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EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D. *cum laude* 1983
Harvard University, B.A., *magna cum laude* in Government 1980

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP)

Legal Director 2014 – 2019
Founding Executive Director 2003 – 2013

George Washington University Law School

Professor of Clinical Law (1995-present); 1991 – present
Associate Professor of Clinical Law (1991-1995)

Designed and teach the Domestic Violence Project, in which students are placed in local and national non-profit organizations to do litigation and/or legislative and policy reform work. 2003 - present (part-time)

Founded and Directed Domestic Violence Advocacy Project (litigation clinic), in which students represented clients seeking civil protection orders and criminal enforcement of those orders in court under faculty supervision. 1993 - 2001

Co-Founded and Co-Directed Domestic Violence Emergency Department (DVED) Clinic, in which students provided crisis intervention, risk assessment, safety planning and legal advocacy for domestic violence victims in local emergency rooms and in-patient Psychiatry Department. 1998 - 2001

Co-taught Civil and Family Litigation Clinic. 1991 – 1993

Washington & Lee School of Law (Visiting Professor of Law)

Taught Criminal Law and Family Law. Fall 1997

Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts, Washington, DC

Associate specializing in litigation, environmental law, and pro bono litigation. 1987 – 1991

Public Citizen Litigation Group, Washington, DC

Staff attorney for PCLG and Director of Freedom of Information Clearinghouse. 1986 – 1987
Litigated in federal court and administrative agencies under the Freedom of Information Act and U.S. Constitution.

Georgetown University Law Center, Sex Discrimination Clinic

Women's' Law & Public Policy Fellow 1985 - 1986
Adjunct Professor Spring 1991

Adjunct Professor of Family Law

George Washington University Law School 1993 and 1998
American University, Washington College of Law 1989

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago, Illinois

Law Clerk to Judge Frank H. Easterbrook Spring 1985

Jenner & Block, Chicago, Illinois 1983 – 1985
Associate specializing in general litigation.

CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Lay Member, Board for Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) of the American Psychological Association 2009 –2011

Board Member, Washington Council of Lawyers 2005 – 2009

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Child Custody 2005 - 2013

Advisory Board, National Evaluation of Domestic Violence Victims' Civil Legal Assistance Program 2001 – 2006

Peer Reviewer, U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Act grants 2000 – 2003

Member, Mayor's Commission on Violence Against Women 1996 – 2001

Member, Advisory Committee, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Curriculum Project 1996 – 1997

Member, National Task Force on Women, Welfare and Abuse 1996 – 1997

Board of Advisors, *Domestic Violence Report*, a bimonthly Report published by the Civic Research Institute 1995 – present

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Law & Society Review* 1992 – 1995

Periodic Reviewer, Family Law Chapter, *Street Law: A Course in Practical Law* 1987 – 1993

Co-Chair, DC/MD/VA/W.VA Women Law Professors Group 1994 – 1995

Member, DC Superior Court Domestic Violence Coordinating Council 1993 – 2001

Member, Working Group, Battered Women's Justice Project Ongoing consultation with Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence and battered women's advocates around country concerning a variety of issues. 1993 – 2001

Member, DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence Testimony before DC Council on numerous provisions relating to domestic violence, litigation of constitutional issues under IntraFamily Offenses Act in Superior Court, DC Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court; Advocacy and policy development with DC Superior Court, Metropolitan Police Department and U.S. Attorney's Office concerning treatment of family and domestic violence cases; Development of empirical study and Report on Police Response to Domestic Violence; and extensive media appearances. 1986 – 2006

Member, Inter-University Consortium on Poverty Law 1993 – 1996
Participated in Meetings and consultations concerning poverty-related issues in legal education and policy; Co-hosted "Peer Exchange" at George Washington University National Law Center.

Member, U.S. Attorney's Office Advisory Board on Domestic Violence 1993 – 1995

Member, DC Metropolitan Police Department Task Force on Domestic Violence 1990

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Lifetime Achievement Award, Battered Mothers' Custody Conference 2019

Alice Paul Award for Women Who Have Worked to Confront Men's Violence Against Women (*Dignity*, 2:1) 2017

Receipt of \$501,791 award from U.S. National Institute of Justice for 3-year research study analyzing outcomes in child custody litigation involving abuse and alienation allegations	2014
Honorable Mention, Gender-Based Violence Science Fair, <i>Bias Against Women Alleging Abuse in Family Courts</i> , http://wesharescience.com/pin/449	2014
Receipt of \$450,000 from the U.S. Dept of Justice under the Violence Against Women Act to support Custody and Abuse Project trainings (DV LEAP)	2011-2013
Sunshine Peace Award from the Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc.	2010
Inaugural Sharon Corbitt Award for “Exemplary Legal Services to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking,” ABA Commission on Domestic Violence	2009
Washington Area Women’s Foundation Leadership Award (to DV LEAP)	2009
Catalogue for Philanthropy (DV LEAP)	2007, 2010
Justice for Children Award for Outstanding Leadership	2007
Mary Byron Foundation Celebrating Solutions Award (to DV LEAP)	2006
National Equal Justice Library Edgar Cahn Award for article, <i>Domestic Violence, Character and Social Change in the Welfare Reform Debate</i>	Spring 2001
Receipt of grants for \$200-300,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Violence Against Women Act to support clinical teaching programs	1999, 2001
Georgetown Women’s Law & Public Policy Fellowship Georgetown University Law Center Sex Discrimination Clinic	1985 - 1986
Public Interest Law Internship Graduate Fellowship Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago	Summer 1983

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

U.S. child custody outcomes in cases involving parental alienation and abuse allegations: What do the data show? (in press, *Journal of Social Welfare & Family Law*, Special Issue, 2020)

Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Parental Alienation and Abuse Allegations, https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3448062 (2019) (listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for: *Empirical Studies eJournal*, *Experimental & Empirical Studies eJournals*, *Family & Children's Law eJournal*, LSN: *Child Custody (Topic)*, LSN: *Children, Adoption, & Parenting (Topic)*, *Law & Society: Family Law, Relations & Dispute Resolution eJournal*, *Law & Society: Private Law - Family Law eJournal* and *Law & Society: Private Law eJournals*)

Dangerous Liaisons: A Domestic Violence Typology in Custody Litigation, 70 *Rutgers L. Rev.* 115 (2017)

(with Sean Dickson) *Mapping Gender: Shedding Empirical Light on Family Courts’ Treatment of cases Involving Abuse and Alienation*, 35 *Law & Inequality* 311 (2017)

- Teaching Lawyering with Heart in the GW Domestic Violence Project*, Violence Against Women Vol. 22(12) 1484 –1495 (Symposium on Domestic Violence Teaching)(2016)
- Differentiating Domestic Violence Types: Profound Paradigm Shift or Old Wine in New Bottles?* in Mo Therese Hannah, PhD., and Barry Goldstein, J.D., Editors, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, ABUSE, AND CHILD CUSTODY: Legal Strategies and Policies, Vol. II, Ch. 2 (Civic Research Institute, 2016)
- Supreme Court Protects Negligent Defendants But Declines to Constitutionalize Overt Threats*, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REPORT, Vol. 20, No. 6 August/September (Civic Research Institute, 2015)
- Ohio v. Clark, Response*, GEO. WASH. L. REV. DOCKET (Oct. Term 2014), www.gwlr.org/ohio-v-clark/
- Johnson's Differentiation Theory: Is It Really Empirically Supported?* Journal of Child Custody, 12:1, 4-24 (2015)
- Getting Real about Abuse and Alienation: A Critique of Drozd and Olesen's Decision Tree*, Journal of Child Custody 7:4, 219 (2010)
- A Historical Perspective on Parental Alienation Syndrome and Parental Alienation*, Journal of Child Custody, 6:3, 232 (Symposium on Domestic Violence)(2009)
- The Misuse of Parental Alienation Syndrome in Custody Suits*, in Stark and Buzawa, Eds., VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN FAMILIES AND RELATIONSHIPS, Vol. 2, The Family Context (ABC-CLIO)(2009)
- Parental Alienation Syndrome and Parental Alienation: Research Reviews*. Harrisburg, PA (January, 2009; rev. 2013): VAWnet, a project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence/Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/AR_PAS.pdf
- Davis/Hammon, Domestic Violence, and the Supreme Court: The Case for Cautious Optimism*, 105 MICH. L. REV. FIRST IMPRESSIONS 22 (2006), <http://students.law.umich.edu/mlr/firstimpressions/vol1105/meier.pdf>
- A Domestic Violence, Child Custody, and Child Protection: Understanding Judicial Resistance and Imagining the Solutions*, 11 A.U. J. Gender, Social Policy & the Law 657 (2003)
- Domestic Violence, Character and Social Change in the Welfare Reform Debate*, Law and Policy 19:2, 205-263 (April 1997)(Symposium on Domestic Violence and Welfare)(Equal Justice Award)
- Domestic Violence and Feminist Jurisprudence: Toward a New Agenda* 4 Boston University Public Interest Law Journal 339 (Symposium 1995)(with Naomi Cahn)
- Introduction to Chapter, "Feminist Theory and Legal Norms" in *The Public Nature of Private Violence*, Fineman & Mykitiuk, Eds., (Routledge: 1994)
- Notes From the Underground: Integrating Psychological and Legal Perspectives on Domestic Violence in Theory and Practice* 21 Hofstra L. Rev. 1295 (Symposium)(Summer 1993)
- The 'Right' to a Disinterested Prosecutor of Criminal Contempt: Unpacking Public and Private Interests*, 70 Washington Law Quarterly 85 (Spring 1992)
- Recent Developments, *Double Jeopardy and Enforcement of Civil Protection Orders*, 1 Tex. J. of Women and Law 269 (Spring 1992)(with Naomi Cahn)
- Battered Justice*, *The Washington Monthly* (May 1987) (cover story), reprinted in Social Issues Resources Series, Vol. 3 (1984-1987)

TRAININGS, SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

Family Court Outcomes in Custody Cases Involving Abuse and Alienation, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

November, 2018

<i>Family Court Outcomes in Custody Cases Involving Abuse and Alienation</i> , National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, San Diego, CA	November, 2018
<i>Family Court Outcomes Study – Empirical Analysis of Custody Cases Involving Abuse and Alienation</i> , presenter and panel organizer, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada	June, 2018
<i>Domestic violence and child safety: Evidence-based inferences about risks to adults and children</i> , Judicial Conference of Virginia, Roanoke, VA	May, 2018
<i>Parental Alienation Syndrome and Parental Alienation in Family Court</i> , For Fairfax County Family Law Bar, Fairfax, VA	May, 2018
<i>Family Court Outcomes Project – Empirical Analysis of Custody Cases Involving Abuse and Alienation Claims (new results of full study)</i> , at the Battered Mothers’ Custody Conference, Albany, NY	May, 2018
Composed int’l panel and presented on <i>Family Courts Adjudicating Family Violence and Parental Alienation: Empirical Findings from the U.S., U.K. And Canada (new results of full study)</i> , at ISFL Regional Conference, U. Minn.	April, 2018
National Webinar, Battered Women’s Justice Project, discussing <i>pilot study of family court cases involving alienation & abuse claims</i>	February, 2018
<i>“Anti-Domestic Violence and Women’s Empowerment in the United States”</i> State Department International Visitor Leadership Program – Chinese NGOs	January, 2018
<i>Vicarious Trauma</i> presentation for the Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program, Washington, D.C.	January 2018
<i>Appeals; Domestic Violence and Custody</i> for the D.C. Affordable Law Firm, incoming Fellows (Washington, D.C.)	October 2017 & 2016
<i>"Child Safety in Cases Involving Domestic Violence" and "Evidence-Based Approach to Cross-Allegations of Abuse and Alienation,"</i> for the 2017 DR Best Practice Court Institute for Judges, Magistrates, Facilitators and Sherlocks (Denver, Colorado)	June 2017
<i>Some Best Practices: Taking the Long View</i> , at the International Symposium on “Contact Disputes and Allegations of Domestic Violence - Identifying Best Practices,” Queen Mary University of London School of Law (London, England)	May 2017
<i>Panel organizer and presenter, Implicit Gender Bias in Custody Cases Involving Abuse</i> , DC Bar and Judicial Conference of 2017 (Washington, D.C.)	April 2017
<i>Litigating Child Sexual Abuse in Custody Cases: Helping Parents Keep Their Children Safe</i> , American Bar Association Commission on DV (Webinar, with Sasha Drobnick)	April 2017

- Keeping Children Safe in Custody Cases Involving Domestic Violence*, for Va. Judicial Conference on “Enhancing Virginia Courts’ Handling of Cases Involving Trauma, Sexual Assault, and Stalking” (Charlottesville, Virginia) March 2017
- Mapping Gender in Family Courts: A Pilot Study*, for Section on SocioEconomics and Law, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA) January, 2017
- The Federal Access to Visitation Program and Domestic Violence* for Journal of Law & Inequality Symposium on The Family-Inequality Debate, U Minn. Law School November 2016
- Family Courts: Making the Visible Invisible* for the Journal of Law & Inequality 35th Anniversary Symposium Honoring Catharine A. MacKinnon, U Minn. Law School November 2016
- Custody and Protecting Children* for the Maryland Children’s Alliance Mid-Atlantic Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect November 2016
- Vicarious Trauma* for the Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program (Washington, D.C.) November 2016
- Legal responses to violence against women in the U.S.*, for the Dep’t of State International Visitor Leadership Program, Argentina/Chamber of Criminal Appeals September 26, 2016
- Top Ten Themes from Custody and Abuse Cases*, for Congressional Briefing on Protecting Child Safety in Family Courts September 13, 2016
- Real-Life Outcomes from Domestic Violence Cases and the Family Court System* (Plenary TED-Style presentation), Sojourner Center Institute Inaugural Research Symposium, Phoenix Biomedical Campus, Arizona April 14, 2016
- Finding a Career in Women’s Empowerment*, for Global Women’s Institute Symposium, George Washington University April 12, 2016
- Discussion of Ohio v. Clark*, Cleveland States’ Attorney’s Office, OHIO V CLARK: IMPROVING JUSTICE IN CHILD ABUSE CASES (All-day conference), Cleveland, Ohio March 4, 2016
- When is it more than Stress? Negotiating the Impact of Working with Trauma*, two workshops and one presentation at Oberlin College March 3, 2016
- Cromeartie v. RCM of Washington, DV LEAP case*, presented at Congressional Briefing on Gender-Based Violence and Employment February 25, 2016
- Framing your Case: Domestic Violence and Family Law Pleadings*, Teleconference, Hosted by the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence February 23, 2016

- Adjudicating Custody in Cases with Adult and Child Abuse Allegations*”
Hawaii Family Court, Honolulu, Hawaii (with Joyanna Silberg, PhD) September 10-11, 2015
- “*Keep Calm and Understand Elonis v. U.S.*” Webinar hosted by
Aequitas Resource (with Teresa Garvey) August 2015
- “*U.S. Supreme Court’s Ruling On Elonis, How Does It Affect You?*” DC Bar,
Washington, DC August 2015
- “*Johnson’s Differentiation Theory - Is it Really Empirically Supported?*” for
panel at AALS Family Law Workshop, Orlando, Fla June 2015
- “*Child Custody Outcomes in Cases Involving Parental Alienation and Abuse
Allegations*” Law and Society Annual Conference, Seattle, Washington
(presenting pilot data from NIJ Grant project) May 2015

- Protecting your Client's Access to Appeal*, for Webinar, *Fleeing for Safety: Representing Battered Respondents in International Child Abduction Cases Under The Hague Convention*, Webinar hosted by the ABA Commission on DV/SA and the UC Berkeley Hague Domestic Violence Project April 2015
- Keeping Children Safe in Custody Cases with Domestic Violence*, for Widener Symposium on Strengthening and Protecting Families, Wilmington, Del April 2015
- Civil Protection Orders for Sexual Assault Survivors: Salvaterra v. Ramirez, DCCA*, for the George Washington and American Inn of Court, District of Columbia March 2015
- Abuse Survivors in Family Court: An Uphill Battle*, for the University of California-Irvine Interdisciplinary Center on Family Violence, Irvine, CA March 2015
- Elonis v. U.S.: The DV LEAP Brief*, for conference on "Threats, Free Speech, and the Law in the Internet Age: *Elonis v. US*," Brandeis University, MA Feb 2015
- Getting Real about Abuse and Alienation*, for Temple Law "VAWA At 20" Conference, Philadelphia, PA Nov 2014
- An Evidence-Based Approach to Cross-Allegations of Alienation and Abuse*, and *Challenges of Child Protection in Custody Courts*, for the Maryland Children's Alliance Mid-Atlantic Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect 2014 Oct 2014
- At-Risk Children in the Family Courts*, for Panel Discussion: Parenting in the Aftermath of Family Conflict and Domestic Abuse, World Bank Oct 2014
- The Abuser as Parent; The Abuser in Custody Litigation; Parental Alienation* Trainings for the Delaware Statewide Joint Judges' and Commissioners' Meeting Sept 2014
- Webinar, *Current Cases: Legal Appeals Impacting the Domestic Violence Field*, for Jewish Women International, with Roberta Valente June 2014
- Teaching Lawyering with Heart in the GW Domestic Violence Project*, Panel on Teaching Domestic Violence, Law & Society Conference, Minneapolis, MN June 2014
- Moderator, Panel on Family Law, at *Men's Groups: Challenging Feminism, Exploratory Workshop at the Peter Wall Institute for Advanced Studies*, University of British Columbia, Canada June 2014
- Speaker, Themis Justice Recognition Reception (recognizing public officials who have shown outstanding leadership in efforts to save children from abuse and violence and address the profound societal costs of child abuse), Capitol Hill Visitors' Center May 2014
- Panelist, *An Evidence-Based Approach to Cross-Allegations of Alienation and Abuse*, American Psychological Association and American Bar Association Joint Conference on *Confronting Community and Family Violence*, Washington, D.C. May 2014
- Beyond Direct and Vicarious Trauma: Professional/Ally/Advocate Trauma*, at CONVERGE! Re-Imagining the Movement to End Gender Violence, University of Miami School of Law Feb. 2014

Panelist, <i>Vicarious Traumatization in Lawyers</i> , for the <i>Maryland Partners for Justice Conference</i> , Baltimore MD	May 2013
<i>Federal Developments on Family Courts and Abuse</i> , Battered Mothers' Custody Conference, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC	May 2013
<i>Holistic, Inter-disciplinary and Systems Change Focused Pedagogy</i> , American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico	April 2013
<i>Alienation and Abuse in Child Custody Litigation: The American Experience</i> , for the Japanese Federation of Bar Associations, Ochanomizu University, and Ritsumeikan University, Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan	April 2013
District of Columbia Annual Judicial and Bar Conference Seminar, "Poverty Law in the Court of Appeals - - Comments on <i>Jackson</i> and <i>Cromartie</i> ," Washington, DC	April 2013
American Bar Association Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence and the Office on Violence against Women Domestic Violence Litigation Teleconference: <i>Making the Record for Appeal</i>	April 2013
<i>Domestic Violence Appeals</i> and <i>Making the Record for Appeal</i> for the Cook County OP Appeals Collaborative: SNR Denton, Allstate, and LAF	March 2013
<i>Differentiating Domestic Violence Types: Profound Paradigm Shift or Old Wine in New Bottles?</i> at the Feminist Legal Theory Conference, Baltimore, MD	October 2012
<i>Thinking Appeal</i> , Pro Bono Training for Skadden Arps, Meagher and Flom LLP, organized by Legal Aid Society of DC	Sept. 2012
<i>Improving Outcomes for Children in Family Court: Cabining the Use of Alienation to Keep Children Safe</i> , Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) Annual Meeting (with Joy Silberg, PhD)	June 2012
<i>Making the Record: Thinking Appeal</i> , for West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Cacapon State Park, West Virginia	May 2012
Keynote, <i>Preventing Domestic Abuse and Violence: The United States Experience</i> , for the U.S. Dept of State International Visitor Leadership Program, Project for Near East and North Africa	April 2012
<i>Developments in the Law of Domestic Violence in the United States</i> , for ABA Rule of Law Initiative and UNICEF Study Tour for delegation of experts from China, Washington, DC	November 2011
<i>Problems with Child Protection in the Family Courts</i> , for Congressional Briefing on the Effects of Domestic Violence on Children, Washington, DC	October 2011
Keynote Presenter, "Distinguishing Different Types of Domestic Violence -- Promise or Peril?" Seminar, <i>Rethinking Domestic Violence</i> , University of Akron, Akron Bar Association and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Akron, Ohio	September 2011
Testimony before Arizona Domestic Relations Committee Substantive Law Workgroup, on domestic violence and coercive control in child custody amendments	May 2011
Keynote Presenter, <i>Teaching and Advocacy for Social Change: The Personal, the Political and the Supreme Court</i> , University College Dublin, Ireland	March 2011
Presenter, <i>Alienation and Abuse Allegations in Child Custody Litigation: What Courts Should Know</i> , Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges, Columbus, Ohio	December 2010

- Debate with leading advocate for criminal defendants' confrontation rights, Jeffery Fisher, on *Confrontation Rights in Domestic Violence Cases*, for the National Association of Women Judges Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA October 2010
- Panelist presenting on *Sexual Abuse Casework and Secondary Trauma: An Occupational Hazard for Professionals*, at the DC Superior Court's Ninth Annual Family Court Multidisciplinary Training Institute, Washington, DC October 2010
- Keynote Presenter, *Domestic Violence in Family Court: Where have we been and where should we go?*; and workshop presenter, *Custody Evaluations and Thinking Appeal*, 2nd Annual Seattle University Symposium on Domestic Violence September 2010
- Participant, *Families Matter Symposium*, American Bar Association Section of Family Law and U. Balt. School of Law Center for Families, Children and the Courts, Baltimore, MD June 2010
- Competitively Selected Presenter, *Getting Real about Parental Alienation*, at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado (with Julie Field) June 2010
- Full Day Trainer, *The Reality of Custody Disputes: Effective Representation of the Victim of Sexual and Domestic Violence*, for the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Lawrence, Kansas December 2009
- Presenter, *Domestic Violence and Custody in Family Court*, for the D.C. Volunteer Lawyers' Project, Washington, D.C. December 2009
- The Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP)*, at the National Summit to End Domestic Violence hosted by The Mary Byron Project November 2009
- Presenter, *Pitfalls in Adjudications of Custody and Abuse*, for the District of Columbia Family Court Conference, Washington, D.C. October 2009
- Keynote Domestic Violence Presentation for the State Department International Visitor Leadership Program, S. African delegation September 2009
- Competitively Selected Presenters, *Parental Alienation in Family Court and Child Welfare Agencies: Challenges & Strategies*, at the National Summit on the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Welfare, Jackson Hole, Wyoming (with Elizabeth Liu) June 2009
- Presenter, *Defining Domestic Violence: The Potential and Pitfalls of the New Paradigms*, for Jewish Women International's Fourth International Conference on Domestic Abuse, Baltimore, MD April 2009
- Keynote Domestic Violence Presentation for the Delegation from Hungary, Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program hosted by the Meridian International Center, Washington, DC March 2009
- Trainer, *Custody Evaluations in Abuse Cases: Problems and Responses*, for the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Tampa, FL January 2009
- Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program: The United States Experience in Combating Domestic Violence, A Project for Ukraine, hosted by the Meridian International Center, Washington, DC December 2008
- Presenter, *Vicarious Traumatization: What it is and What Can Be Done About it*, for the Children's Law Center, Washington, DC November 2008

- Panelist, Partnering to Prevent Domestic Abuse – Panel Discussion: What you may not Know, sponsored by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC October 2008
- Keynote Panelist, Violence Against Women in the Supreme Court for the Ortner-Unity Family Violence Center & the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA October 2008
- Presenter, *Parental Alienation: Challenges and Strategies*, at the Battered Women’s Justice Project 12th Annual Coalition Advocates and Attorneys’ Network Meeting, Washington, DC September 2008
- Presenter, *Abuse Evaluations in Civil/Family Courts*, for the National Children’s Bench Book Project: Symposium on Improving Judicial Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, , Washington, DC September 2008
- Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program: Supporting Victims of Gender Violence, a Project for South Africa, hosted by the Meridian International Center, Washington, DC July 2008
- Presenter, *Can Batterers Still be Prosecuted after the Giles Decision?* Jewish Women International TeleConference June 2008
- Models of Domestic Violence*, for panel on Laying the Foundation for Theoretical Development in Elder Mistreatment, National Institutes of Justice Workshop on Elder Mistreatment, Washington, DC February 2008
- Parental Alienation Syndrome or Abuse? Getting Past the Rhetoric*, for the East Central Multidisciplinary Team, Manchester, CT January 2008
- Challenges of Child Protection in Custody Courts*, Domestic Violence Consultant Initiative for Connecticut Department of Children and Families, Hartford, CT January 2008
- Co-Trainer, *Evidence in Domestic Violence Litigation*, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Continuing Legal Education Teleconference Series March 2006 and February 2008
- Symposium Organizer and Host, Custody and Abuse Cases in the Supreme Court, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC December 2007
- Sociohistorical Perspective and Legal Strategies for Change*, for Symposium on Custody and Abuse Cases in the Supreme Court, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC December 2007
- Organizer and Co-Host, *The Art of the Appeal – Critical Tools for Protecting Children in Custody Cases*, Training Sponsored by DV LEAP and Justice for Children, Washington, DC June 2007
- Statutory Issues in Domestic Violence/Custody Cases* for The Art of the Appeal – Critical Tools for Protecting Children in Custody Cases, Training Sponsored by DV LEAP and Justice for Children, Washington, DC June, 2007
- Introduction to Parental Alienation Syndrome – Critiques and Legal Challenges*, for The Art of the Appeal – Critical Tools for Protecting Children in Custody Cases, Training Sponsored by DV LEAP and Justice for Children, Washington, DC June, 2007
- Panelist, *Has the Debate Between Feminist and Non-Feminist Researchers Been Resolved? Michael Johnson’s Two (or Four) Types of Domestic Violence*, for panel on Empirical Research on Domestic Violence, American Association of Law Schools Workshop on Family Law 2007, Vancouver, Canada June 2007

- Panelist, Child Custody Plenary Panel, 3rd National Conference of Jewish Women International Conference on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community, Baltimore, MD March 2007
- Panelist, Response to Keynote, Battered Mothers & Witnessing Children: Failure to Protect and Conceptions of State Accountability, Denver University Law School, Denver, CO March 2007
- Keynote Speaker, Getting Real about Abuse and Alienation, for the Fourth Battered Mothers' Custody Conference, Albany, NY January 2007
- Guest Speaker, *DV LEAP and the Hammon/Davis cases*, Georgetown University Law Center Domestic Violence Clinic, Washington, DC April 2006
- Domestic Violence Appeals*, on panel on Poverty Law in the DC Court of Appeals: Important Recent Developments, DC Bar and Judicial Conference, Washington, DC March 2006
- Presenter and Organizer of Panel, The Confrontation Clause vs. Effective Domestic Violence Prosecution? A Panel Discussion of the Pending Hammon/Davis Cases Before the Supreme Court, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC March 2006
- Keynote Speaker, *City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales* Conference: Some are Guilty-All are Accountable, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO March 2006
- The Confrontation Clause and Domestic Violence Prosecution*, DC Bar Family Law Section, Washington, DC February, 2006
- Parental Alienation Syndrome*, and Discussion Leader, "Breaking the Silence: Children's Stories," Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Clearinghouse Lawyer Training, Tampa, FL February 2006
- Panelist, Breaking the Silence: Children's Voices, at the 3rd Annual Battered Mothers' Custody Conference, Siena, NY. January 2006
- Presenter and Workshop Teacher, *Parental Alienation Syndrome or Abuse? The Battle for Truth*, and *Cross-Examination of Experts*, for the Muskie School of Public Service Child Custody and Domestic Violence Institute, San Antonio, TX November 2005
- Keynote Speaker, *City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, 22nd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Luncheon, Safe Nest, Las Vegas, NV. October, 2005
- Panelist, *Domestic Violence in the Supreme Court*, George Washington University Law School Orientation, Washington, DC August 2005
- Post-Trial Remedies and Appeal*, American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence, National Civil Law Institute, Chicago, IL July 2005
- City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, National Network to End Domestic Violence Annual Conference and Lobby Day, Washington, DC June 2005
- City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, Greenbook Initiative 2005 All-Sites Conference, Colorado Springs, CO. June, 2005
- Guest Speaker, *City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales*, Georgetown University Law Center Domestic Violence Clinic, Washington, DC April 2005
- Presenter and Organizer of Panel, *Litigating the First Domestic Violence Civil Rights Case in the U.S. Supreme Court*, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC March 2005

<i>Thinking Appeal</i> , presented at American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence Teleconference on Litigation Tips in Domestic Violence Cases	May 2004
DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation Domestic Violence Training for Pro Bono Attorneys	October 2003 thru 2009
“ <i>Domestic Violence Custody Cases in the Unified Family Court Context</i> , Florida Unified Family Courts Conference, Orlando, FL	October 2004
<i>The Intersection of Custody Battles and Criminal Prosecution of Domestic Violence, or When is a Woman Alleging Abuse not Credible?</i> for the National Association of Attorney Generals’ Annual National Conference, Emerging Issues: Violence Against Women, Washington, DC	June 2004
<i>Co-Occurrence of Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment</i> , 11th National ABA-APA Conference on Children and the Law, Washington, DC	June 2004
<i>Vicarious Traumatization: What it is and What can be Done About it</i> , New Jersey Judicial Training Conference on Domestic Violence, Easton, NJ	April, 2004
<i>Litigation Tactics and Strategies in CPO Litigation</i> at DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, CLE Course on new Domestic Violence Rules, Washington, DC	January 2004
<i>The Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project</i> , DC Bar PART Program Meeting, Washington, DC	November 2003
Panel Presentation, <i>The Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project</i> , Washington Council of Lawyers Brown Bag Panel on Domestic Violence Pro Bono Opportunities, Washington, DC	September 2003
Panel Presentation, <i>Expert Witnesses in Domestic Violence Cases</i> , at Civil Institute, co-sponsored by ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and U.S. Department of Justice Violence Against Women Office, Washington, DC	March 2001
Panel Presentation, <i>Interdisciplinary Approaches to Domestic Violence</i> , Family Violence Prevention Fund Annual Conference on Domestic Violence and Health, San Francisco, CA	October 2000
Invited Two-day Facilitator for ongoing Breakout Sessions, DC Domestic Violence Training Conference, Co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, DC Superior Court Domestic Violence Intake Center et al, Washington, DC	October 2000
Empowering Battered Women Clients, National Association of Public Interest Law,” Washington, DC	May 2000
Panel Presentation, <i>The Domestic Violence Emergency Department Clinic</i> , ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Conference on Educating to End Domestic Violence, George Washington University Law School	September 1999
Facilitator, Domestic Violence Clinics, Small Group Workshop, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Conference on Educating to End Domestic Violence, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC	September 1999
<i>Helping Clients Overcome Domestic Violence</i> , Legal Services of New Jersey Annual Conference, Eatontown, NJ	May 1999

- Panel Presentation, *A Psychological Perspective: Sources of Conflict*, Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop “Uncomfortable Conversations,” Ithaca, NY April 1999
- Presenter, Workshop on Domestic Violence, St. Francis Center 1998 Illness, Loss & Grief Conference (for grief counselors) April 1999
- Seminar, *Representing Children in Domestic Violence Cases*, DC Bar PSAC et al., (training for Guardians Ad Litem), Washington, DC November 1998
- Moderator, Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop on Law and the Construction of Identity, New York, NY November 1998
- Domestic Violence, Character, and Social Change*, Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, New York, NY November 1998
- Domestic Violence, Work and Welfare*, for DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy Project, Washington, DC October 1998
- Child Support Enforcement and Domestic Violence*, by invitation of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at the A New Responsibilities Forum, Washington, DC June 1998
- The District of Columbia Unified Domestic Violence Court*, American Bar Association Summit on Unified Family Courts, Philadelphia, PA May 1998
- Domestic Violence and Child Support Collection*, Presidential Showcase Session, Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association Training Conference, Buffalo, NY May 1997
- Keynote Speaker, *Professional Challenges: Advanced Perspectives on the Psychological and Economic Issues Involved in Advocating for Domestic Violence Victims*, Training Conference on Special Issues in Representing Victims of Domestic Violence, Rutgers-Camden School of Law, Camden, NJ April 1997
- Welfare Reform and Domestic Violence*, DC Bar Mid-Winter Convention, Washington, DC February 1997
- Changing Perspectives on Domestic Violence as a Crime*, Joint Program of Criminal Law and Family/Juvenile Law Sections on “Criminal Law and the Family,” Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC January 1997
- Teaching about Women and Poverty in the Clinic*, 12th Annual Women and the Law Program of the Washington College of Law at the 1997 AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC January 1997
- Small Group Facilitator, Joint Program of Women in Legal Education, Poverty Law and Clinical Law Sections on Women and Poverty: The State, Care Giving, Work and Violence, 1997 AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC January 1997
- Domestic Violence, Character and Social Change in the Welfare Reform Debate*, Mid-Atlantic Clinical Theory and Practice Workshop, Catholic University School of Law, Washington, DC December 1996
- An Interdisciplinary Domestic Violence Clinic* (with Mary Ann Dutton, PhD), ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Meeting on Domestic Violence Curriculum Project, Washington, DC December 1996
- TeleConference Forum on Domestic Violence and Welfare, by invitation of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC October 1996

<i>Interviewing a Victim of Domestic Violence</i> , DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, Domestic Violence Training, Washington, DC	October 1996
<i>Contempt Enforcement of Civil Protection Orders</i> , DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, Domestic Violence Training, Washington, DC	October 1995 and 1996
<i>Welfare and Domestic Violence</i> , by invitation of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at Conference on A Changing the Culture, Washington, DC	September 1996
<i>Legal Remedies for Domestic Violence</i> , Asian Women's Self-Help Association, MD	April 1996
<i>A Feminist Perspective on the Simpson Case</i> , George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC	October 1995
<i>History of Legal Developments concerning Domestic Violence in the United States</i> , for the International Association of Women Judges, Washington, DC	July 1995
Trainer, ABA Section on Litigation, Pro Bono Committee, Legal Services Advocacy Program, Catholic University Law School, Washington, DC	June 1995
Moderator, Panel on The Problem of Violence and Poverty, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, "Leadership Summit," Washington, DC	April 1995
Guest Speaker, <i>Domestic Violence and the Law</i> , Mount Vernon College course on "Cultures in Crisis," Washington, DC	April 1995
Work-in-Progress, Criminal Law and the Family, Women Law Professors of Washington, Baltimore, Maryland Area Spring Symposium, Baltimore, MD.	April 1995
<i>Domestic Violence</i> , National Youth Leadership Forum, Washington, DC	March 1995
Commentator on Papers by Peter Margulies and Ann Shalleck at Symposium on Professional Responsibility, Community and Pluralism, George Washington University National Law Center, Washington, DC	February 1995
Co-Facilitator, Social Change Lawyering, Workshop at Alliance for Justice Symposium, Washington, DC	October 1994
<i>Counseling and Safety Planning</i> , DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, Domestic Violence Training, Washington, DC	October 1994
Co-presenter, <i>Social Change Lawyering in the Law School Clinic</i> , Mid-Atlantic Clinical Theory Workshop, Catholic University Law School, Washington, DC	September 1994
<i>Civil Protection Orders in DC</i> , for Emergency Domestic Relations Project Pro Bono Training, Crowell & Moring, Washington, DC	July 1994
Co-teacher and Presenter, <i>Counter-transference in Domestic Violence Work</i> , in Small Group on Domestic Violence at American Association of Law Schools Clinical Section Workshop, Newport Beach, CA	June 1994
Co-host of National Peer Exchange on Domestic Violence and Feminist Jurisprudence at George Washington University National Law Center, Washington, DC	April 1994
<i>An Interdisciplinary Approach to Teaching a Domestic Violence Clinic</i> (with Mary Ann Dutton, PhD), at Peer Exchange on Domestic Violence and Feminist Jurisprudence at George Washington University National Law Center, Washington, DC	April 1994
<i>The Connection Between Spouse Abuse and Child Abuse: A Study of System Failure</i> , before the Family Law Section, Annual Meeting of American Association of Law Schools, Orlando, FL.	January 1994

Co-teacher, <i>Evaluation in the Law School Clinic</i> , at the American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference Clinical Section Meeting, San Francisco, CA	January 1993
Reviewer and Contributor, DC Practice Manual, Third Edition, Chapter on Domestic Relations, Washington, DC	1993-94
<i>Criminal Prosecution of Domestic Violence</i> , for DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Advocacy Project, Washington, DC	1991 - 1993
<i>Police Response to Domestic Violence</i> , for DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and DC Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC	1992
Panelist in Workshop on Domestic Violence, Legal Services of New Jersey Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	November 1992
Presentation and Publication, <i>Defending Battered Mothers: Some Thoughts on the Child Factor in Domestic Violence</i> , ABA National Institute Section on Criminal Justice, <i>Defending Battered Women in Criminal Cases</i> , Baltimore, MD	September 1992
Commentator, Panel on <i>Feminist Theory and Legal Norms</i> at Domestic Violence Symposium, Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY	April 1992
Paper, <i>The Relevance of Domestic Violence in Establishing Jurisdiction over Child Custody</i> , commissioned by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National Woman Abuse Prevention Center, Washington, DC	December 1991

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

<i>Top Ten Themes from Custody and Abuse Cases</i> , Congressional Briefing on Protecting Child Safety in Family Court	Sept 2016
<i>Invited Testimony</i> before Arizona Domestic Relations Committee Substantive Law Workgroup, on domestic violence and coercive control in child custody amendments	May 2011
Invited Congressional Briefing on <i>Protecting Children in Custody and Abuse Litigation</i> , with Leadership Council on Interpersonal Violence and Child Abuse and other groups, for Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and other Congressional staff.	March 2009
Testimony before the D.C. Council on the <i>Omnibus Anti-Crime Amendment Act of 2009</i> and <i>Public Safety & Justice Amendments Act of 2009</i> , Washington, DC	March 2009
Testimony before DC Council, on the <i>Safe and Stable Homes for Children and Youth Act of 2007</i> , Bill 17-4001 for the Judiciary Committee Roundtable, Washington, DC	April 2007
Testimony before DC Council, <i>2006 Public Oversight Hearing on Funding for Domestic Violence Service</i> , Washington, DC	May 2006
Testimony before DC Council on Phase II welfare reform legislation, A Self-Sufficiency Promotion Emergency Amendment Act of 1998, Washington, DC	April 1998
Testimony before DC Task Forces on Welfare Reform Plan under Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996, Washington, DC	December 1996
Testimony before DC Council on "Joint Custody of Children Amendment Act of 1995," Washington, DC	May 1995

Testimony (written) before U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Opposition to the Nomination of Alexander Williams to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Maryland.	July 1994
Testimony before DC Council on “Joint Custody of Children Amendment Act of 1993,” Washington, DC	April 1994
Testimony before DC Council on “Evidence of Spouse Abuse in Child Custody Cases Act of 1993” and “Evidence of Battered Spouse Syndrome Act of 1993,” Washington, DC	May 1993
Testimony before DC Council on “Anti-Stalking Amendment Act of 1993,” Washington, DC	March 1993
Testimony before DC Council on <i>Prevention of Domestic Violence Amendment Act of 1990</i> , Washington, DC	1990

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Law, Women and the Law, and Family Law Sections
American Bar Association, Family Law Section
Washington Council of Lawyers
United States Supreme Court
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
District of Columbia Bar
Illinois Bar (Inactive)

MEDIA

Extensive media interviews with radio, newspapers and television news and documentaries.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST