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**Education:**

Boston University School of Law, LLM Taxation

Northeastern University School of Law, JD

University of Massachusetts-Boston, BA History

**Present Employment:**

*University of Massachusetts School of Law*, Associate Professor of Law,  
Director of Clinics, (August 2014-present)  
Director, Human Rights at Home Clinic (2017-present)

**Prior Law School Teaching Experience**

*Northeastern University School of Law*, Visiting Professor, taught the Domestic Violence Clinic (2013-2014); Adjunct Professor: taught Battered Women and the Law and Family Law Litigation (2003-2005); Domestic Violence Clinic Supervising Attorney (2001-2002).

*University of Alabama School of Law (academic year 2011-2012)*  
Visiting Professor and Acting Director,  
Domestic Violence Clinic; supervised clinic students in representing survivors of domestic violence and stalking in family court matters.

*University of Cincinnati College of Law (2005-2011)*  
Professor of Clinical Law. Supervised clinic students represented survivors of domestic violence, trafficking, sexual assault, stalking, including teens, adults and immigrants.

Director, Domestic Violence and Civil Protection Order Clinic  
(2005-2011)

Director of Clinics and Experiential Learning (2008- 2011)

## Scholarship:

*Revisiting Ethics in Domestic Abuse Cases*, 38 Geo. J. Legal Ethics, (2025).  
<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/legal-ethics-journal/in-print/volume-38-issue-3-summer-2025/revisiting-ethics-in-domestic-abuse-cases/>

Authored foreword to FROM MADNESS TO MUTINY, 2<sup>ND</sup> ED. Neustein and Leshner, Oxford University Press, January 2026.

Co-Editor and one of two original founders: Human Rights at Home Blog [http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/human\\_rights/](http://lawprofessors.typepad.com/human_rights/) - Noted many times on SCOTUS Blog and featured in the ABA Journal's Blog Directory. Blog Co-Founder and Editor from 2014-2021. Recent contributions: Rahimi: Success for Abuse Survivors. The Tax Prof platform was discontinued in 2025.

*Women's Credibility, History of Parental Alienation*, Book Chapters, in *Challenging Parental Alienation*, Routledge, Publication December 2021. Co-Editor of the book. Also contributed to introduction and conclusion.

*Feminist Perspectives on Disaster, Pandemics, and IPV*, Book Chapter in *Handbook of Interpersonal Violence and Abuse Across the Lifespan*, Springer (2020) (online) (peer review publication wed)

*Complicated Lives: A Look Into the Experiences of Individuals Living with HIV, Legal Impediments, and Other Social Determinants of Health*, *Quinnipiac Health Law Journal*, Vol. 23, Issue 1 (2020), pp. 81 (with Jason Potter and Caitlin Stover).

*Dealing with Disappointing Results*, Book Chapter, TRAUMA INFORMED RESPONSES TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, Goldstein and Hannah, Editors. *Journal of Family and Intimate Partner Violence*, 11 FIPV 1, (2019) (peer reviewed)

Income Tax for Domestic Violence Survivors, Book Chapter in *IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON YOUR LEGAL PRACTICE*, ABA Publishing, (2018)

*Truth Seeking: The Lenahan Case and the Search for a Human Rights Remedy*, *St. Louis Law Review* Vol 62 No. 4 (Summer 2018)

*It's Not Complicated: Containing Criminal Law's Influence on the Title IX Process*, *University of Tennessee Journal of Race, Gender and the Law*, Volume 6, Issue 2 (Fall, 2017)

*Collaboration and Intention*, 32 *The Ohio State School of Law Journal on Dispute Resolution* (2017).

Clinical Legal Education & Access to Justice: Conflicts, Interests, & Evolution, book chapter, *BEYOND ELITE LAW: ACCESS TO CIVIL JUSTICE FOR AMERICANS OF AVERAGE MEANS* (Sam Estreicher & Joy Radice, eds.)

Cambridge University Press, 2016 Book Chapter Co-Authored with Andrew Morris.

*Collaboration and Coercion*, 1 Irish Law Journal 27 (2012) republished in Hastings Journal of Women and the Law, 24 Hastings LJ 79 (2013)

*Denying Choice of Forum: An Interference By the Massachusetts Trial Court with Victims' Rights and Safety*, Suffolk University Law Review, Vol. XLIII, 2010 No. 2 (Co-Authored with Marilu Gresens)

*A Judicial Guide to Child Safety in Custody Cases*, Primary Author (with Bowles, Christianson and Yetter. Published by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (Dec.2008)

*Standards of Practice in Civil Protection Order Cases*, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence, 2008, Editor and Contributor

*Do Ask and Do Tell: The Lawyers Duty to Warn in Domestic Violence Cases*, Spring 2007, Cincinnati College of Law Review (Symposium) (Co-Authored with Sarah Buel)

*Lawyer Malpractice and Domestic Violence Cases: Are We Revictimizing Our Clients?* Family Law Quarterly, Spring 2005.

IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON YOUR LEGAL PRACTICE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., ABA Commission on Domestic Violence, Editor and Contributing Author, (2004)

IMPACT OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ON YOUR LEGAL PRACTICE, 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence, Contributing Author, (2001)

*Recognizing Financial Control As Abuse: An Introduction for Practitioners*, 86 Women Law J. 9, (2000-2001)

### **Awards and Media:**

March 2026, Scholarship in Media Acknowledgement by the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth.

2025 awardee of the Massachusetts Bar Association's Access to Justice Lifetime Achievement Award (June, 2025)

Quoted in New Bedford Light article "New Bedford Police Officer Under Internal Investigation" November 2, 2023

<https://newbedfordlight.org/new-bedford-police-sergeant-under-internal-investigation/>

“Chair Chat” Interviewed by by Juan R. Thomas, Chair of the ABA Section on Civil Rights and Social Justice. Episode 14. Topic – *HIV/AIDS Impact Project and World Aids Day*. November 30, 2022

ABA Podcast Participant- Whose Law Is It Anyway. The topic of this podcast called “Yes, No, and MeToo” was Title IX on college campuses. June 21, 2021 <https://podcasts.apple.com/kh/podcast/yes-no-and-metoo/id1564953067?i=1000526328316&l=fr-FR>

The Tennessean, August 2019, quoted in an article on how much discovery should be permitted in domestic abuse civil protection order matters.

Jurist Magazine, November 26, 2018 “*Massachusetts, A Leader in Transgender Rights Protections.*”

Quoted in Cape Cod Times, October 12, 2018 on “*Child Marriage in the U.S.*” <https://www.capecodtimes.com/lifestyle/20181012/proposed-ma-bill-would-ban-child-marriage>

Quoted in Forbes article on case where custody was transferred to a father accused of abusing his sons. August 17, 2018 <https://www.forbes.com/sites/tarahaelle/2018/08/17/young-boys-allegedly-abused-by-air-force-colonel-now-in-his-sole-custody/#5eac3a441eef>

Quoted in Sunday August 12, 2018 article in the Springfield Republican, “*Domestic Abuse Victims Struggle to Retain Child Custody in Court*” Also may be found at <https://www.masslive.com/expo/news/erry-2018/07/1d8d81b44f6371/domestic-violence-victims-stru.html>

Quoted in masslive.com article “*Domestic Violence Survivors Struggle in Family Courts to Retain Custody of Children*” July 29, 2018 <https://www.masslive.com/expo/news/erry-2018/07/1d8d81b44f6371/domestic-violence-victims-stru.html> On-line version of the above-article from the Springfield Republican.

Quoted in Forbes article “*Failure to Protect: Air Force Handling of Colonel’s Child Sex Assault Charges Raises Questions*”, July 26, 2018 <https://www.forbes.com/sites/tarahaelle/2018/07/26/failure-to-protect-air-force-handling-of-colonels-child-sex-assault-charges-raises-questions/#38da19ab6e87>

Quoted in the Yale Daily News on a student’s claim that campus police were biased against the alleged perpetrator in favor of the complainant. February 7, 2018 <https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2018/02/07/khan-trial-to-begin-this-week/>

Quoted in Daily Free Press (Boston University) on pending Massachusetts Legislation that would maintain guilty verdicts for those who die in prison pending appeal of a criminal conviction. February 4, 2018  
<http://dailyfreepress.com/2018/02/04/new-bill-introduced-to-honor-odin-lloyds-case/>

Quoted in DomesticShelters.org “Some Abusers Are Getting Alimony Award”. Domesticshelters.org November 22, 2017  
<https://www.domesticshelters.org/domestic-violence-articles-information/some-abusers-are-getting-awarded-alimony#.XBUriyFZdBQ.email>

Domestic violence background source for reporter Amanda Kippert, reporter for domesticshelters.org. August 2017

National Association of Women Lawyers, Virginia S. Mueller Outstanding Member Award, presented in NYC July, 2017

Quoted in *What Neil Gorsuch’s Confirmation Could Mean for Women*, Ms. Magazine on line. April 6, 2017  
<http://msmagazine.com/blog/2017/04/05/neil-gorsuch-women/>

Partner of the Year Award, Women’s Fund of South Coast Massachusetts. Award for pro bono contributions, awarded June, 2016

20/20 Vision Award, American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence. Awarded August, 2015. Award was given for work on implementing the Violence Against Women Act and mobilizing the legal profession to meet the needs of survivors of intimate partner abuse.

Bellow Scholar. Named as a Bellow Scholar 2015-2017 by the AALS Committee on Public Interest Lawyering. Based on research on measuring unmet community needs for those living with HIV in the South Coast Massachusetts area.

Goldman Prize for Excellence in Teaching, University of Cincinnati College of Law, 2008 and 2009

Rosa Parks Committee of The Women’s Bar Association of Massachusetts, January 2008 for Commitment to Justice and the Rule of Law

Recognized by The Massachusetts Association of Women Lawyers as One of the State’s Most Influential Lawyers, June 2005

## **Conferences and Presentations:**

Presenter at Harvard Law School's Program for Law Student from Ghana University School of Law. I presented on Human Rights in the United State focusing on women and family courts. June (2025)

Moderator for Works in Progress, AALS Clinical Conference, Baltimore, April, 2025.

Presenter on Panel on *Children's Disclosure of Abuse* at hybrid conference for UC Berkely's Center for Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law. The Conference topic was Intimate Partner Violence and the Family Court. November 8, 2024.

Extern 12 Conference held at Boston University School of Law, October 17-19 2024. I was one of the organizers of the national conference which is held bi-annually. I was the discussant for two works in progress sessions.

Presenter at Conference on Comparative Human Rights. Harvard Law School. June 23,24, 2024. This conference brought together human rights students and faculty from the University of Ghana. I spoke on two panels: Human Rights in the United States, focusing on the work of my clinic and on Women and US Human Rights.

Attended International Conference on Human Rights, Harvard Law School. May, 2024.

AALS Clinical Conference. Discussant for works in process for new and experienced authors to discuss articles under development. St. Louis, May 2024.

AIDS 2019: A Roundtable Discussion of Current and Emerging Practices Legal and Policy Issues, February 6, 2019 Webinar presented by the ABA Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice and the AIDS Coordinating Committee. Presented on the intersection of domestic violence and HIV/AIDS.

*Free Her*, Conference on meeting the needs of incarcerated and formerly incacaerated women and girls. Tulsa, Oklahoma, September, 2018 Sponsored by the National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incacerated Women and Girls, a partner with the Human Rights at Home Clinic.

*Race, Redemption and Restoration*. Sponsored by the Public Welfare Foundation. Attendee to this invitation only discussion of systemic racism and the oppression of people of color through mass incarceration. March 2018, Washington, D.C.

Moderator, *Women and HIV*, ABA AIDS Coordinating Committee, New Orleans February, 2018.

Moderator, *Where Do I Find Social Justice?*, New England Clinical Conference, Suffolk University School of Law, October, 2017.

*Truth Seeking: US Advocacy Post-Lenahan*, presenter, St. Louis University School of Law, Childress Memorial Lecture and Symposium

Presenter on Advance Litigation in Abuse Prevention Orders, May, 2017, at Mintz, Levin (Boston).

AALS, Clinical Conference, Denver, May 2017. Discussant for article written by by Georgetown Fellow, Rachel Camp.

Safe Zone Training, March, 2017, University's LGBTQ education.

Criminal Law's Influence on Title IX Processes, Title IX Conference in Honor of Pat Summit, University of Tennessee, March, 2017.

Tort Remedies in Domestic Violence Cases, ABA Sponsored Webinar (February, 2017)

The Needs of Those Living with HIV in Southcoast, Massachusetts, Presented at Bellow's Scholars Conference, Harvard Law School (February, 2017)

Moderator: Implementing Black Lives Matter in Law Schools, New England Clinical Conference, held at Boston University (October 2016)

Presentation on Discovery in Domestic Violence Cases to MA Family Law Working Group, Worcester, MA (October, 2016)

Presentation on Teaching Intangible Skills, Washburn Law School, Topeka, KS, June 2016. (Co-presented with Prof. Jeremiah Ho)

Co-Presented on the Intersection of Criminal Domestic Violence Law and Family Law Cases, ABA Family Law Section, Nassau, May 2016.

Discussant on Law School Curricular and Bar Examination Reform, Beyond Elite Law: Access to Civil Justice in America, New York University Law Review, April, 2016

Moderated Panel on Communication, Discrimination and State Violence, UMass Legal Forum, Boston, 2016. "The Body Politic or the Politics of the Body"

Presentation on gender, racial and sexual identity discrimination. Presentation at UMass Law, co-presented with Prof. Jeremiah Ho March 2016

Presented on Women and HIV and Moderated panel on Immigration, Detention, Children's Rights and HIV Globally, ABA Aids Conference, San Diego, CA (February, 2016)

Attended Lextern Conference in Cleveland, Ohio (March, 2016) – conference is a national gathering devoted to field placements.

“The Indignities of Speech” presented with UMass Law Colleague Jeremiah Ho at the North East Clinical Conference held at Harvard Law School on November 6, 2015.

“Domestic Violence and Health” panelist at presentation held at UMass Law, (October, 2015)

“The Indignities of Speech”. Presented along with two UMass Law Colleagues on the impact of microaggressions and ways in which we can address impact of ill-chosen words and other microaggressions in the classroom and clinic settings. Southern Clinical Conference, Memphis, TN, October, 2015.

Presented on *Elonis v. US*, Constitution Day, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. September, 2015

Roundtable of Domestic Violence Experts to Explore the Development of Child Custody Trainings, Battered Women’s Justice Project, Minneapolis, MN, June, 2015.

Bellow Scholar Presentation, *Building Community Capacity for Those Living With HIV in South Coast, Massachusetts*. AALS Clinical Conference, Rancho Mirage, CA. May, 2015

*Threats, Free Speech, and the Law in the Internet Age* Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. December, 2014. Presented domestic violence concerns raised by *Elonis v. U.S*; Supreme Court Docket No. 13-938; Co-Amici on brief filed by the Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appellate Project. [http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publications/supreme\\_court\\_preview/BriefsV4/13-983\\_resp\\_amcu\\_dvle-et.al.authcheckdam.pdf](http://www.americanbar.org/content/dam/aba/publications/supreme_court_preview/BriefsV4/13-983_resp_amcu_dvle-et.al.authcheckdam.pdf)

Student Life, Relationships and the Law: Confronting Domestic Violence in Higher Education, Pepperdine Law School, October 2014. Presentation: *Cleary Obligations and Domestic Violence*

Presentation: Teaching Immeasurable Skills in the Clinic, Southern Clinical Conference, October 2014, William and Mary Law School.

Motivating Self-Care: Moving from Good Ideas to Good Practices, AALS Conference on Clinical Education, April, 2014 (Chicago, IL)

HIV, AIDS and Family Law Matters, ABA AIDS Coordinating Committee, Atlanta, GA March, 2014.

Telephone Training for ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence, *The Intersection of Domestic Violence and HIV-Aids*, October, 2012

New Mexico Collaborative Lawyers, Full day training on domestic violence and collaborative law September, 2012

Webinar: *Post Trial Advocacy in Child Custody Cases*, September, 2012, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges

Webinar, *Juvenile Protection Orders*, Muskie School of Public Health, August, 2012

*Seeking Justice Through Appeals*, West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (May, 2012)

Judicial Training on Domestic Violence, Wyoming (April 2012)

Judicial Training on Domestic Violence, Minnesota (November 2011)

Professional Ethics and Domestic Violence Cases, Webinar, (December 2011)

AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Family Law workgroup leader (Seattle, 2011)

Presentations Prior to 2011 not included.

### **Bar Association Positions and Other Service to the Profession:**

Chair, ABA HIV Impact Project August, 2019- 2024. member from 2017-2024-present; Liaison From ABA Commission on Domestic Violence to Aids Coordinating Council (2011-present) Vice-Chair effective August, 2016

Bellows Scholar Committee Member, Reviewed Applications from law faculty wishing to be considered for a fellowship, and assess the viability of proposed projects. (2017) Discussant for project reviews for Bellow Scholars, (2017-present.)

Bellows Scholar, (2015) Researched the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in Southcost, Massachusetts.

Special Advisor to the ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence (2006-present). Member of Awards Committee. Liaison from National Association of Women Lawyers to the American Bar Association's Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence 2006-Present; Chair of ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Assault (2004-2006); Co-Chair, ABA Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence Law School Writing Competition Committee (2014-2018)

ABA Workgroup on The Civil Right to Counsel (Civil Gideon), Member 2010-2012

Service prior to 2011 not included.