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Admission: New York February
 2006

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
 LL.M. expected, December 2009

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Huntington, NY
 J.D., *Summa Cum Laude*, May 2005

Honors: Salutatorian, Part-Time Division
 Dean Howard A. Glickstein Commencement Award for Outstanding Leadership and Overall Academic Excellence
 Bessie Ray Geffner Memorial Award for Outstanding Woman Law Student (Evening Division)
 Student Bar Association Presidential Award (Spring 2005)
 George C. Pratt Judicial Clerkship Fellow (Summer 2003)
 1st Place, 2003 John S. Bainbridge Moot Court Competition

Activities: Editorial Board, Moot Court Honor Society, 2004-2005
 Student Director, Academic Support Program, 2004-2005

Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services, New York, NY
 M.S.W. 1993

Awards: NYC Child Welfare Administration Scholarship Recipient, 1991-1992

SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY
 A.B.D. English 1978-1987

Awards: University-wide award for Teaching Excellence, 1982 Mumford
 Fellowship, Federated Learning Communities, 1984

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY
 MA. English 1978

Awards: Robert Horlich Scholarship Award for Best Graduate Student, 1977

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY
 BA. History 1969

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Intern (Spring 2009)

Safe Horizon Domestic Violence Law Project

Brooklyn, NY

- Worked directly with victims of domestic violence, engaging in extensive interviewing, preparing family offense petitions, custody and visitation petitions, and motions related to all aspects of civil practice under Article 8 of the NY Family Court Act.
- Observed courtroom activities in Brooklyn Supreme Court Integrated Domestic Violence Court, participated in Intake interviews with complainants, discussed criminal case matters related to complainants with Assistant District Attorneys

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Judicial Intern (Summer 2003)

Hon. William H. Pauley III, United States District Court Judge, Southern District of New York
New York, NY

- Observed courtroom activities, both pre-trial and full trial, for ten weeks, under the supervision of three attorneys serving as clerks to the Judge. Such proceedings included evidentiary hearings, suppression hearings, sentencing hearings, motion hearings, oral arguments, voir dire, and conferences between the Judge and attorneys
- Provided administrative assistance to chambers' staff, including maintenance of the library, record room, and docket log
- Reviewed court materials, including deposition transcripts and all submitted briefs
- Conducted extensive legal research on all relevant legal issues
- Prepared two bench memoranda on motions for summary judgment, one a Title VII Employment Discrimination case and the other an action for False Arrest, False Imprisonment, Malicious Prosecution, and a Monell claim under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983

Legal Intern (Spring 2003)

Jeffrey A. Adolph, Esq., Suffolk County Attorney's Office, Family Court Bureau, Central Islip, NY

- Observed Assistant County Attorney in Suffolk County Family Court prosecute child abuse and neglect cases and engage in courtroom activities designed to promote permanency
- Completed paperwork for issuance of court orders based upon cases heard during sessions
- Assisted with preparation for removal, permanency and termination proceedings including review of petitions, witness statements, and Department of Social Services documents
- Drafted motions for expedited appeals and orders to show cause

LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor (Spring 2006 - Present)

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Huntington, NY

- Teach seminar in "The Rights of Children," (Fall Semesters)

Assistant Director of Academic Development (August 2005 - Present)

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY

- Teach Contracts II to students requiring additional skills development
- Teach 3L Practicum in American Legal Studies, focusing on the development of practical skills associated with bar examination preparation, specifically essay-writing for the New York Bar Exam and multiple-choice strategies for the Multistate Bar Examination, using substantive law of Contracts, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Constitutional Law and Domestic Relations
- Teach 2L skills-focused workshop in Applied Analysis, to approximately 70 students, using material from Constitutional Law
- Participating faculty member of Touro's Pilot Program in Bar Preparation involving individualized assistance to approximately 12 students in the bottom quartiles of the graduating class, in all facets of NYS bar preparation, focusing on reading and writing skills required for the MBE and NY Essays
- Assist the Director of Academic Development in all aspects of Touro's Academic Development programs, including: designing, implementing and administering a first-year TA program, training/supervising approximately thirty teaching assistants; working with students on an individual basis; creating/implementing new services to enhance our law students' academic experiences

LEGAL TEACHING ACTIVITIES/AWARDS

Touro College Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Central Islip, NY

- Co-Director, Touro Law Center Bar Preparation Program, Spring 2007 - Present
- Faculty Advisor, Moot Court Board of Activities, August 2006 -- Present
- Excellence in Legal Education, Commencement Ceremony Award, June 2007
- George C. Pratt Appellate Advocacy Award, September 2007

- Member, Academic Support Committee, Fall 2005 - Present
- Chairperson of Graduation Awards Committee, Fall 2008 - Present
- Planning Committee, Conference of the Child, Fall 2008 - Present
- Member, Quality of Student Life Committee, Fall 2008 - Present

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE

NYC Human Resources Administration, Jamaica Multi-Service Center, Queens, NY

- Task Supervisor and Field Instructor to Master in Social Work students from Graduate Social Services schools throughout the Metropolitan Area, 1993-1994
- Certified Field Instructor, Seminar in Field Instruction, Adelphi University School of Social Work, 1993

SUNY at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY

- Teach English Composition and Introduction to Literature courses, 1978-1983
- Mumford Fellow and Program Coordinator, Federated Learning Communities, 1984-1987

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of Family Resources and Adoption Services (2000 - 2005)

Lakeside Family & Children's Services, Jamaica, NY

Assistant Director of Foster Care (1997 - 2000)

Senior Supervisor (1996 - 1997)

Caseworker Supervisor (1994 - 1996)

- Serve as Queens Site Director, overseeing an office of approximately sixty staff
- Assure that New York State statutes and regulations, New York City mandates, and agency policies are adhered to, with a focus on foster home licensing requirements and adoption finalizations
- Provide administrative oversight for operation of the foster care program, with a current census of more than five hundred children placed in about 400 facilities
- Monitor Family Court Article X, Extension of Placement and Permanency Hearings, as well as Termination and Adoption Proceedings
- Work with the State Central Registry and ACS' Office of Confidential Investigations for protection of children in the foster care system
- Participate in internal administrative committees, including Intake Review, Adoption Task Force, Permanency Planning, Foster Home Review Panel
- Participate in community-based committees including, Chairperson of the Northeast Queens Community Partnership, Con Edison Advisory Board, HRA Queens Advisory Board

Supervisor H (1991 - 1993); Supervisor I (1989 - 1991); Caseworker (1987 - 1989)

New York City Child Welfare Administration, New York, NY

- Administrative and supervisory responsibility for a special unit performing assessments and licensing of foster homes via New York State Interstate Compact and the completion of Special Adoption Studies with all court required documentation.