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WORK EXPERIENCE

7/99-Present Professor, The George Washington University Law School (on leave, 2002-2004, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo); Associate Dean for Faculty Development, 2006-2008

Teaching Child, Family & State, Family Law, Professional Responsibility, and Trusts and Estates

7/93-7/99 Associate Professor, The George Washington University Law School

8/98-1/99 Visiting Associate Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

Taught Family Law I

7/91-6/93 Visiting Professor, Georgetown University Law Center

Taught two courses: Sex Discrimination Clinic and International and Comparative Women's Rights.

8/88-6/93 Assistant Director, Georgetown University Law Center Sex Discrimination Clinic

Taught in law school clinic in which students represented victims of domestic violence in D.C. Superior Court; issues involved family law and related topics.

7/91-6/93 Co-Director, Emergency Domestic Relations Project, Georgetown University Law Center

Supervised project which provided counseling, legal referrals, and court negotiation services to victims of domestic violence.

4/87-8/88 Attorney, Hogan & Hartson, Washington, DC

Worked in litigation department, specializing in education desegregation cases; represented clients in pro bono domestic relations cases

- 8/86-3/87 Attorney, Dolkart & Zavos, Washington, DC

Worked in small firm concentrating on employment discrimination and domestic relations cases.
- 7/84-8/86 Staff Attorney/Fellow, Harrison Institute for Public Law,
Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

Served as Fellow in law school clinic representing low and moderate income tenant groups; taught a weekly seminar and supervised 7-8 students.
- 4/84-7/84 Staff Attorney, Community Legal Services, Philadelphia, PA

Litigated in family law unit of legal services office; interviewed clients, wrote briefs, and appeared in court.
- 9/83-4/84 Law Clerk, Division of Market Regulation,
Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC

BOOKS

RETURNING HOME: GENDER IN THE POST-CONFLICT CONTEXT (Oxford University Press forthcoming 2011)(co-authored with Professors Fionnuala Ní Aoláin and Dina Haynes)

RED FAMILIES V. BLUE FAMILIES (Oxford University Press 2010)(co-authored with Professor June Carbone)

The book has been featured in THE NEW YORK TIMES, the WASHINGTON POST, the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, and THE NEW YORKER, and both authors have made numerous media appearances, including on NPR, MSNBC and bloggingheadstv.com

TEST TUBE FAMILIES: WHY THE FERTILITY MARKETS NEED LEGAL REGULATION (NYU Press 2009)

CONTEMPORARY FAMILY LAW (2d ed West Publishing 2009)(co-authored with Douglas Abrams, Catherine Ross, and David Meyer) and TEACHER'S MANUAL

FAMILIES BY LAW: AN ADOPTION READER (New York University Press 2004)(co-edited with Joan Heifetz Hollinger)

CONFINEMENTS: FERTILITY AND INFERTILITY IN CONTEMPORARY CULTURE (Rutgers University Press 1997)(with Helena Michie)

SELECTED ARTICLES

The New Kinship, 100 Geo. L.J. ___ (forthcoming 2012)

Accidental Incest: Drawing the Line –or the Curtain? –for Reproductive Technology, 32 Harv. J. Gender & L. 59 (2009)(invited)

Mandatory Disclosure? The Need for a National Donor Registry, 12 DePaul J. Health Care L 203 (2009)(symposium)

Representing Children’s Interests, 40 Fam. L.Q. 109 (2006)(symposium)

Poor Children: Child “Witches” and Child Soldiers in Sub-Saharan Africa, 3 Ohio J. Crim. L. 413 (2006)(symposium)

Women in Post-Conflict Reconstruction: Dilemmas and Directions, 12 Wm & Mary J. Women & Law 335 (2006)(symposium)

Beyond Retribution and Impunity: Responding to War Crimes of Sexual Violence, 1 Stan. J. C.R. & C.L. 217 (2005)(symposium)

Corporate Governance Divergence and Sub-Saharan Africa, 33 Stetson L. Rev. 893 (2004) (symposium)

Perfect Substitutes or the Real Thing?, 52 Duke L. J. 1077 (2003)

Battered Women, Child Maltreatment, Prison and Poverty: Issues for Theory and Practice, 11 Am. U. J. Gender Soc. Pol’y & Law 355 (2003)(symposium)

Parenthood, Genes, and Gametes: The Family Law and Trusts and Estates Perspective, 32 U. Memphis L. Rev. 563 (2002)(symposium)

Faithless Wives and Lazy Husbands: Gender Norms in Nineteenth Century Divorce Law, 2002 U. Ill. L. Rev. 651

Children’s Interests and Information Disclosure: Who Provided the Egg and Sperm?, 2 Geo. J. Gender & L. 1 (2002)(symposium)

The Coin of the Realm: Poverty and the Commodification of Gendered Labor, 5 Iowa J. Gender, Race & Justice 1 (2001)(symposium)

Women’s Work: The Powers of Caretaking, 12 Yale J.L. & Fem. 177 (2000)

Policing Women: Moral Arguments and the Dilemma of Criminalization, 49 DePaul L. Rev. 817 (2000)(symposium)

Looking at Marriage, 98 Mich. L. Rev. 1766 (2000)(book review)

Children's Interests in a Familial Context: Poverty, Foster Care, and Adoption, 60 Ohio St. L.J. 1189 (1999)(symposium)

Comment: Models of Family Privacy, 67 Geo. Wash. U.L. Rev. 1225 (1999)(symposium)

Gendered Identities: Women and Household Work, 44 Vill. L. Rev. 525 (1999)(symposium)

The Moral Complexities of Family Law, 50 Stan. L. Rev. 225 (1997)(review essay)

Representing Race Outside of Explicitly Racialized Contexts, 95 Mich. L. Rev. 965 (1997) (symposium)

Reframing Child Custody Decisionmaking, 58 Ohio State L.J. 1 (1997)

Pragmatic Questions About Parental Liability Statutes, 1996 Wis. L. Rev. 399 (symposium)

Foreword: Responsible Lawyers, 63 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 921 (1995)

Family Law, Federalism, and the Federal Courts, 79 Iowa L. Rev. 1073 (1994)

Family Issue(s), 61 U. Chi. L. Rev. 325 (1994) (book review)

Inconsistent Stories, 80 Geo. L.J. 2475 (1993)(symposium)

The Case of the Speluncean Explorers: Contemporary Proceedings, 61 Geo. Wash. L. Rev. 1754 (1993)(symposium)

The Looseness of Legal Language: The Reasonable Woman Standard in Theory and in Practice, 77 Cornell L. Rev. 1398 (1992)(symposium)

Speaking Differences, 90 Mich. L. Rev. 1705 (1992) (book review)

Styles of Lawyering, 43 Hastings L.J. 1039 (1992)(symposium)

Civil Images of Battered Women: The Impact of Domestic Violence on Child Custody Decisions, 44 Vand. L. Rev. 1041 (1991)

Defining Feminist Litigation, 14 Harv. Women's L.J. 1 (1991)

A Preliminary Feminist Critique of Legal Ethics, 4 Geo. J. Legal Ethics 23 (1990)

CO-AUTHORED:

Naomi R. Cahn & Jennifer M. Collins, *Eight is Enough*, 103 NW. U. L. REV. COLLOQUY 501

(2009)

Naomi Cahn and June Carbone, *Lifting the Floor: Sex, Class and Education*, . 39 U. BALT. L.F. 57 (2009)

Naomi Cahn and Anthony Gambino, *Towards A Typology of Corporate Governance*, Geo. J. Intl. L. 655 (2008)(symposium on international corporate responsibility)

Naomi Cahn and June Carbone, *Deep Purple: Shades of American Family Law*, 110 W. Va. L. Rev. 459 (2007)(symposium on Law and Religion)

June Carbone and Naomi Cahn, *Examining the Biological Bases of Family Law; Lessons to be Learned for the Evolutionary Analysis of Law*, 2 Intl. J. L. in Context 277 (2006)(symposium)

Naomi Cahn and Michael Selmi, *The Class Ceiling*, 65 Md. L. Rev. 435 (2006)(symposium)

Michael Selmi and Naomi Cahn, *Women in the Workplace: Which Women, Which Agenda?*, 13 Duke J. Gender Policy and the Law 7 (2006)(symposium)

June Carbone and Naomi Cahn, *The Biological Basis of Commitment: Does One Size Fit All?*, 25 Women's Rts. L. Rep. 223 (2004) (symposium)

Naomi Cahn and Anne Goldstein, *Roe and its Global Impact*, 64 U. Pa. J. Con. L. 695 (2004)

June Carbone and Naomi Cahn, *Which Ties Bind? Redefining the Parent-Child Relationship in an Age of Genetic Certainty*, 11 Wm. & Mary Bill of Rts. L.J. 1011 (2003) (symposium)

Michael Selmi and Naomi Cahn, *New Perspectives on Work/Family Conflict: Caretaking and the Contradictions of Contemporary Policy*, 55 Me. L. Rev. 289 (2003)(symposium)

Naomi Cahn and Jana Singer, *Adoption, Identity, and the Constitution: The Case for Opening Closed Records*, 2 U. Pa. J. Con. L. 150 (1999)(symposium)

Catherine Ross and Naomi Cahn, *Subsidy Without Intervention: Lessons from Foster Care*, 8 Am. U. Gender Soc. Poly. & L L. 55 (2000)(symposium)

Naomi Cahn and Robert Tuttle, *Dependency and Delegation: The Ethics of Marital Representation*, 22 Seattle U. L. Rev. 97 (1998)(symposium)

Naomi Cahn and Joan Meier, *Domestic Violence and Feminist Jurisprudence: Towards a New Agenda*, 4 B.U. Pub. Int. L.J. 339 (1995)(symposium)

Marie Ashe and Naomi Cahn, *Child Abuse: A Problem for Feminist Theory*, 2 Tex. J. Women & L. 75 (1993) (reprinted in THE PUBLIC NATURE OF PRIVATE VIOLENCE (Martha Fineman and Roxanne Mykitiuk eds., 1994))

Naomi Cahn and Norman Schneider, *The Next Best Thing: Transfer Cases in the Clinical Setting*, 36 Cath. U.L. Rev. 367 (1987)

Karen Baker, Naomi Cahn, & Sandra Sands, *Report on District of Columbia Police Response to Domestic Violence* (November 1989)

SELECTED BOOK CHAPTERS

Planning Options for the Daily Care of a Minor in the Event of an Adult's Incapacity or Death, in TAX, ESTATE, AND LIFETIME PLANNING FOR MINORS 125 (Carmina Y. D'Aversa, ed. 2006)

Child Witnessing of Domestic Violence, in HANDBOOK OF CHILDREN, CULTURE, AND VIOLENCE 3 (Nancy Dowd, Dorothy G. Singer and Robin Fretwell Wilson, eds. 2005)

Helena Michie and Naomi Cahn, Unnatural Births: Cesarean Sections in the Discourse of the "Natural Childbirth" Movement, in GENDER AND HEALTH: AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE (Carolyn F. Sargent and Caroline B. Brettell, eds. 1996)

Innovative Approaches to the Prosecution of Domestic Violence Crimes: An Overview, in DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: THE CHANGING CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESPONSE (Eve S. Buzawa & Carl G. Buzawa eds., 1992)

Naomi Cahn and Lisa Lerman, Prosecuting Woman Abuse, in WOMAN BATTERING: POLICY RESPONSES (Michael Steinman ed. 1991)

SELECTED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

New Visions of the Family, Columbia Law School (2011)

Innovations in Trusts and Estates Pedagogy, SEALS (2010)

Conceiving Donor-Conceived Families, Wells Conference on Adoption Law, Capital University Law School (2010)

The ART of Creating Families, MIT, Association for the Study of Adoption and Culture (2010)

Returning Home: Women in Post-Conflict Societies, University of Baltimore, 2010 Feminist Legal Theory Conference

Embryo Fundamentalism, William & Mary Symposium (2009)(with Professor June Carbone)

Masculinities, Femininities, and Post-Conflict Societies, Hirsch Lecture, New England School of Law (2009)(with Professor Fionnuala Ni Aolain)

Family Classes, Weyrauch Lecture, U. of Florida Law School (2009)

Red v. Blue Families, AALS and Law & Society Annual Meeting (2009)

The Other Side of the Demographic Revolution, IAV (2008)

Judging Families, UMKC Law Review (2008)(with Professor June Carbone)

A Typology of Corporate Governance, Georgetown Journal of International Law Conference (2008)

Third Wave Feminism, Can You Hear Us Now? Conference, University of Baltimore Law School (2008)

Red Families v. Blue Families, New American Foundation (2008)

Donation Disclosure, DePaul Law Review Symposium on a National Voluntary Gamete Registry (2008)

Deep Purple, West Virginia Law School Symposium on Law and Religion (April 2007)

Gay Marriage and Federalism, IMAPP Working Scholars Conference at George Mason University (May 2006)

What Does Evolutionary Biology Say to Family Law?, Society for Evolutionary Analysis and The Law, Vanderbilt University Law School (March 2006)(with Professor June Carbone)

In a Higher Register: Working Women, Class, and Corporations, Women and the New Corporate Governance, University of Maryland Law School (April 2005)

So What? New Science and Old Law for Juveniles, Ohio State University Law School (March 2005)

Women and War, William & Mary Symposium (February 2005)

Which Ties Bind? Redefining the Parent-Child Relationship in an Age of Genetic Certainty, William & Mary Conference on the Relationship Rights of Children (March 2002)(with Professor June Carbone)

“The Natural Relation of Parents and Children”: Adoption and the Paradigm of Blood-Based Families, American Historical Association (January 2002)

Parenthood, Genes, & Gametes: The Family Law and Trusts and Estates Perspectives, AALS Conference on Defining the Family in the New Millennium (March 2001)

Panelist, Open Adoption: Not for Everyone, Law, Culture & Humanities Conference (March 2001)

Panelist, Community in Practice, Law, Culture & Humanities Conference (March 2001)

The Coin of the Realm: Commodifying Women's Household Labor and Poor Women,
Iowa Journal of Gender, Race & Justice (October 2000)

Women's Work, Household Work, Law, Culture, & Humanities Conference (March 2000)

Where do I Come From?: Children's Interests and Genetic Information Disclosure,
Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law Symposium (February 2000)

Divorce Reform in Legal History, American Society for Legal History (October 1999)

Children's Interests and Foster Care, Ohio State Law Journal Symposium (March 1999)

The Privacy of Family Law, Comment, GW Law Review Symposium on Privacy
(February 1999)

The Tension between Children's and Parents' Identity Claims in Adoption, University
of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law (February 1999)(with Jana Singer)

Women as Mothers, Mothers as Workers: The Powers of Caretaking, Villanova Law Review
Symposium (November 1998)

The Moral Complexities of Family Law, Law, Culture, and the Humanities (March 1998)

Parents and Juveniles, Wisconsin Law Review Symposium on Juvenile Justice (March 1996)

Feminism and Alternative Dispute Resolution, American University Journal of Gender and
the Law Symposium (March 1996)

Moderator, Confronting Violence in the Lives of Children and Families, Conference on
Children's Rights, Temple University School of Law (September 1995)

Moderator, Integrating Issues of Domestic Violence Throughout the Curriculum, AALS Annual
Meeting Program of the Sections on Women in Legal Education and Family and Juvenile
Law (January 1995)

Inconsistent Stories, New York Law School Clinical Theory Workshop (April 1993)

The Ethics of Ethnographic Study in Law Schools, Law and Society Annual Meeting (May
1992)

Child Abuse, Woman Abuse, and Feminist Theory. Presented to: Columbia Law School
Workshop on Domestic Violence (April 1992); Texas Journal of Women and the Law

Feminist Theory and Practice, Hastings Law Journal Symposium on Theory and Practice
(January 1992)

Women and the Legal Profession, The Baltimore Women's Law Center and the D.C.
Women's Bar Association (1991)

Child Custody and Domestic Violence, Philadelphia Bar Association (September 1991)

Defining Feminist Litigation, AALS Clinical Section Program (May 1991)

Male and Female Styles of Lawyering, AALS Annual Meeting Litigation Section (January
1991)

Sexual Abuse in Child Custody Disputes, American Bar Association Annual Meeting (August
1990)

Emerging Trends in Domestic Violence and the Law, Institute for Women's Policy Research
(June 1990)

Feminism and Legal Ethics, Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics Symposium on Gender and
Legal Ethics (March 1990)

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Senior Fellow, Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute (7/08-present)

Board Member, Donor Sibling Registry (2009-present)

Co-Chair, Women in International Law Interest Group, American Society of International Law
(2008-present)

Editorial Board, *Family Court Review*

Panelist, Multiethnic Placement Act – Congressional Briefing, Congressional Coalition on
Adoption, 2008

Panelist, Transparency in the Multinational Oil and Gas Industry – Congressional Briefing,
Publish What You Pay Coalition, 2008

Co-Chair, Women in International Law Interest Group, ASIL, 2008-Present

Planning Committee, SEALS 2008 and 2009

Consultant, Global Rights Report on Domestic Violence in Afghanistan, 2007-08

Naomi Cahn, No Consensus on Custody Disputes, 1 Same Sex Partnership Law Rep. 1 (Apr. 2005)

Naomi Cahn, Between Two Mommies: When Gay Unions Dissolve, Children Bring Special Complications, Legal Times, p. 22, Feb. 28, 2005

Legal Intersections Co-Editor, Adoption Quarterly (2004-present)

Qualified as Expert Witness in Domestic Relations Malpractice Case, Summer 1999

Witness, Hearings on Adoption Reunion Registries Before the Subcomm. on Human Resources of the House Comm. on Ways and Means, June 11, 1998 (invited to testify)

Member, George Washington University Hillel Board of Governors, 1998-2002

Member, George Washington University Executive Committee on Women's Studies, 1997-present

Secretary/Treasurer, 1995-1996; Program Chair, 1996-1997; Chair, 1997-1998, Executive Committee Member, 1998-1999, for the Section on Family and Juvenile Law of the Association of American Law Schools

Member, Multistate Essay Exam Test Drafting Committee, National Conference of Bar Examiners, 1996-present

Co-Organizer, Class and Identity Conference, March 1995

Co-Organizer (with Joan Meier), Domestic Violence and Feminist Jurisprudence: A Peer Exchange, April 1994

United States v. Foster, 113 S. Ct. 2849 (1993). Co-counsel, Brief Amicus Curiae for Petitioner

United Auto Workers v. Johnson Controls, 111 S. Ct. 1196 (1991). Co-counsel, Brief Amicus Curiae for Petitioners

Discrimination Based on Sex, Sexuality and Pregnancy, GULC CLE EEO Update Program, April 1991

Domestic Violence, D.C. Bar Family Law Training, November 1989, September 1990, September 1991, September 1992

Treasurer, D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1990-1992

EDUCATION

LL.M. (Advocacy) 1989, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC

J.D. 1983, Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY

Honors:

- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, 1982-83;
- Charles Evans Hughes Public Interest Scholar;
- Teaching Fellow, Civil Procedure and Property

A.B. 1979, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ