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EDUCATION

DePaul University College of Law, Chicago, Illinois
J.D., June, 1984.

Admitted, Illinois Bar, May, 1985.

U.S. District Court, June, 1985.

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
B.A. with General Honors, June, 1981.
Slavic Languages and Literatures.

EMPLOYMENT

Loyola University Chicago, School of Law.

Loyola University Community Law Center.

Position: Director and Clinical Professor

December, 1987 - Present

Supervision of law students in the handling of client cases. Duties include: instruction of students in substantive and procedural law unique to the student's particular case; acting as a resource person for student research; guiding students to develop appropriate plans of action; observation and critique of student performance during negotiation sessions, court appearances.

Teaching the classroom component.

Courses taught include: Client Interviewing, Counseling, Fact Development, Hearing Advocacy, Practice Management, Grand Rounds, Values in Lawyering, and Ethics in Legal Practice. Developed the International Family Law Class and International Negotiation Skills Class taught at Loyola's Rome Center.

Representation of clients in the Circuit Court of Cook County, the Northern District of Illinois and before the Social

family law

Security Administration. Types of cases include: divorce and related

Family matters, guardianships, landlord/tenant, social security.

Established Loyola's Guardian *ad litem* project in which students represent children in contested guardianship cases in the circuit court of Cook county.

Established a collaboration with the North Side Learning Center. LUCLC students represent parents of disabled students in their petitions to become guardians. LUCLC faculty make presentations to the parents detailing the guardianship process.

Clinic administrative duties include supervising office personnel, grant writing, handling financial accounts, scheduling and case management.

Extensive Courtroom and Teaching Experience
Handled over 2,000 cases to completion
Supervised Law Students in over 5,000 cases.

Lecturer, Client Counseling and Negotiation, 1989 - 1997.

Coach of the ABA/LSD Negotiation Competition Team, 1990 to 1999. 1996-1997 and 1997-1998 Regional Competition winners.

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services Foundation.

Position: Staff Attorney
August, 1984 - September, 1987

Represented clients in the Circuit Court of Cook County and before the Social Security Administration. Types of cases handled: social security disability, Divorce, and related family law matters, guardianship, adoption, landlord/tenant, collection defense.

Referred cases to volunteer panel attorneys.
Provided support for volunteer attorneys/paralegals through consultation and document review.

Supervised staff paralegals and summer law students in their handling of Social Security cases.

Initiated new neighborhood legal clinic and continued its supervision.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
Illinois State Bar Association
Ex Officio Chair and Past Member, Standing Committee on Legal Education, Admission and Competence and Legal Conclave

PAST PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Center for Disability and Elder Law
Past Member, Board of Directors. Past Volunteer
Cook County Mandatory Arbitration. Arbitrator

PAST COMMITTEES

Arts of Living, Local School Council
Community Representative
1990 - 1997

Chicago Department on Aging
Multidisciplinary Team, Legal Member
1992 - 1996

Divorce Education Project, Past Member
Legal Video Subcommittee
1993 - 1994

Participated in the drafting of the felony Child Abduction statute.
1984-1986

HONORS AND AWARDS

Finalist Candidate for Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, February 2007, and August, 2009

Exceptional Service Award
Given by The Honorable Dorothy Brown, October 1, 2009
For Outstanding Advocacy and Leadership in the Community in the

Area of Domestic Violence - Given to the Loyola Project, Professor
Theresa Ceko, Director

Above & Beyond, Domestic Violence Awareness
Award given by The Honorable Dorothy Brown
October 14, 2004
Recognition of the Loyola Law Center Domestic Violence Help
Desk Project

Court Facilitator
Certificate of Appreciation, June 11, 2003

Award of Merit
National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
February 8, 1999
For Outstanding Commitment to the Protection of Children
and Knowledge of the Hague Convention Against Child Abduction

Volunteer of the Year
Center for Disability and Elder Law
May 23, 1995

PUBLICATIONS and WRITINGS

IICLE - Representing Residential Tenants, Chapter
3: Landlord's Duty to Maintain, 1998.
Supplement, 2000.

Domestic Violence Protocol, April, 1995, and
Domestic Violence Benchbook, December, 1995,
Administrative Office, Illinois Supreme Court

Materials for the State of Illinois Judicial
Conference, 1992 and 1993 - Regional Seminar
on Family Law. Topics include: Domestic
Violence, Criminal Sexual Assault - Issue of
Consent, Child Abduction, Standing, Removal,
PKPA and UCCJA Jurisdictional Issues.

Script for the Legal Video produced by the
Chicago Bar Association and used by the Cook
County Focus on Children Education Project.
1993 - 1994.

SEMINARS PRESENTED

Associate Lawyer Training
Skadden Arps
June 4, 2001
Chicago, Illinois
TOPIC: Handling Disabled Adult Guardianships

Battered Women's Network Centralized Training
February 14, 2000
Chicago, Illinois
TOPIC: Child Abduction, Visitation & Parentage

Center for Disability and Elder Law
Training Seminar for Paralegals
Skadden Arps
February 10, 2000
TOPIC: Instructing Paralegals on Document
Preparation for Guardianships

Center for Disability and Elder Law
Training Seminar
Winston & Strawn
November 1, 1999
TOPIC: Introducing Paralegals to Pro Bono Work.
Co-Speaker with James Grogan of the Attorney
Registration and Disciplinary Committee

DuPage Association of Women Lawyers
Fourth Annual Advocacy Seminar
March 2, 1996
Lisle, Illinois
Settling Disputed Issues Yourself: Negotiation
Techniques

State of Illinois Judicial Conference - Regional
Seminar on Family Law
September, 1993
Collinsville, Illinois
Professor-Reporter on: Domestic Violence and
Custody Issues.

State of Illinois Judicial Conference - Regional
Seminar on Family Law
October 1-3, 1992
Rock Island, Illinois
Professor-Reporter on: Domestic Violence and
Custody Issues.

Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
"Reach" Children's Conference
March 4-5, 1992
Springfield, Illinois
Presentation on Custody Issues

Regional Seminar on Missing and Exploited
Children
December 12-13, 1990
Springfield, Illinois
Presentation on Legal Issues: Parental Abduction

I-Search Advisory Council
August 1, 1990
Chicago, Illinois
Presentation on Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction
Chicago Bar Association
Continuing Legal Education Seminar
February 13, 1990
Chicago, Illinois
Defending a Municipal Contract Collection Case