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EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, LL.M., Advocacy
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, J.D., *cum laude*
Dean's List
Saint Thomas More Award for Law Journal Note
Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics, Articles Editor
Domestic Violence Clinic

HARVARD COLLEGE, B.A., History and Literature, *cum laude*
Dean's List
Honors Thesis
Harvard College Scholarship
Elizabeth Cary Agassiz Certificate of Merit

PUBLICATIONS

Justice Delayed by Design: The Harms of Our Protracted Divorce System,
VILLANOVA L. REV. (forthcoming 2025)

Sex, Lies, and Videotape: Denial and Wrongs Against Women, 31:2 VIRGINIA J.
PUB. POL'Y & THE LAW 182 (2024)

#MeToo, Wrongs Against Women & Restorative Justice, 28 KANSAS J.L. & PUB.
POL'Y 561 (2019)

The False Promise of Custody in Domestic Violence Protection Orders, 65
DEPAUL L. REV. 1001 (2016)

Money Can't Buy You Love: Valuing Contributions by Nonresidential Fathers,
81 BROOKLYN L. REV. 53 (2015)

Book Review: Casting off the Canon: Family Law Reimagined, Jill Elaine
Hasday (Harvard University Press, 2014), 3 BARRY CHILD & FAM. L.J. 1 (2015)

*Commentary: Study Shows Petitioners Pursue a Wide Array of Goals through
Protection Orders, at Odds with Experts over Potential of Protection Orders*,
by Lauren B. Cattaneo, VIOLENCE RESEARCH DIGEST, available at
<http://vrd.lib.niu.edu/index.php/vrd/article/view/9/7> (2015)

*Engaging Men as Fathers: The Courts, the Law, and Father-Absence in Low-
Income Families*, 35 CARDOZO L. REV. 511 (2013)

What's so Funny about Peace, Love, and Understanding? Restorative Justice as a New Paradigm for Domestic Violence Intervention, 40 SETON HALL L. REV. 517 (2010)

The Victim Informed Prosecution Project: A Quasi-Experimental Test of a Collaborative Model for Cases of Intimate Partner Violence, 15 VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN 1227 (2009) (with Lauren Bennett Cattaneo et al.) (nominated for VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN's 2009 Best Article Award)

The Criminal Justice System & Domestic Violence: Engaging the Case but Divorcing the Victim, 32 NYU REV. L. & SOC. CHANGE 191 (2008)
Barriers to Reliable Credibility Assessments: Domestic Violence Victim-Witnesses, 11 AM. U.J. GENDER SOC. POL'Y & L. 733 (2003)

Why Doesn't She Leave? The Collision of the First Amendment and Effective Court Remedies for Victims of Domestic Violence, 29 HASTINGS CON. L. QUART. 1 (2001)

Infecting Attorney-Client Confidentiality: The Ethics of HIV Disclosure, 9 GEO. J. LEGAL ETHICS 547 (1996)

LITIGATING CIVIL PROTECTION ORDER CASES (2011) (Deborah Epstein et al.)

D.C. BAR PRACTICE MANUAL, "Domestic Violence" (2006 Update) (with Elizabeth Liu et al.)

D.C. BAR FAMILY LAW TRAINING MANUAL (2003) (with multiple co-authors)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

SEEING STARS: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE RICH AND NOT-SO-RICH AND FAMOUS (Book)

Access to Clinics: A New Model

Restorative Justice and Domestic Violence: Aren't We There Yet?

EXPERIENCE

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL Washington, D.C.
Senior Associate Dean for Academic Development, Graduate Programs & Online Learning. Serve as member of senior leadership team of Law School. As part of this team, advise Dean on a wide variety of administrative, curricular, budgetary, and development matters. Directly supervise and support leadership of Bar Success Program, Graduate Programs, Inns of Court Program, Fundamentals of Lawyering Program, Clinical Programs, Field Placement, Online Programs, and Records Office. (2024 – present)

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL Washington, D.C.
JACOB BURNS COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINICS

Jacob Burns Foundation Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs. Responsible for management and administration of ten clinical programs that make up George Washington Law School's clinical program. Manage and oversee the law firm operations of the clinical program including malpractice insurance, conflict checks, staffing, long-term strategic planning, and compliance with ethical standards. Oversee compliance with educational requirements and efforts to provide the highest quality legal education. Collaborate with other units in law school including the Dean to support communications, outreach, development, and admissions. Serve as active liaison to both national clinical education organizations and local legal and judicial community. Served in this role with co-director from July 2018 – June 2019; as interim until January 2020. (2018 – present)

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL Washington, D.C.
FAMILY JUSTICE LITIGATION CLINIC
ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLINIC

Associate Professor of Law & Director. Teach weekly seminar for both Clinics on family law, domestic violence law, pre-trial skills, trial skills, access to justice, and race and equity in lawyering. Supervise teaching fellow and students in domestic relations, domestic violence, and immigration cases litigated in D.C. Superior Court. Direct Clinics and manage relationships with court and community. Direct and teach fellows clinical pedagogy class. Serve on Law School committees including Strategic Planning, Dean's Ad-Hoc Committee on Budget, Appointments, Curve, and Professional Development, and on University Faculty Senate. Family Law Concentration Coordinator. Participated in week-long Course Design Institute (2016); Faculty of week-long Course Design Institute (2017 – 2022); Inn of Court Advisor (2019 – present). Granted tenure, 2016. (2010 – present)

GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL Washington, D.C.
Associate Professor of Law. Teach Professional Responsibility and Ethics; Celebrity Domestic Violence and Wrongs Against Women; Racial Justice and Equity in Public Interest Lawyering. (2019 – present)

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER Washington, D.C.
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CLINIC

Visiting Associate Professor of Law & Co-Director. Developed curriculum and taught seminar on family law, domestic violence law, criminal law, and trial advocacy. Supervised teaching fellows and students in every phase of domestic violence litigation. Oversaw a docket of sixty cases each year. Litigated civil protection order, custody, child support, and criminal contempt cases. (Professor: July 2000 – 2010; Co-director: July 2004 – August 2010)

Faculty, Elements of Clinical Pedagogy Seminar. Co-taught seminar for graduate clinical fellows with Georgetown clinical faculty. (1999 – 2010)

Georgetown Fellow & Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow. Supervised law students in civil litigation representing victims of domestic violence. Taught seminar on family law, domestic violence law, and trial advocacy. Litigated civil protection order and criminal contempt cases. (Aug. 1998 – June 2000)

WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW Washington, D.C.
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Professor. Gender and the Law; Domestic Violence Law. (Aug. 2007 – December 2010)

CROWELL & MORING, L.L.P. Washington, D.C.

Litigation & Healthcare Associate. Managed large insurance coverage litigation. Undertook every phase of discovery from document production to written discovery and depositions. Prepared witnesses and exhibits for trial. Fielded hotline inquiries from mental health professionals regarding malpractice. Litigated termination of parental rights cases. (1997 – Jan. 1999)
Summer Associate. (June – Aug. 1995)

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk. Advocated for women's civil and reproductive rights. Analyzed proposed legislation for civil liberties impact. Wrote memorandum on litigation strategy challenging denial of insurance coverage to battered women. (May 1995 – Feb. 1996)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION Washington, D.C.

Law Clerk. Investigated complaints filed under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Drafted motions and discovery requests. (Aug. 1993 – Jan. 1995)

Program Analyst. Assisted in rule-making process and technical assistance provision of the ADA. Drafted speeches for Assistant Attorney General. Awarded Department of Justice Certificate of Commendation. (Apr. 1991 – May 1993)

U.S. SENATE, LABOR & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE Washington, D.C.

Staff Assistant & Intern. Drafted legislation on disability rights, HIV/AIDS, and poverty. Coordinated study of international disability rights legislation. (Sept. 1990 – Apr. 1991)

**SELECTED
PRESENTATIONS**

COURT REFORM & FAMILY LAW

- Fostering Resistance to the Status Quo in Family Law: Thinking Outside of the Litigation Box (AALS Clinical Conference, 2024)
- SEALS Conference (Innovations in Family Law Pedagogy, Presenter, 2023, 2024)
- Comparative Family Law (Clinical Legal Education in the United States (Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2023)
- SEALS Conference (Access to Justice: Roundtable Moderator, 2016)
- SEALS Conference (Roundtable Presenter, 2015)
- Midyear AALS Conference, Shifting Foundations of Family Law (Scholarship Presenter, 2015)
- Clinical Law Review Scholarship Workshop (Scholarship Presenter, 2012 & 2014)
- Law and Society Conference (Moderator & Commentator, 2014)
- Law and Society Conference (Scholarship Presenter, 2013)
- Georgetown-GW Junior Faculty Workshop (Scholarship Presenter, 2013)
- Washington Area Junior Clinical Faculty Workshop (Scholarship Presenter, 2013)
- Mid-Atlantic Theory Workshop (Scholarship Presenter, 2012)
- Southeastern Junior Law Faculty Workshop (Scholarship Presenter, 2012)
- Superior Court of the District of Columbia Annual Family Court Training (Plenary Presenter, 2009 & 2011; Panel Moderator, 2010 & 2012)
- D.C. Bar Family Law Section Seminar on Domestic Violence & Domestic Relations (Presenter, 2010)
- D.C. Bar Family Law Section Bench Bar Dialogue (Moderator, 2007 & 2008)
- D.C. Bar Family Law Section Domestic Violence Unit Bench Bar Dialogue (Moderator, 2007 & 2008)
- D.C. Bar Family Law Section Judicial Reception (Chair and Presenter, 2007 & 2008)
- D.C. Bar Family Law Section Judicial Reception (Chair and Presenter, 2007 & 2008)
- Superior Court of the District of Columbia Judicial Conference (Panel Organizer and Moderator, 2006)

LITIGATION RELATED TO GENDER-BASED WRONGS

- Clinical Law Review Scholarship Workshop (Access to Divorce Scholarship Presenter, 2023)
- Clinical Law Review Scholarship Workshop (Celebrity Domestic Violence Scholarship Presenter, 2016 - 2023)
- Denial and Wrongs Against Women (Presenter, Clinical Law Review Scholarship Workshop, 2022)
- #MeToo, Wrongs against Women & Restorative Justice (Presenter, Law & Society Conference, 2019)

- #MeToo, Wrongs against Women & Restorative Justice (Plenary Speaker, Kansas Journal of Law and Public Policy Restorative Justice Symposium, 2019)
- Denial and Domestic Violence (Presenter, Law & Society Conference, 2018)
- Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference (Celebrity Domestic Violence: Concurrent Session Presenter, 2016)
- Superior Court of the District of Columbia Judicial Training (Presenter, Domestic Violence 2006 – 2015)
- Georgetown Forum Radio Show, Representing Victims of Domestic Violence (Guest, aired Apr. 2005)
- WBAL Radio Show, Holding Domestic Violence Victims in Contempt for Violating Orders Issued Against their Batterers (Guest, aired Feb. 15, 2002)
- WBAL Radio Show, Perjury Charges Against Domestic Violence Victims (Guest, aired Apr. 21, 2001)
- Georgetown University Medical School Training on Domestic Violence (Presenter, Apr. 18, 2001)
- D.C. Bar Association Domestic Violence Seminar (Chair and Presenter, Oct. 15, 1999)
- Georgetown University Law Center Prettyman Fellowship Training (Guest Lecturer, Sept. 28, 1999)
- Emergency Domestic Relations Project Domestic Violence Training for Pro Bono Attorneys (Presenter, Mar. 18, 1999 and June 16, 1999)
- Emergency Domestic Relations Project Training Video (Chair and Presenter)

LEGAL EDUCATION

- Oops, I did it again: Embracing Risk Taking and Mistake-Making (Discussion Group Moderator, AALS Annual Conference, 2025)
- What's Love got to do with it? Making Something of Your First Class (Panelist and Moderator, Mid-Atlantic Clinical Conference, 2025 & Midwest Clinical Conference, 2024)
- Clinical Faculty in Law School Leadership: What you Bring to the Table (Panelist and Moderator, AALS Clinical Conference, 2024)
- Why Can't We all Just Get Along? (Discussion Group Moderator and Discussant, AALS Annual Conference 2024)
- Who am I? Professional Identity Formation in Clinical Education (Moderator & Discussant, Midwest Clinical Conference, 2023)
- Clinical Legal Education in the United States (Universidad del Salvador, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2023)
- What a Difference a Difference Makes: Empowering Students through Self Determination Theory (Discussion Group Moderator and Discussant, AALS Annual Conference 2023)
- Failing with Style (Moderator & Discussant, Midwest Clinical Conference, 2022)

- How the Pandemic Made me a Better Teacher (Discussion Group Moderator and Discussant, AALS Annual Conference 2021)
- Curiosity & Wonder (Discussion Group Moderator and Discussant, AALS Annual Conference 2020)
- When, How, and if Faculty Should Reveal their Personal Politics in the Classroom (Discussion Group Moderator and Discussant, AALS Annual Conference 2020)
- “Lying” Clients and the Students Who Represent Them: Helping Students Understand Why Clients May Mislead, Provide Mistruths, or Otherwise Fabricate (Concurrent Session Presenter, AALS Clinical Conference 2019)
- Cross-Generational Teaching: How to Remain Relevant in an Ever-Changing World (Discussion Group Moderator and Discussant, AALS Annual Conference 2019)
- It’s not me, it’s You. Or Maybe it is Me: Supervising Millennials (Concurrent Session Presenter, AALS Clinical Conference 2018)
- Trump, Technology & Teaching (Discussion Group Moderator and Discussant, AALS Annual Conference 2018)
- Law School Curricula and Practice-Readiness: Perfect Partners or Strange Bedfellows? (Discussion Group Moderator and Discussant, AALS Annual Conference 2017)
- Clinicians Charting New Waters (Panelist, AALS Annual Conference 2017)
- Teaching Empathy: (Concurrent Session Presenter, AALS Clinical Conference 2016)
- Collaboration in the New Normal (Workshop Presenter, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, 2015)
- Experiential Learning (Presenter, George Washington Law School, Inns of Court Program, 2014 - 2016)
- Clinicians Aging Wisely? (Workshop Presenter, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, 2014)
- Work-Life Balance and Women Lawyers (Presenter, George Washington Law School, 2013)
- Client Counseling and Interviewing: Preparing for Pro Bono Work (Presenter, George Washington Law School, 2013 & 2014)
- Transforming Litigation Clinics to Respond to the Changing Legal Market (Poster Presenter, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, 2013)
- Out of the Classroom and into the Community (Poster Presenter, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, 2012)
- Your Career as a Public Interest Lawyer: How to Make the Most of your Legal Education (Moderator, George Washington Law School First Year Orientation, 2011)
- Clinics and Public Interest at George Washington Law School (Presenter, George Washington Law School First Year Orientation, 2010 & 2011)
- Ethics, Confidentiality and Interviewing: Preparing for Pro Bono Work (Presenter, George Washington Law School, 2011)
- Your Career as a Litigator: How to Make the Most of Your Legal Education (Moderator, Georgetown First Year Orientation, Aug. 2005 – 2009)

- A Career as a Law Professor (Speaker, Georgetown University Law Center, 2002 & 2006)
- Georgetown Forum Radio Show, Clinical Legal Education (Guest, aired Apr. 2006)
- Association of American Law Schools Clinical Conference (Small Group Leader, May 2000)

CYBER-VIOLENCE

- A More Perfect Internet: Addressing Digital Incivility, Cyber-Violence, and "Fake News" (Panelist, March 2017)

APPOINTMENTS

D.C. Office of Police Conduct, Hearing Commissioner (2003 – present)

D.C. Mayor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board, Board Member (2004 – 2008); (2014 – 2019)

Superior Court of the District of Columbia Domestic Violence Unit Rules Advisory Committee, Member (2009 – 2017)

Superior Court of the District of Columbia Domestic Relations Rules Advisory Committee, Member (2014 – 2015)

PUBLIC SERVICE

Superior Court of the District of Columbia Family Court Domestic Relations Subcommittee, Member (2014 – present)

Gen-Z for Change, Board Member (2021 – present)

D.C. Bar Nominations Committee, Member (2019 – 2022)

D.C. Volunteer Lawyers Project, Advisory Committee, Member (2009 – 2021)

Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Volunteer Attorney-Negotiator (2008 – present)

Superior Court of the District of Columbia Domestic Violence Unit Task Force, Co-Chair (2006 – 2017)

Superior Court of the District of Columbia Family Court Training Committee, Member (2008 – 2014; 2022)

Superior Court of the District of Columbia Family Court Self Help Center, Counselor (2002 – 2013)

Frederick B. Abramson Memorial Foundation, Executive Committee Board Member (2004 – 2010)

D.C. Bar Family Law Section Steering Committee (2003- 2009), Co-Chair (2005 – 2008)

Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, Scholarship Review Panelist (2003 – 2009)

D.C. Bar Rules Committee, Member (2008)

D.C. Bar Finance Committee, Member (2006)

D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Board Member (2003 – 2006)

Targeted Offender Program, Litigation Team (2001 – 2006)

Emergency Domestic Relations Project, Assistant Director (1998 – 2000)

**BAR MEMBERSHIP
& HONORS**

Massachusetts, District of Columbia

Fulbright Visiting Scholar (2016 – present)

Distinguished Associate Dean Award, Student Bar Association (2024)

LANGUAGES

Fluent French, proficient Italian, Signed English, American Sign Language, beginner Spanish