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**EDUCATION**

6/78 - 7/78 National Endowment for the Humanities,  
Cambridge, MA  
9/69 - 6/72 George Washington University Law School,  
Washington, DC, Juris Doctor - With Honors (1972)  
9/65 - 6/69 Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, Bachelor of Arts (1969)

**EMPLOYMENT**

7/11 – present University of California, Irvine School of Law. Clinical Professor  
of Law  
7/11 – present Yale Law School. Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law  
8/85 – 6/11 Yale Law School. Director of Clinical Studies 9/02-6/11; Clinical  
Professor of Law since 7/91; Clinical Professor (Adjunct) of Law  
7/89 - 6/91; Fellow in Clinical Studies 7/86 - 6/89; Selma A.  
Levine Lecturer in Clinical Studies 8/85 - 6/86  
8/09 - 12/09 Berkeley Law School. Visiting Associate Clinical Professor of  
Law  
10/08 University of Brescia, Italy. Visiting Professor of Law  
8/99 - 6/02 Housing Authority of the City of New Haven, Interim Executive  
Director  
7/86 - 6/91 Pittman, Sheehan, Solomon & Swaine, New Haven, CT. Partner  
12/78 - 8/85 New Haven Legal Assistance Association, New Haven,  
CT. Executive Director 1/82 - 8/85; Managing Attorney  
12/78 - 12/81  
12/77 - 12/78 Center for Legal Rights, Doylestown, PA, Executive Director

8/72 - 12/77

Bucks County Legal Aid Society, Langhorne, PA, Staff Attorney  
and Managing Attorney

## **REPRESENTATIVE CASES**

*Connecticut Coalition for Justice in Education Funding v. Rell*, 295 Conn 240 (2010) - Successfully challenged Connecticut's school finance system on state constitutional grounds on behalf of a broad coalition. In a landmark decision, the CT Supreme Court held that the Connecticut Constitution guarantees a right to an adequate education.

*Gyerko v. Gyerko*, CT. Superior Court, Docket No. NNH-CV09-5025827-S (2009) – Obtained a substantial damages judgment for intentional infliction of emotional distress on behalf of a victim of domestic violence against her abuser.

*Streetwatch v. National Railroad Passenger Corp. (AMTRAK)*, 875 F. Supp. 1055 (SDNY 1995) – On behalf of a class of homeless people, obtained injunctive relief establishing the rights of homeless people in Penn Station.

*Hardy v. Griffin*, 41 Conn. Sup. 283, 569 A. 2d 49 (1989) – In a case of first impression, obtained a \$1 million verdict on behalf of a minor child suffering from lead poisoning as a result of peeling and chipping lead paint in rental housing. (Since then, I have represented and recovered damages for over fifty child victims of lead poisoning.

*Concerned Citizens of Father Panik Village v. Pierce*, 685 F. Supp. 316 (1988) – Represented tenants' association at Connecticut's largest public housing development. After a court decision holding that the failure to fill vacancies constituted "constructive demolition," negotiated a \$100 million redevelopment plan.

## **REPRESENTATIVE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

First City Fund Corporation – Represented the City of New Haven in contest of New Haven Savings Bank's demutualization, resulting in a \$25 million settlement. The proceeds were used to establish this foundation, with a primary objective of forming and capitalizing a community development bank. Obtained IRS tax exemption under IRC Section 509(a)(3) for

foundation, whose major purpose is to invest in a for-profit bank.

Start Community Bank, Organizer and Board Member – Organized community development bank, obtained state charter. The bank is capitalized by funds from First City Fund Corporation.

St. Luke’s Development Corporation – Represented faith-based community development corporation in developing HUD-funded Section 202 elderly housing on the site of a blighted vacant building.

Hannah Gray Home – Represented community group in developing elderly housing on a historic site that had served as a stop on the Underground Railroad, but had been vacant for several years.

CitySeed – Represented community group in organizing, obtaining tax exemption, and serving as general counsel in successful effort to establish several farmers’ markets in New Haven.

Municipal I.D. card – represented community group in immigrant neighborhood to create the country’s first municipal identification card, wrote opinion letters concerning use of the card for bank accounts, represented City of New Haven in defending challenges to the card.

Grand Avenue Village Association – Represented five bodega owners contesting the termination of their ability to accept WIC/AFDC.

Dixwell Plaza – Represented commercial condominium in low-income neighborhood, drafting and filing condominium declaration  
New Haven Promise

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

1/12	Consultant, Pepperdine School of Law
1/06 – 6/11	Member, State of Connecticut Legal Internship Committee (appointed by Chief Justice of Connecticut Supreme Court)
6/04 – 6/11	Vice President, Board of Directors, First City Fund Corporation

9/02 – 6/11	Chair, Board of Commissioners, Housing Authority of the City of New Haven
1/08	Reappointment Review, University of Pennsylvania School of Law
3/08	Scholarship Review, University of Maryland School of Law
11/06	Reappointment evaluation, University of Michigan Law School
10/00	Member, Mayor’s Resource Team on Universal Access to Child Care
10/99	Consultant, University of Michigan Law School
10/99 – 6/06	Board of Directors, Calvin Hill Day Care Center
1/98 - 1/04	Board of Directors, Center for School Change
1998-2008	Special Master, United States District Court, District of Connecticut
11/96 - 12/99	Plaintiffs' Lead Paint Poisoning Committee, State of Connecticut
10/96 - 11/96	Consultant, University of Michigan Law School. (Evaluating the Urban Communities Clinic)
6/92 - 12/02	Board of Directors, Remedy, Inc
9/86 - 7/07	Board of Directors, Connecticut Association of Human Services President from 2002 - 2007
9/91 - 6/94	Board of Directors, Cold Spring School President from 7/92 - 6/94
9/87 - 9/92	Board of Directors, Urban League of Greater New Haven
9/87 - 9/89	Board of Directors, YLS Early Learning Center, Inc.
9/85 - 9/88	Board of Directors, New Haven Fuel Bank
9/85 - 9/89	Board of Directors, Women's Health Services
9/84 - 6/85	President, Council of Executives, United Way of Greater New Haven
6/82 - 8/85	Board of Directors, Connecticut Consortium of Legal Aid Programs
1/82 - 8/85	Executive Board, New Haven County Bar Association, New Haven, Connecticut
1/82 - 8/85	Board of Directors, Legal Services Training and Advocacy Project
9/79 - 5/82	Board of Directors, Continuum of Care, Inc.
1982, 1985, 1990	Consultant, Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation

## **PRESENTATIONS**

10/15	Northeastern School of Law, Urban Policy conference, Speaker
10/15	I'm HOME Conference, Minneapolis, Panelist
5/15	Association of American Law Schools, Clinical Legal Education Conference, Moderator
2/13	American Association for Paralegal Education, Keynote speaker, Pacific Regional Conference
7/12	International Journal of Clinical Legal Education Conference, Durham, UK, "When Enforcing Restraining Orders Collides with Economic Security: What's the Role of the Lawyer?" (with Camille Carey)
3/12	Business symposium. UC Irvine School of Law, Community Banking
10/11	University of New Mexico School of Law, Domestic Violence presentation
6/10	Center for Children's Advocacy, CCJEF v. Rell and the Right to Education
11/08	Yale Law School, Mortgages Foreclosures: Causes and Effects (available on podcast at Yale Law School Web site)
10/08	Yale Law School, History of Legal Services (available on podcast)
4/08	Yale Law School, "Conversations Across the Courtyard," Housing Policy (with Robert Ellickson)
3/08	Yale Law School, Liman Public Interest conference
2/08	Yale Law School, Rebellious Lawyering conference
11/07	Yale University Women's Organization, "Deconcentrating Poverty: How Housing Advocates Have Created (and Maintain) Low-Income Ghettos."
10/05	Connecticut Bar Association, "Future of the Legal Profession"
10/05	Yale Law School Alumni Weekend, "Entrepreneurship and Banking"
9/05	New Haven Board of Aldermen, testified on public housing

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Impossible Choices: Balancing Safety and Security in Domestic Violence Representation*, (with Camille Carey), 21 *Clinical Law Review* 201 (2014)
- “The Fall (and Rise?) of Community Banking: The Continued Importance of Local Institutions,” 2 *UC Irvine Law Review* 945 (2013)
- “Law Students Nurture Low-Income Communities,” *Communities & Banking*, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Vol. 21, Number 3 (June 2010)  
<http://www.bos.frb.org/commdev/c&b/index.htm>
- “Law as Politics: A Response to Adam Babich,” (with Stephen Wizner), 11 *Clinical Law Review* 447 (2005)
- “Solomon’s Wisdom,” 118 weekly columns in the *Connecticut Law Tribune* (2003 - 05)
- “Representing the Poor and Homeless: A Community-Based Approach,” XIX *Saint Louis University Public Law Review* 475 (2000)
- “Notes from the Inside: Thoughts about the Future of Public Housing,” 10 *ABA Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law* 34 (2000)
- “Who’s in Charge, Anyway? A Proposal for Community-Based Legal Services,” (with Raymond H. Brescia and Robin Golden), XXV *Fordham Urban L. J.* 831 (1998)
- “Ending Welfare Mythology as We Know It,” 15 *Yale J. Reg.* 177 (1998)
- “Building a Segregated City: How We All Worked Together,”  
16 *Saint Louis University Public Law Journal* 265 (1997)
- “Staying in Role: Representing Children in Dependency and Neglect Proceedings,” 70 *Conn. Bar Journal* 258 (1996)
- "The Clinical Experience: A Case Analysis," 22 *Seton Hall Law Review* 1250 (1992)
- The Justice Mission Symposium. "Teaching Morality," 40 *Cleveland-Ball State Law Review*, 507 (1992)
- "Learning and Serving the Community: Yale Law's Housing Development Clinic" (with James S. Rubin), 2 *ABA Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law*, No.1, p. 15 (1992)
- "Doctors and Patients: Responsibilities in a Confidential Relationship" (with Richard Belitsky, M.D.), in *Aids and the Law: A Guide for the Public*, H. Dalton and S. Burris, editors, 1987

## **AWARDS**

2013 - Upper Level Teacher of the Year, UCI School of Law

2011 – Residents’ appreciation award – Housing Authority of the City of New Haven  
2008 – Community Builder Award, Hill Development Corporation  
2007 – Community Partner Award, ‘r kids, inc  
2005 – “Good Egg Award” (with Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization) –  
Greater New Haven Community Loan Fund  
2003 - Award of Appreciation, Housing Authority of the City of New Haven  
2002 - Reverend Howard Nash Award - Interracial Dialogue  
2001 - Elm Ivy Award  
2000 - Building Blocks Award, Student Parenting and Family Services  
1989 - Esquire Magazine National Register  
1988 - Orange Country Fair - Best Basil  
1986 - Community Service Award, United Way of Greater New Haven  
1985 - Coalition for Legal Services Poet Laureate

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of California - 2011  
State of Connecticut - 1979  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania – 1972  
Second Circuit Court of Appeals - 1984  
U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut - 1980  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania - 1973  
U.S. Tax Court - 1977