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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Clinical Professor of Law, Suffolk University Law School, Boston MA 2014-present
Associate Clinical Professor, Suffolk University Law School, Boston MA 2011-2014
Assistant Clinical Professor, Suffolk University Law School, Boston MA 2007-2010
Awarded Tenure, May 2013.

Run a criminal defense clinic with a field, classroom, and supervision component. Co-teach three classes each semester with Prosecutors' program. Supervise student-attorneys representing indigent defendants charged with misdemeanors and felonies in the Boston Municipal Court. Oversee the representation of indigent defendants in pre-arraignment Clerk Magistrates' Hearings and post-conviction matters, including Motions for New Trial and Petitions to Seal and Expunge, on an ad hoc basis. Actively seek out and engage in relevant policy projects. Collaborate with and accept referrals from various nonprofits, including: Rosies' Place and HarborCov Communities.

Additional classes taught: *Intensive Trial Advocacy; Evidence; State Criminal Practice and Procedure; Massachusetts State Constitutional Law* (Created an original curriculum and syllabus for the class, previously not offered at any other local law school, focusing exclusively on the Massachusetts Constitution); Guest lecture for Immigration Clinic, Constitutional Criminal Procedure, and Professional Responsibility classes.

Serve as the Co-Director for the Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration. Serve on and chair or co-chair multiple law school committees annually. Provide expert commentary for electronic, print, television, and radio media. Handle approximately ten *pro bono* cases annually. Provide career-service and development support to students and alumni.

Adjunct Professor, New England School of Law, Boston, MA fall 2005 and Western New England College of Law, Springfield, MA spring 2006. Taught Trial Practice and Trial Methods. Created an original curriculum based on the "story telling" method of trial practice.

Guberman Fellow, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA spring 2004
Taught two seminar sections for the Legal Studies Department. Contributed to curriculum design, created original lesson plans, graded students' work and maintained office hours.

Guest Lecturer, Suffolk University Law School, Boston, MA 2003- 2005; Boston College Law School, Newton, MA 2004- 2006; New England School of Law, Boston, MA 2004, 2006; Gordon College, Wenham, MA 1998-2001 and Merrimack College, Andover, MA 2002

and 2019-2023. Lectured on State and Federal Constitutional issues, cross examination tactics, discovery practice, criminal responsibility, professional ethics, theory of the case, mistaken identity and critiqued clinical students in practical exercises.

Teaching Team Member and Trial Advisor, The Trial Advocacy Workshop, Harvard Law School 2004-2008.

TRAININGS AND CLE EXPERIENCE

Faculty Member, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Boston, MA 1998-2009 and The Massachusetts Bar Association 2004-2009; 2016 to present. Provided statewide training to attorneys. Co-chaired programs on trying Sexual Assault cases and Discovery practice; lectured on the Rules of Criminal Procedure, bail hearings, search and seizure law, “theory of the case”, closing arguments, trying narcotics and sexual assault cases, and critiqued lawyers in practical exercises.

Instructor, Essex County Bar Advocate Program 1997-2014, Suffolk Lawyers for Justice, the, Middlesex County Bar Advocates, and The Berkshire County Bar Association 2004-2015, 2019-2023. Provided continuing legal education training to criminal attorneys. Lectured on search and seizure law, cross examination, bail hearings and habeas corpus petitions. Assisted in the reorganization of the Essex County Bar Advocate’s program. Created *The District Court “Tool Box”*, a compendium of materials relied on statewide to train criminal practitioners.

Instructor, The Committee for Public Counsel Services 1999-2017
Lectured public defenders on discovery, reciprocal discovery, ethics, bail advocacy, cross examination techniques and critiqued lawyers in practical exercises. Presented at the 2004 and 2005 statewide, annual training conferences.

Instructor, Massachusetts District Attorneys Association, Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office, and Middlesex DA’s Office 2018-present. Presented and facilitated discussions on prosecutorial ethics, cross examination, and direct examination.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Of Counsel, Rankin & Sultan, Arlington MA 2021-present
Handle a small case load of trial court criminal cases and advise firm on other matters.

Senior Associate, Rankin & Sultan, Boston, MA 1/2006-5/2007
Concentrating on investigation, trial, and appeal of criminal cases in federal and state court.

Staff Attorney, The Committee for Public Counsel Services, Salem, MA 1996-2005
Represented indigent defendants charged with major felonies. Tried cases in both the Superior and District Courts. Served as training coordinator for 10-attorney office.

Of Counsel, Carroll, George & Pratt, Rutland, VT January 1996-May 1996
Concentrated in both civil and criminal cases in state and federal court.

Federal Grant Recipient, South Royalton, VT December 1995-May 1996
Represented indigent defendants charged with domestic violence crimes.

Teacher, Coach, The Knox School, St. James, NY 1990-1992
Taught English, Government and Honors Journalism, and coached Wrestling and Baseball.

SCHOLARSHIP/ PUBLICATIONS

“You have the Right to an Attorney,” But not Right Now: Combating Miranda’s Failure by Advancing the Point of Attachment Under Article XII of the Massachusetts Declaration of Rights, Suffolk University Law Review Vol. 44, No. 2 (2011).

What Every Massachusetts Criminal Lawyer Needs To Know About Impeachment Law, Mass. Bar Assn. Section Review, Vol. 12, No. 1 (2010) at 6.

Criminal Law 101: Practical Strategies for District Court Practice (Advanced Legal Studies) 2010

Contributing Author, *Collective Wisdom: Dealing with Devastating Proof* (NITA) 2022; *Amendments to the Rules of Criminal Procedure* (MCLE, Inc. 2004); *Trying Murder and other Homicide Cases in Massachusetts* (MCLE, Inc. 2004); *Mass Practice: Criminal Discovery* (2006-9); *First Appearance Issues* (MCLE, Inc. 2017)

Contributing Editor, *Mass Criminal Practice*, Volumes 1 and 2 (2008-2012)

Selected Opinion Editorials/ Letters to the Editor

- “Patfrisk First, Invent Explanations Later: a Step Backward on Profiling”, *Massachusetts’ Lawyers Weekly* (co-authored with a clinical student)
- “Prof: Closing Argument Tactic suggested in Colum is Impermissible & Unethical”, *Massachusetts’ Lawyers Weekly*
- “Law Professor has Witnessed Countless Cases of Bias in the Court System” *The Boston Globe*
- “Honoring the Constitution in the Wake of the Bombing”, *Patriot Ledger*
- “Answers to the Top Ten Questions we all have about the Whitey Bulger Trial”, Suffolk University Website
- “Top Ten Unanswered Questions about the Whitey Bulger Trial”, *The Huffington Post*
- “Not all Defaults are Created Equal”, *Mass Lawyers’ Weekly* (co-authored with clinical students)
- “Shameful to Malign [judicial nominee’s] Work on Prisoner’s Case”, *The Boston Globe*

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Co-Director, Trial and Appellate Advocacy Concentration

Provost Search Committee

Suffolk University Institutional Review Board, Law School Representative and Prisoner's Right's Advocate (2009-2018; 2021-present)

Public Interest Committee and Pro Bono sub-committee, Chair

Clinical Committee, Co-Chair

DEI Committee

Discipline Committee, Co-Chair

Appointments Committee

LEAP committee

Career Development Committee

Advanced Legal Studies Committee, Co-Chair

Academic Standing Committee

Admissions Committee

Augmented Tenure Committee

Academic Success Committee

The Learning Outcomes Committee

The Faculty Review Committee

Faculty Advisor, SULS chapter National Lawyers Guild (NLG) and Phi Alpha Delta

SJD Candidate, Committee Chair and Faculty Advisor

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Judge, Student Trial and Appellate Competitions

Expert Commentator, TV: NECN, FOX NEWS, ESPN, CTV(Canadian Television, ABC and CBS, CBS-Boston, NBC-Boston

- *United States v. Trump*
- *Commonwealth v. Karen Read*

- *Commonwealth v. Brian Walshe*
- Decriminalization of Marijuana
- Judicial Inquests
- the “CSI” effect
- *Commonwealth v. Entwistle*
- *Commonwealth v. Aaron Hernandez*
- Should Upskirting be criminal?
- *United States v. James J. “Whitey” Bulger*
- *United States v. Tsarnaev* (Marathon Bomber)

Expert Commentator, Radio: WBUR, WEEL, WBZ, et.al

- *United States v. Trump*
- *United States v. James J. Bulger*
- Decriminalization of Marijuana
- *Commonwealth v. Hernandez*
- Criminality of Upskirting
- *United States v. Tsarnaev* (The Marathon Bomber)
- *Commonwealth v. Lord*
- *Commonwealth v. Remy*
- *Commonwealth v. Gonzales*
- *Commonwealth v. Spacey*
- *Minnesota v. Chauvin* (George Floyd Murder)
- Boston Police Department Policies
- Public Records Requests

Expert Commentator, Print and Electronic/Digital Media:

The Huffington Post, The Boston Globe, ESPN the Magazine, USA Today, The Boston Herald, the Patriot Ledger, Mass Lawyer’s Weekly, Bloomberg Law, The Sun Chronical; Boston.com; The Lowell Sun; Associated Press & Reuters (syndicated regionally and nationally)

ACADEMIC HONORS

The class of 2024 established the *Professor Chris Dearborn Award* “Presented to a student who has developed and practiced extraordinary advocacy skills during their time at Suffolk University Law School.”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SJC Standing Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure, member 2024

Willful Flight Project, working group member, 2023-present (Selected for a committee to facilitate and implement a federal grant evaluating the culture and law around bail decisions in Massachusetts awarded to the Massachusetts Trial Court).

IRB Prisoners’ Rights Representative, Emerson College 2018-present

Member, CPCS Working Group on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Criminal Justice System 2020-present

Transition Team, District Attorney-Elect Rachel Rollins 2018

Suffolk Lawyers for Justice, Board Member 2008-2015; 2018-present

Massachusetts Bar Association Criminal Justice Council, Board Member 2008-2013; 2016 to present

Massachusetts Law Review, Editorial Board, 2017-2022

Massachusetts Bar Association Education Committee, 2016-present

The Boston American Inn of Court, 2017-present (inactive)

Boston Municipal Court Rules and Criminal Forms Committee, (*Ad Hoc*) 2008-2017

Fugitive Safe Surrender, Committee Member and Facilitator 2010

Jail Attorney Dress Code Committee, 2015 to present

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Facilitator, Criminal Justice Working Groups AALS Annual Clinical Conference 2016 and 2026

“What Angle was your Point of View”? *Learning the Science and Art of Cross Examination with a little help from Vinny Gambini* (Presented to multiple bar organizations) 2025-2026

Discussant and Facilitator, *Works in Progress* AALS Annual Clinical Conference 2018 and 2023

Discovery Tips & Tidbits Redux (Chair and Presenter) *SLJ* 2021

Representing Disappearing Clients: The Magic Act 2021-2022 (Presented virtual webinar to 200 lawyers statewide)

“Office Hours” hosted a webinar-style/ drop-in forum on a bimonthly basis during the pandemic to discuss and advise court-appointed criminal defense lawyers on recurring legal issues in criminal courts 2020-2022

Racial Justice Profiling & Policing: Profound Impact of new SJC cases on Criminal Justice 2021 (Panelist/ Presenter)

Trial Advocacy Training: The Art of Direct, 2019, and 2021-2023 The Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (Presenter)

Negotiation and Professionalism: Professionalism in the Massachusetts Courts, 2020 MBA (Panelist/Presenter)

Practicing with Professionalism: Professionalism in the Massachusetts Courts, 2018 MBA (Panelist/Presenter)

Mental Health Issues in Criminal Law and Beyond, 2018 MBA (Co-Chair and Panelist)

The Elephant in the Room, 2017 (Panelist/Presenter) Facilitated a workshop to explore and address both explicit and latent issues of race, class, gender, and other areas of bias present in the classroom and in student case work.

Demystifying the BMC: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at the Boston Municipal Court, 2017 (Chair and facilitator) Ran a half day program for newly admitted members of the bar and experienced practitioners who were interested in practicing in Suffolk County.

First Appearance Issues: Bail and Beyond (Presented to SLJ, MBA, and the Essex County Bar Advocate Program), 2015-2019.

First Appearance Issues (MCLE) January 2017

Facilitator, Criminal Law Section Working Groups,(AALS) Annual Clinical Conference, (co-facilitator), 2014 and 2016

Prisoners' Rights in Human Subject Research (Presented to the Suffolk University Institutional Review Board) 2016

Miranda and Social Science (Presented to the Suffolk Lawyers for Justice (SLJ) and the Middlesex Bar Association) 2012, 2014

Using Student Role Models to Establish Aspirational Professional Identity Goals and Develop Self-Evaluation Criteria, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Annual Clinical Conference (co-presenter), May 2013

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Gideon (Panelist, Northeastern University School of Law) 2013

Discovery Tips & Tidbits (Co-chair and Presenter as part of a CLE program to multiple bar advocate groups) 2012-2014

Does ADR Work? Evaluating the Effectiveness of Alternative Dispute Resolution, Harvard Law School symposium (served on a panel discussing ADR in the context of criminal cases) 2012

Challenging Criminal Procedure Issues: What you need to know (Co-chaired and presented on *Miranda* and social science) 2012

Criminal Law 101: Practical Strategies for District Court Practice (chair) 2010

Everything a Criminal Lawyer Needs to know about Impeachment Law

(Chair and Presenter) 2009-10

Anatomy of a Criminal Case (Co-chair and Presenter) 2007

Computer Forensics in Criminal Cases (Co-chair and Presenter) 2008

Trying Sex Cases (Co-chair and Presenter) 2005-2007

Bail: Back to the Basics (Chair and Presenter), 2006-2009

Anatomy of a Murder (Panelist) 2007

Lawyers following Orders: Ethical Pitfalls (Panelist) 2008

Jump Starting your Practice: From Back Packs to Brief Cases (Panelist) 2009

Zealous Advocacy in the District Courts (Presenter/Trainer) 2000-present

CPCS annual training conference (Panelist/Presenter) 2004-5

The District Court Tool Box (Chair and Presenter) 2003-2011

Superior Court and Juvenile Court Judicial Conferences (speaker) 2004

Presented to over 100 members of the state judiciary on the nuances, implementation and consequences of the amended Rules of Criminal Procedure.

EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT, Juris Doctorate, *cum laude* May 1995

Master of Studies in Environmental Law, *cum laude* December 1995

* Dean's List * Student Tutor * Research Assistant for a Habeas Corpus petition for death row inmate * Completed Civil Legal Aid Clinic with *honors*.

St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY, BA Philosophy, *Magna cum laude* May 1990

* Concentration in English Writing * Dean's List * Teaching Assistant

* Sport's Editor for the school's newspaper, *The Hill News*

National Criminal Defense Lawyers College, Macon, GA July 2002

Scholarship recipient and graduate from intensive two-week trial advocacy course.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Memberships:

* Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

* Essex County Bar Association

* Massachusetts Citizens Against the Death Penalty

* Suffolk Lawyers for Justice

* Massachusetts Bar Association

Volunteer Activities:

- * Organizer of Annual Food and Clothing Drive for the Homeless, Lawrence, MA 1996-2008
- * Platelet donor 1999 to present
- * Massachusetts Bar Association Mock Trial Judge and guest speaker at local High Schools 2002- 2005
- * Mock Trial and Moot Court Judge for New England School of Law 2002-2006
- * Volunteer Wrestling coach 2004, 2005
- * Board Member, Hamilton Wenham Little League and Volunteer Baseball coach
- * Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Democratic State Convention
- * Chair, Wenham Democratic Town Committee, 2001-2007
- * Guest Speaker and Volunteer, The Psychological Center, Lawrence, MA 2004-2006
- * Coach, Hamilton-Wenham Regional High School Mock Trial Team 2013 to 2020
- * Board Member, Hamilton-Wenham High School Hockey Boosters, 2015-2020
- * Volunteer, MBA service projects: Thanksgiving Giveaway & Christmas in the City
- * Organizer, Annual Book Drive for the Nashua Street Jail, 2009-present
- * Organizer, Annual Pocket Calendar drive for the BMC specialty Courts 2008-present

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- * Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court
- * Vermont Supreme Court
- * United States Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit
- * United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit
- * United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts
- * United States District Court for the District of Vermont