Advising Clients”, Legal Aid Society, New York, October 19, 2005.

“Judges and the Constitution: Separation of Powers, Judicial Independence and Judicial Training”, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada. Panelist. September 23, 2005.

“Making Decisions and Giving Advice: Defense Lawyering on the Radar Screen”, New York State Defenders’ Association, Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting and Conference, July 2005.

“Judicial Selection”, Albany Law Review Symposium, Albany Law School, October 28, 2004.

“Who Decides: Counsel or Defendant?”, New York State Office of Court Administration, Judicial Institute at Pace University School of Law, February 27, 2004.

“Bail – Historical Perspectives”, New York State Office of Court Administration, Judicial Institute at Pace University School of Law, October 3, 2003 and October 24, 2003.

“The Criminal Court: Are We Achieving Justice?”, Fordham University School of Law and the New York County Lawyers’ Association. Small group facilitator. October 18, 2003.

“Whose Case is it Anyway?”, Program sponsored by Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law and the Legal Aid Society, Cardozo School of Law, June 2, 2003.

“Judicial Selection: Is There a Better Way?”, Symposium sponsored by Pace University and New York Civic, Pace University, April 12, 2002.

“The Impact of Problem Solving on the Lawyer’s Role and Ethics”, Fordham Urban Law Journal Symposium, Fordham University School of Law, February 28, 2002.

“Methods of Judicial Selection: Merit Appointment vs. Election”, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Committee on Minorities in the Courts, February 2001.

“Hearsay - Emerging Trends and Predictions for the Future”, Center for Appellate Litigation, October 16, 2000.

“New Developments in Hearsay”, New York County Defender Services, September 2000.

“Evidence: Hearsay Case Law Update”, New York State Defenders Association, Thirty-Third Annual Meeting and Conference, July 2000.

“Hearsay – An Analysis of the Trend Toward Increased Admissibility of Out-of-Court Statements”, New York State Office of Court Administration, Judicial Seminar, July 2000.

“Forfeiture Law: Ethics, Strategies and Trends”, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, March 2000.

“Ethics for Criminal Defense Attorneys”, Appellate Division, First Department, Continuing Legal Education Program, New York, February 2000.

“Evidence: Hearsay - Case Law Update”, Appellate Division, First Department, Continuing Legal Education Program, New York, January 2000.

“The ABCs of Forfeiture in Federal and State Courts”, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, November 1999.

“Counsel or Coercion”, New York State Defenders’ Association Thirty-Second Annual Meeting and Conference, July 1999.

“Recurring Evidentiary Issues”, A Primer on Evidence, New York State Bar Association, May 1999.

“Counseling Clients: Effective Assistance and Decisionmaking”, Federal Public Defender, Western District of New York, May 1999.

“Effective Assistance of Counsel at the Plea Bargaining Stage”, University of Maryland School of Law, Symposium on the Right to Counsel, March 1999.

“Counsel or Coercion?: Advising Clients to Plead or Not to Plead”, New York State Defenders’ Association Thirteenth Annual Metropolitan New York Trainer, March 1999.

“Recent Developments in the Law of Evidence”, New York State Office of Court Administration, Judicial Seminar, July 1995, July 1996, July 1997, July 1998. Legal Update for Court Attorneys, December 1995, November 1998, February 1999.

“Effective Assistance and Client-Centered Counseling”, New York County Defender Services, January 1999.

“The Rule Against Hearsay: Exceptions in Search of a Rule”, Legal Aid Society, New York, November 1998.

“Recent Developments in New York Evidence”, Appellate Division, First and Second Departments, Assigned Counsel Plan, New York, October 1998.

“The Ethics of Counseling Clients in Criminal Cases”, Legal Aid Society, New York, September 1998.

“Challenges to the Sufficiency of the Pleadings in Criminal Court”, Appellate Division, First Department, Assigned Counsel Plan, New York, January 1996.

“Jury Service in New York State: Recommendations for Change Proposed by the Jury Project”, New York University School of Law, Faculty Luncheon, February 1995.

“Recent Developments in Supreme Court Practice: The Future of Peremptory Challenges in Civil Court”, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Litigation Committee, October 1994.

“The Jury Project: Preliminary Findings”, New York University School of Law, Seminar, December 1993.

“A Clinician’s View of Student Representation Thirty Years after Gideon”, New York University School of Law, Faculty Luncheon, March 1993.

“A Defense Attorney’s Perspective on the Criminal Justice System”, Washington Square Watch Team (NYU’s undergraduate Internship on the Criminal Justice System, a grantee of the Mayor’s Stop the Violence Fund), February 1993.

“Race and the Criminal Justice System”, New York City Partnership, Inc. (Seminar for the David Rockefeller Fellows), January 1993.

“Major Challenges Faced by the City’s Criminal Justice System”, New York City Partnership, Inc. (Seminar for the David Rockefeller Fellows), January 1992.

“Prosecutorial Misconduct”, Appellate Division, First Department, Assigned Counsel Plan Training Program, New York, June 1992.

“Arrests in the Home: A Comparison of New York and Federal Standards”, Bronx Legal Services, New York, July 1990.

PUBLICATIONS

Law Review Articles

Gideon: Looking Backward, Looking Forward, Looking in the Mirror, 11 Seattle J. for Soc. Just. 933 (2013).

Whither the Criminal Court: Confronting Stops-and-Frisks, 76 Alb. L. Rev. 1187 (2012/2013).

Padilla v. Kentucky: Sound and Fury or Transformative Impact, 39 Fordham Urb. L.J. 203 (2011).

Introduction, Notes from the Field: Challenges of Indigent Criminal Defense, 12 N.Y. City L. Rev. 204 (2008).

Careful What You Wish For: Tough Questions, Honest Answers, and Innovative Approaches to Appointive Judicial Selection, 34 Fordham Urb. L.J. 473 (2007).

Policing the Police: The Role of the Courts and the Prosecution, 32 Fordham Urb. L.J. 315 (2005).

Judicial Politics: Making the Case for Merit Selection, 68 Alb. L. Rev. 713 (2005).

To Elect or Not to Elect: A Case Study of Judicial Selection in New York City, 1977-2002, 37 U. Mich. J.L. Reform 791 (2004).

Who Needs an Evidence Code?: The New York Court of Appeals’ Radical Reevaluation of Hearsay, 21 Cardozo L. Rev. 211 (1999).

To Plead or Not to Plead: Effective Assistance and Client-Centered Counseling, 39 B.C. L. Rev. 841 (1998).

Sacrificial Lambs or the Chosen Few?: The Impact of Student Defenders on the Rights of the Accused, 62 Brook. L. Rev. 853 (1996).

Other Publications

New York's Solitary Confinement Reforms May Spark Larger Discussion, JURIST - Forum, Mar. 5 2014, <http://jurist.org/forum/2014/03/steven-zeidman-solitary-confinement.php>.

Equal Protection Examined in the Context of Policing, N.Y.L.J., February 7, 2014 at 6.

Criminal Court After Stop-and-Frisk, N.Y.L.J., August 28, 2013, at 6.

Indigent Defense: Caseload Standards, N.Y.L.J., March 24, 2010, at 6.

Racial Impact of Quality of Life Policing, N.Y.L.J., April 2, 2009, at 6.

Time to End Violation Pleas, N.Y.L.J., April 1, 2008, at 2.

The Miracle of Jury Reform in New York, 88 Judicature 178 (2005).

Caseload and Trial Capacity in the Criminal Courts, 54 Rec. N.Y.C. Bar Ass'n 768 (1999) (primary contributor).

The Strange Case of Roland B. Molineux: 100 Years Old and Counting, N.Y.L.J., March 25, 1999, at 2.

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State, United States District Courts for the Eastern and Southern Districts of New York.

EDUCATION

DUKE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Durham, North Carolina

J.D., May 1981

Honors: Moot Court Board, 1979-1981

Student Funded Public Service Fellowship, 1980

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY

Albany, New York

B.A., Magna Cum Laude, May 1978

Major: Political Science

Honors: Signum Laudis Academic Honor Society

References available on request.