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EDUCATION

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, L.L.M. in Advocacy, May 2006

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 1998

Yale Law Journal, Senior Editor

Yale Journal of Law & the Humanities, Executive Editor

Coker Fellow: Teaching assistant and legal writing instructor for Professor Peter Schuck

Research Assistant for Professor William J. Stuntz

YALE UNIVERSITY, B.A. in Humanities, *magna cum laude*, 1995

Honors in the Humanities Major for distinguished classwork and thesis

EXPERIENCE

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL, Chicago, IL

2008-Present

Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic;

Associate Clinical Professor of Law (2011-2014); Assistant Clinical Professor of Law (2008-2011).

Founded and direct the nation's only legal clinic solely devoted to representing indigent clients charged with federal felonies; litigate in U.S. District Court, the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, and the Supreme Court of the United States; train and supervise law students appearing in court. Teach *Federal Criminal Procedure* and *Federal Sentencing*. Law Review Comment Advisor. Faculty Advisor to student organizations:

Defenders, Law Women's Caucus, and the Criminal Law Society.

FEDERAL DEFENDER PROGRAM, Chicago, IL

2002-2008

Staff Attorney. Served as lead counsel in over 150 cases involving indigent clients charged with federal crimes.

Represented clients in U.S. District Court at every stage of the process, including bond hearings, preliminary hearings, jury trials, sentencing, and habeas petitions; also represented clients in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals and in petitions for writs of certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL, Chicago, IL

Fall 2007

Lecturer in Law. Taught *Federal Sentencing: Balancing Judicial and Prosecutorial Discretion.*

DEPAUL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW, Chicago, IL

2005-2006

Lecturer. Taught *Advanced Criminal Procedure—Pretrial.*

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Washington, DC

2000-2002

E. Barrett Prettyman Fellow, Georgetown Criminal Justice Clinic.

JUDGE ROBERT W. GETTLEMAN, U.S. DISTRICT COURT, N.D. ILL., Chicago, IL

1998-2000

Judicial Law Clerk.

PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE, Washington, DC: Law Clerk.

Summer 1998

CAPITAL DEFENDER OFFICE, New York, NY: Law Clerk.

Summer 1997

SONNENSCHN NATH & ROSENTHAL, Chicago, IL: Summer Associate.

Summer 1997

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Justice John Paul Stevens Award for Outstanding Public Service Work in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit Bar Association (2016)
- Ruth Goldman Award, the American Constitution Society's Chicago Lawyer Chapter (2014)
- Leadership Greater Chicago Fellow (Class of 2014)
- Excellence in Public Interest Service Award, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois and the Federal Bar Association's Chicago Chapter (2012)
- University of Chicago Law School Class Award, Honorable Mention (2011)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Barrister, Chicago Inn of Court
- Member, Senator Durbin's Bipartisan Screening Committee for Federal Judges in the N.D. Ill.
- Illinois Chair, Seventh Circuit Bar Association Committee on Criminal Law and Procedure
- Member, Advisory Committee on Seventh Circuit Rules
- Board of Directors, Illinois Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers
- Board of Advisors, American Constitution Society Chicago Lawyer Chapter
- Member, American Constitution Society Judicial Nominations Task Force
- Member, Mentoring Circles Speakers' Bureau, Chicago Bar Association's Alliance for Women
- Steering Committee Member, Yale Law School Alumni Association of Chicago
- Fellow of the American Bar Foundation

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

- Admitted to practice in Illinois and the District of Columbia
- Member, United States Supreme Court Bar
- Member, Seventh Circuit Bar
- Member, United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois Bar & Trial Bar

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Reunion Co-Chair, 15th Yale Law School Reunion (2013); 10th Yale Law School Reunion (2008)
- Member, 10th Yale Law School Reunion Gift Committee (2008)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Sections

Appendix: Sample Cross Examination, in Terence F. MacCarthy, MACCARTHY ON CROSS EXAMINATION (2008).

Articles

The Courts of Appeals' Latest Anti-Booker Rebellion, 82 U. CHI. L. REV. 201 (Winter 2015).

Review of Co-Defendant Sentencing Disparities by the Seventh Circuit: Two Divergent Lines of Cases, *THE CIRCUIT RIDER: THE JOURNAL OF THE SEVENTH CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION* (May 2012).

“‘Death Is Different’ No Longer”: *Graham v. Florida and the Future of Eighth Amendment Challenges to Noncapital Sentences*, 2010 SUP. CT. REV. 327 (2011) (with Barry Sullivan).

Disparities and Discretion in Fast-Track Sentencing, 21 FED. SENT. R. 299 (June 2009).

The Patriot Act's Erosion of Constitutional Rights, LITIGATION, Vol. 32 No. 2, Winter 2006, at 18.

Ostriches Are Not Merely Careless Birds: Fighting the Willful Blindness Instruction at Trial, *THE LIBERTY LEGEND* (National Association of Federal Defenders online publication), Spring 2004, at 6.

Editor

Vol. 21, No. 1 of *Federal Sentencing Reporter* (2009) (guest editor).

Chapter Editor, DEFENDING A FEDERAL CRIMINAL CASE: 2009 EDITION (Publisher: Federal Defenders of San Diego) (edited two chapters, *Discovery* and *Supervised Release & Probation Revocations*)

Editorial Assistant for Irving Harris, CHILDREN IN JEOPARDY: CAN WE BREAK THE CYCLE OF POVERTY? (1996)

Provided editorial assistance for Newton N. Minow & Craig L. LaMay, ABANDONED IN THE WASTELAND: CHILDREN, TELEVISION, AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT (1996)

Written Testimony

Written Statement of the Federal Criminal Justice Clinic at the University of Chicago Law School, in the congressional record for the Senate Committee on the Judiciary's Hearing on Reevaluating the Effectiveness of Federal Mandatory Minimum Sentences (Sept. 18, 2013) (with Erica Zunkel & James DuBray).

Written Testimony of Alison Siegler Before the United States Sentencing Commission, *Revising the Illegal Reentry Guideline* (Phoenix Arizona, Jan. 21, 2010).

Selected Presentations

"Attacking Bias Through Motions Practice: Revealing and Litigating Unfair Targeting of People of Color in Federal Court," Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts Defender Services Office Seminar, Race in the Federal Criminal Court, 6 August 2015

"From the Ivory Tower to the Courtroom: Academic Writing for Social Justice in the New Normal," American Association of Law Schools, 38th Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, 7 May 2015

"Chicago's Best Ideas: The Courts of Appeals' Latest Anti-Booker Rebellion," University of Chicago Law School, 13 April 2015

"Advocating for Your Client at Sentencing and on Appeal," Annual CJA & IACDL Criminal Defense Seminar, 21 November 2014

"The Courts of Appeals' Latest Anti-Booker Rebellion," University of Chicago Law Review Symposium, 31 May 2014

"The Power of Research: A Case Study," Chicago Association of Law Libraries, 27 February 2014

"The Right to Counsel & the Criminal Justice Act," Federal Bar Association, 13 February 2014 (panel organizer)

"Litigating Federal Sentencing Appeals," Kirkland & Ellis, 22 November 2013

"Federal Sentencing in 2013," Annual CJA & IACDL Criminal Defense Seminar, 15 November 2013

"Stash Houses, Secrets, and Sentences: A Trifecta of Cutting-Edge Practice Pointers," Federal Bar Association Annual Federal Criminal Practice Program, 9 May 2013 (presenter and conference organizer)

"Two Federal Sentencing Revolutions," Chicago Bar Association Young Lawyers' Division Criminal Section Meeting, 30 November 2012

"Federal Sentencing in 2012," Annual CJA & IACDL Criminal Defense Seminar, 9 November 2012

“Death-in-Prison Sentences for Children: Evolving Jurisprudence Regarding Extreme Sentencing of Youth,” Yale Law School Association of Illinois, 27 November 2012 (panel organizer)

“Annual Review of the Supreme Court’s Term: Criminal Cases,” American Bar Association Annual Meeting, 3 August 2012 (panelist)

“New Sentencing Litigation Strategies,” Seminar for Federal Criminal Defense Attorneys, 7 June 2012

“Twenty-Five Years of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines,” Seventh Circuit Judicial Conference, 7 May 2012 (panelist)

“Attacking the Guidelines,” National Sentencing Advocacy Workshop, 29 March 2012

Women in the Judiciary panel, University of Chicago Law School, 11 March 2012 (moderator)

Undergraduate Careers in Law panel, University of Chicago Law School, 5 March 2012

“The Quality of Mercy is Not Strained’: Using Storytelling to Help Clinic Students Connect with Clients and Courts,” Midwest Clinical Law Teachers Conference, November 2011 (co-presenter)

“Sentencing Blagojevich,” Yale Law School Alumni Association, 6 July 2011 (panelist)

“Attacking the Guidelines with *Spears* and *Pepper*,” Seminar for Federal Criminal Defense Attorneys, 23 June 2011

Chicago Justice Initiative sentencing panel, University of Chicago Law School, 12 May 2011

“Immigration Considerations and Consequences: From Bond Through Sentencing and Beyond,” Seminar for Federal Criminal Defense Attorneys, 5 May 2011

“Women in Law: An Honest Discussion on the Experiences of Women Lawyers in Different Practice Areas,” Law Women’s Caucus Diversity Month Panel at University of Chicago Law School, 27 January 2011 (moderator)

“The Newest Frontier of the Federal Sentencing Revolution,” American Constitution Society Panel, 21 January 2011

“Attacking the Guidelines With 3553(a)’s *Spears*,” Annual Criminal Defense Seminar, 12 November 2010; National Sentencing Advocacy Workshop, July 2010; National Sentencing Advocacy Workshop, March 2010

Annual Criminal Justice Act Seminar, November 2009

“The Changing Court: The Supreme Court’s 2009-2010 Term,” University of Chicago Alumni Club, November 2009 (panelist with Todd Henderson and Jeffrey Sarles)

“Is Life Without Parole for Juveniles Who Commit Non-Homicides Constitutional?,” American Constitution Society at University of Chicago Law School, 15 October 2009

“Putting the Guidelines in a Half-Nelson: Fighting For and Winning Lower Sentences,” National Winning Strategies Seminar, May 2009

“Will Judicial Discretion Triumph? Reflections on the Supreme Court’s Ongoing Federal Sentencing Revolution,” Yale Law School Alumni Association, 21 April 2009 (panelist)

“Putting the Guidelines in a Half-Nelson: Fighting For and Winning Lower Sentences,” National Sentencing Advocacy Workshop, March 2009

“The Past, Present, and Future of Criminal Sentencing and Federal Judging,” American Constitution Society at University of Chicago Law School, November 2008 (panelist with Judge Robert W. Pratt)