**EXPERIENCE**

**New York University School of Law,** New York, NY

Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering June 2014 – present

Associate Director Beginning June 2016

Teaching mandatory first-year course to class of 30 students using a simulation-based approach to legal reasoning, research, and writing; witness interviewing; client interviewing and counseling; negotiation; oral advocacy; and professional responsibility. Curriculum development responsibilities have included creating a new oral argument exercise.

Concurrent appointment as Associate Director includes additional responsibilities mentoring

Lawyering faculty, coordinating with doctrinal and clinical faculty, and assisting the Director with program management and development.

**Attorneys for Children Panel, Appellate Division, Second Department**, Brooklyn, NY

Appellate Attorney April 2012 – present

Under the auspices of the Attorneys for Children Program, represent children and income-eligible parents in appeals from the New York State Family Court to the Appellate Division, Second Department.

**The Bronx Defenders**, Bronx, NY

Temporary Staff Attorney, Family Defense Practice March 2013 – June 2013

Represented low-income parents in child welfare and related proceedings in Bronx County Family Court. Prepared for and conducted hearings and trials, including emergency hearings.

**Brooklyn Family Defense Project,** Brooklyn, NY

Staff AttorneyJan. 2009 – Sept. 2010

June 2011 – Dec. 2011

Represented low-income parents in child welfare and related proceedings in Kings County Family Court. Prepared for and conducted hearings and trials, including emergency hearings. Conducted active motion practice. Collaborated with social workers and parent advocates in holistic representation that included assistance with related legal matters, such as housing, immigration, and public benefits. Supervised interns and mentored new attorneys.

Volunteer Attorney Sept. 2010 – June 2011

Researched and drafted appeals of child welfare proceedings to the Appellate Division.

**The Legal Aid Society,** New York, NY

Staff Attorney/ EJW Fellow, Homeless Rights Project Sept. 2006 – Dec. 2008

Legal Intern, Homeless Rights Project June 2004 – May 2005

Advocated on behalf of homeless families and individuals with regard to their access to shelter and other benefits. As part of a team working on litigation to protect the rights of homeless families, conducted outreach and interviewed possible class action plaintiffs, drafted motion papers and affidavits, conducted depositions, analyzed discovery, and developed media strategies. Worked on state and federal litigation to protect the rights of homeless individuals and to require the Department of Homeless Services to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Supervised interns and paralegals. Designed and conducted trainings.

**U.S District Court for the Eastern District of New York**, Brooklyn, NY

Law clerk for the Honorable Jack B. Weinstein. Sept. 2005- Sept. 2006

**EDUCATION**

**Columbia University Law School,** New York, NY Juris Doctor, May 2005

Honors: Hamilton Fellowship, 2002-2005 (full tuition)

James Kent Scholar, 2002-2005 (top 1-3% of the class)

Pauline Berman Heller Prize, May 2005 (top graduating female law student)

Charles H. Revson LSPIN Fellowship, Summer 2004

Human Rights Internship, Summer 2003 and 2004

Activities: *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, Articles Editor

Tenants’ Rights Project, Co-Coordinator

**Bard College,** Annandale-on-Hudson, NYBachelor of Arts, May 2001

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

State: New York; Federal: Southern District of New York.

# PUBLICATIONS

*“However Kindly Intentioned”: Structural Racism and Volunteer CASA Programs*, 20 CUNY L. Rev. (Forthcoming) (with Tara Urs).

Note, *The Doorkeeper and the Grand Inquisitor: The Central Role of Verification Procedures in Means-Tested Welfare Programs*, 36 Colum. Hum. Rts. L. Rev. 664 (2005).

# PRESENTATIONS

*Parents, Children, and Identities*, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (June 2016)

*Structural Racism and Family Defense*, Reimagining Family Defense, CUNY School of Law, Long Island City, NY (April 2016).