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EDUCATION

University of Chicago Law School, J.D. *cum laude* 1983
Harvard University, B.A., *magna cum laude* in Government 1980

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP) 2003 - present
Founding Executive Director

George Washington University Law School 1991 - present
Professor of Clinical Law (1995-present);
Associate Professor of Clinical Law (1991-1995)

Designed and teach the Domestic Violence Project, in which students are placed in local and national non-profit organizations to do litigation and/or legislative and policy reform work. 2003 - present (part-time)

Founded and Directed Domestic Violence Advocacy Project (litigation clinic), in which students represented clients seeking civil protection orders and criminal enforcement of those orders in court under faculty supervision. 1993 - 2001

Co-Founded and Co-Directed Domestic Violence Emergency Department (DVED) Clinic, in which students provided crisis intervention, risk assessment, safety planning and legal advocacy for domestic violence victims in local emergency rooms and in-patient Psychiatry Department. 1998 - 2001

Co-taught Civil and Family Litigation Clinic. 1991 - 1993

Washington & Lee School of Law (Visiting Professor of Law) Fall 1997
Taught Criminal Law and Family Law.

Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts, Washington, DC 1987 - 1991
Associate specializing in litigation, environmental law, and pro bono litigation.

Public Citizen Litigation Group, Washington, DC 1986 - 1987
Staff attorney for PCLG and Director of Freedom of Information Clearinghouse.
Litigated in federal court and administrative agencies under the Freedom of Information Act and U.S. Constitution.

Georgetown University Law Center, Sex Discrimination Clinic
Women's Law & Public Policy Fellow 1985 - 1986
Adjunct Professor Spring 1991

Adjunct Professor of Family Law
George Washington University Law School 1993 and 1998
American University, Washington College of Law 1989

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, Chicago, Illinois Spring 1985
Law Clerk to Judge Frank H. Easterbrook

Jenner & Block, Chicago, Illinois 1983 - 1985
Associate specializing in general litigation.

CONSULTING AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Lay Member, Board for Advancement of Psychology in the Public Interest (BAPPI) of the American Psychological Association	2009 –2011
Board Member, Washington Council of Lawyers	2005 - 2009
Editorial Board Member, Journal of Child Custody	2005 - present
Advisory Board, National Evaluation of Domestic Violence Victims' Civil Legal Assistance Program	2001 - 2006
Peer Reviewer, U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Act grants	2000 - 2003
Member, Mayor's Commission on Violence Against Women	1996 - 2001
Member, Advisory Committee, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Curriculum Project	1996 - 1997
Member, National Task Force on Women, Welfare and Abuse	1996 - 1997
Board of Advisors, <i>Domestic Violence Report</i> , a bimonthly Report published by the Civic Research Institute	1995 - present
Ad Hoc Reviewer, <i>Law & Society Review</i>	1992 - 1995
Periodic Reviewer, Family Law Chapter, <i>Street Law: A Course in Practical Law</i>	1987 - 1993
Co-Chair, DC/MD/VA/W.VA Women Law Professors Group	1994 - 1995
Member, DC Superior Court Domestic Violence Coordinating Council	1993 - 2001
Member, Working Group, Battered Women's Justice Project Ongoing consultation with Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence and battered women's advocates around country concerning a variety of issues.	1993 - 2001
Member, DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence Testimony before DC Council on numerous provisions relating to domestic violence, litigation of constitutional issues under IntraFamily Offenses Act in Superior Court, DC Court of Appeals and U.S. Supreme Court; Advocacy and policy development with DC Superior Court, Metropolitan Police Department and U.S. Attorney's Office concerning treatment of family and domestic violence cases; Development of empirical study and Report on Police Response to Domestic Violence; and extensive media appearances.	1986 – present
Member, Inter-University Consortium on Poverty Law Participated in Meetings and consultations concerning poverty-related issues in legal education and policy; Co-hosted " <i>Peer Exchange</i> " at George Washington University National Law Center.	1993 – 1996
Member, U.S. Attorney's Office Advisory Board on Domestic Violence	1993 – 1995
Member, DC Metropolitan Police Department Task Force on Domestic Violence	1990

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Receipt of \$450,000 (for two years) from the U.S. Dept of Justice under the Violence Against Women Act to support Custody and Abuse Project trainings (DV LEAP)	2011
Sunshine Peace Award from the Sunshine Lady Foundation, Inc.	2010
Inaugural Sharon Corbitt Award for "Exemplary Legal Services to Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking," ABA Commission on Domestic Violence	2009

Washington Area Women's Foundation Leadership Award (to DV LEAP)	2009
Catalogue for Philanthropy (DV LEAP)	2007, 2010
Justice for Children Award for Outstanding Leadership	2007
Mary Byron Foundation Celebrating Solutions Award (to DV LEAP)	2006
National Equal Justice Library Edgar Cahn Award for article, <i>Domestic Violence, Character and Social Change in the Welfare Reform Debate</i>	Spring 2001
Receipt of grants for \$200-300,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Violence Against Women Act to support clinical teaching programs	1999, 2001
Georgetown Women's Law & Public Policy Fellowship Georgetown University Law Center Sex Discrimination Clinic	1985 - 1986
Public Interest Law Internship Graduate Fellowship Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago	Summer 1983

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Getting Real about Abuse and Alienation: A Critique of Drozd and Olesen's Decision Tree*, Journal of Child Custody 7:4, 219 (2010)
- A Historical Perspective on Parental Alienation Syndrome and Parental Alienation*, Journal of Child Custody, 6:3, 232 (Symposium on Domestic Violence)(2009)
- The Misuse of Parental Alienation Syndrome in Custody Suits*, in Stark and Buzawa, Eds., VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN FAMILIES AND RELATIONSHIPS, Vol. 2, The Family Context (ABC-CLIO)(2009)
- Parental Alienation Syndrome and Parental Alienation: Research Reviews*. Harrisburg, PA (January, 2009): VAWnet, a project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence/Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/AR_PAS.pdf
- Davis/Hammon, Domestic Violence, and the Supreme Court: The Case for Cautious Optimism*, 105 MICH. L. REV. FIRST IMPRESSIONS 22 (2006), <http://students.law.umich.edu/mlr/firstimpressions/vol105/meier.pdf>
- A Domestic Violence, Child Custody, and Child Protection: Understanding Judicial Resistance and Imagining the Solutions*, 11 A.U. J. Gender, Social Policy & the Law 657 (2003)
- Domestic Violence, Character and Social Change in the Welfare Reform Debate*, Law and Policy 19:2, 205-263 (April 1997)(Symposium on Domestic Violence and Welfare)(Equal Justice Award)
- Domestic Violence and Feminist Jurisprudence: Toward a New Agenda* 4 Boston University Public Interest Law Journal 339 (Symposium 1995)(with Naomi Cahn)
- Introduction to Chapter, "Feminist Theory and Legal Norms" in *The Public Nature of Private Violence*, Fineman & Mykitiuk, Eds., (Routledge: 1994)
- Notes From the Underground: Integrating Psychological and Legal Perspectives on Domestic Violence in Theory and Practice* 21 Hofstra L. Rev. 1295 (Symposium)(Summer 1993)
- The 'Right' to a Disinterested Prosecutor of Criminal Contempt: Unpacking Public and Private Interests*, 70 Washington Law Quarterly 85 (Spring 1992)
- Recent Developments, *Double Jeopardy and Enforcement of Civil Protection Orders*, 1 Tex. J. of Women and Law 269 (Spring 1992)(with Naomi Cahn)
- Battered Justice, The Washington Monthly* (May 1987) (cover story), reprinted in Social Issues Resources Series, Vol. 3 (1984-1987)

TRAININGS

- Invited Presenter*, "Developments in the Law of Domestic Violence in the United States," for ABA Rule of Law Initiative and UNICEF Study Tour for delegation of experts from China, Washington, DC November 2011
- Keynote Presenter*, "Distinguishing Different Types of Domestic Violence -- Promise or Peril?", at Seminar, *Rethinking Domestic Violence*, sponsored by University of Akron, Akron Bar Association and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Akron, Ohio September 2011
- Invited Keynote Presenter*, "Teaching and Advocacy for Social Change: The Personal, the Political and the Supreme Court," University College Dublin, Ireland March 2011
- Invited Presenter*, "Alienation and Abuse Allegations in Child Custody Litigation: What Courts Should Know" Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges, Columbus, OH December, 2010
- Invited Panelist* presenting on "Sexual Abuse Casework and Secondary Trauma: An Occupational Hazard for Professionals" at the DC Superior Court's Ninth Annual Family Court Multidisciplinary Training Institute, Washington, DC October, 2010
- Invited Participant*, *Families Matter Symposium*, American Bar Association Section of Family Law and U. Balt. School of Law Center for Families, Children and the Courts, Baltimore, MD June 24-25, 2010
- Competitively Selected Presenter*, *Getting Real about Parental Alienation*, at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado (with Julie Field) June, 2010
- Invited Full Day Trainer*, *The Reality of Custody Disputes: Effective Representation of the Victim of Sexual and Domestic Violence*, for the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, Lawrence, Kansas December 2009
- Invited Presenter*, *Domestic Violence and Custody in Family Court*, for the D.C. Volunteer Lawyers' Project, Washington, D.C. December 2009
- Invited Presenter*, *Pitfalls in Adjudications of Custody and Abuse*, for the District of Columbia Family Court Conference, Washington, D.C. October 2009
- Competitively Selected Presenters*, *Parental Alienation in Family Court and Child Welfare Agencies: Challenges & Strategies*, at the National Summit on the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Welfare, Jackson Hole, Wyoming (with Elizabeth Liu) June 2009
- Invited Presenter*, *Defining Domestic Violence: The Potential and Pitfalls of the New Paradigms*, for Jewish Women International's Fourth International Conference on Domestic Abuse, Baltimore, MD April 2009
- Invited Trainer*, *Custody Evaluations in Abuse Cases: Problems and Responses*, for the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Tampa, FL January 2009
- Invited Presenter*, *Vicarious Traumatization: What it is and What Can Be Done About it*, for the Children's Law Center, Washington, DC November 2008
- Invited Presenter*, *Parental Alienation: Challenges and Strategies*, at the Battered Women's Justice Project 12th Annual Coalition Advocates and Attorneys' Network Meeting, Washington, DC September 2008

- Invited Presenter, *Abuse Evaluations in Civil/Family Courts*, for the National Children's Bench Book Project: Symposium on Improving Judicial Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, , Washington, DC September 2008
- Invited Presenter, *Can Batterers Still be Prosecuted after the Giles Decision?* Jewish Women International TeleConference June 2008
- Invited Presenter, *Parental Alienation Syndrome or Abuse? Getting Past the Rhetoric*, for the East Central Multidisciplinary Team, Manchester, CT January 2008
- Invited Presenter, *Challenges of Child Protection in Custody Courts*, Domestic Violence Consultant Initiative for Connecticut Department of Children and Families, Hartford, CT January 2008
- Co-Trainer, *Evidence in Domestic Violence Litigation*, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Continuing Legal Education Teleconference Series March 2006 and February 2008
- Organizer and Co-Host, *The Art of the Appeal – Critical Tools for Protecting Children in Custody Cases*, Training Sponsored by DV LEAP and Justice for Children, Washington, DC Jun. 2007
- Presenter, *Statutory Issues in Domestic Violence/Custody Cases* for The Art of the Appeal – Critical Tools for Protecting Children in Custody Cases, Training Sponsored by DV LEAP and Justice for Children, Washington, DC June, 2007
- Presenter, *Introduction to Parental Alienation Syndrome – Critiques and Legal Challenges*, for The Art of the Appeal – Critical Tools for Protecting Children in Custody Cases, Training Sponsored by DV LEAP and Justice for Children, Washington, DC June, 2007
- Presenter, *Parental Alienation Syndrome*, and Discussion Leader, “Breaking the Silence: Children’s Stories,” Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Clearinghouse Lawyer Training, Tampa, FL February 2006
- Presenter and Workshop Teacher, *Parental Alienation Syndrome or Abuse? The Battle for Truth*, and *Cross-Examination of Experts*, for the Muskie School of Public Service Child Custody and Domestic Violence Institute, San Antonio, TX November 2005
- Invited Presenter, *Post-Trial Remedies and Appeal*, American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence, National Civil Law Institute, Chicago, IL July 2005
- Litigation Coach, American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence, National Civil Law Institute, Chicago, IL July 2005
- Trainer, *Thinking Appeal*, presented at:
- American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence: Teleconference on Litigation Tips in Domestic Violence Cases May 2004
 - DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation Domestic Violence Training for Pro Bono Attorneys October 2003 thru 2009
- Invited Presenter, New Jersey Judicial Training Conference on Domestic Violence, *Vicarious Traumatization: What it is and What can be Done About it*, Easton, NJ April, 2004
- Invited Expert Presenter, American Bar Association Asia Law Initiative U.S.-China Legal Aid Training Program, *Domestic Violence and the Law; Clinical Legal Education*, Xi’an, China. January 2004

- Presenter, *A Litigation Tactics and Strategies in CPO Litigation* at DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, CLE Course on new Domestic Violence Rules, Washington, DC March 2001
- Trainer, *Dynamics of Domestic Violence; Counseling and Safety Planning for Battered Women*, DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, Domestic Violence Training, Washington, DC October 2000
- Invited Panel Presentation, *Expert Witnesses in Domestic Violence Cases*, at A Civil Institute co-sponsored by ABA Commission on Domestic Violence and U.S. Department of Justice's Violence Against Women Office, Washington, DC May 2000
- Invited Two-day Facilitator for ongoing Breakout Sessions, DC Domestic Violence Training Conference, Co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice, DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence, DC Superior Court Domestic Violence Intake Center et al, Washington, DC May 1999
- Training, National Association of Public Interest Law, *Empowering Battered Women Clients*, Doubletree Inn, Washington, DC April 1999
- Presenter, Workshop, *Helping Clients Overcome Domestic Violence*, Legal Services of New Jersey Annual Conference, Eatontown, NJ November 1998
- Presenter, Workshop on Domestic Violence, St. Francis Center 1998 Illness, Loss & Grief Conference (for grief counselors) October 1998
- Trainer, Nuts & Bolts Seminar on "Representing Children in Domestic Violence Cases" DC Bar PSAC et al., (training for Guardians Ad Litem), Washington, DC June 1998
- Trainer, *Domestic Violence, Work and Welfare*, for DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy Project, Washington, DC May 1997
- Presenter, Child Support Enforcement and Domestic Violence, by invitation of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services at the A New Responsibilities Forum, Washington, DC October 1996
- Presenter, TeleConference Forum on Domestic Violence and Welfare, by invitation of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC October 1996
- Trainer, *Interviewing a Victim of Domestic Violence*, DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, Domestic Violence Training, Washington, DC October 1996
- Trainer, *Contempt Enforcement of Civil Protection Orders*, DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, Domestic Violence Training, Washington, DC October 1995 and October 1996
- Trainer, ABA Section on Litigation, Pro Bono Committee, Legal Services Advocacy Program, Catholic University Law School, Washington, DC June 1995
- Trainer, *Counseling and Safety Planning*, DC Bar Public Service Activities Corporation, Domestic Violence Training, Washington, DC October 1994
- Trainer, *Civil Protection Orders in DC*, for Emergency Domestic Relations Project Pro Bono Training, Crowell & Moring, Washington, DC July 1994
- Trainer, *Criminal Prosecution of Domestic Violence*, for DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence Criminal Justice Advocacy Project, Washington, DC 1991 - 1993
- Trainer, *Police Response to Domestic Violence*, for DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence and DC Metropolitan Police Department, Washington, DC 1992

SPEECHES AND PRESENTATIONS

- Invited Presentation, “*Developments in the Law of Domestic Violence in the United States*,” for ABA Rule of Law Initiative and UNICEF Study Tour for delegation of experts from China, Washington, DC November 2011
- Invited Speaker, “*Problems with Child Protection in the Family Courts*,” for Congressional Briefing on the Effects of Domestic Violence on Children, Washington, DC October, 2011
- Keynote Presenter, “*Distinguishing Different Types of Domestic Violence – Promise or Peril?*” at Seminar “*Rethinking Domestic Violence*,” sponsored by University of Akron, Akron Bar Association and Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Akron, OH September, 2011
- Invited Testimony before Arizona Domestic Relations Committee Substantive Law Workgroup, on domestic violence and coercive control in child custody amendments May, 2011
- Invited Speaker, Debated leading advocate for criminal defendants’ confrontation rights, Jeffery Fisher, on panel, “*Confrontation Rights in Domestic Violence Cases*” for the National Association of Women Judges Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA October, 2010
- Invited Keynote Presenter, “*Domestic Violence in Family Court: Where have we been and where should we go?*”; and workshop presenter, “*Custody Evaluations*” and “*Thinking Appeal*;” 2nd Annual Seattle University Symposium on Domestic Violence September, 2010
- The Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP)*, at the National Summit to End Domestic Violence hosted by The Mary Byron Project November 2009
- Keynote Domestic Violence Presentation* for the State Department International Visitor Leadership Program, S. African delegation September 2009
- Keynote Domestic Violence Presentation* for the Delegation from Hungary, Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program hosted by the Meridian International Center, Washington, DC March 2009
- Invited Speaker, Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program: *The United States Experience in Combating Domestic Violence, A Project for Ukraine*, hosted by the Meridian International Center, Washington, DC December 2008
- Invited Panelist, *Partnering to Prevent Domestic Abuse – Panel Discussion: What you may not Know*, sponsored by the World Bank, International Monetary Fund, and Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC October 2008
- Invited Keynote Panelist, *Violence Against Women in the Supreme Court* for the Ortner-Unity Family Violence Center & the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia, PA October 2008
- Invited Speaker, Department of State International Visitor Leadership Program: *Supporting Victims of Gender Violence, a Project for South Africa*, hosted by the Meridian International Center, Washington, DC July 2008
- Invited Speaker, *Models of Domestic Violence*, for panel on *Laying the Foundation for Theoretical Development in Elder Mistreatment*, National Institutes of Justice Workshop on Elder Mistreatment, Washington, DC February 2008
- Symposium Organizer and Host, *Custody and Abuse Cases in the Supreme Court*, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC December 2007

Presenter, <i>Sociohistorical Perspective and Legal Strategies for Change</i> , for Symposium on Custody and Abuse Cases in the Supreme Court, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC	December 2007
Panelist, <i>Domestic Violence in the Supreme Court</i> , George Washington University Law School, Orientation, Washington, DC	August 2005 August 2007
Invited Panelist, <i>Has the Debate Between Feminist and Non-Feminist Researchers Been Resolved? Michael Johnson's Two (or Four) Types of Domestic Violence</i> , for panel on Empirical Research on Domestic Violence, American Association of Law Schools Workshop on Family Law 2007, Vancouver, Canada	June 2007
Invited Panelist, Child Custody Plenary Panel, 3 rd National Conference of Jewish Women International Conference on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community, Baltimore, MD	March 2007
Invited Panelist, Response to Keynote, <i>Battered Mothers & Witnessing Children: Failure to Protect and Conceptions of State Accountability</i> , Denver University Law School, Denver, CO	March 2007
Invited Keynote Speaker, <i>Getting Real about Abuse and Alienation</i> , for the Fourth Battered Mothers' Custody Conference, Albany, NY	January 2007
Guest Speaker, "DV LEAP and the <i>Hammon/Davis</i> cases," Georgetown University Law Center Domestic Violence Clinic, Washington, DC	April 2006
Presenter, <i>Domestic Violence Appeals</i> , on panel on <i>Poverty Law in the DC Court of Appeals: Important Recent Developments</i> , DC Bar and Judicial Conference, Washington, DC	March 2006
Presenter and Organizer of Panel, <i>The Confrontation Clause vs. Effective Domestic Violence Prosecution? A Panel Discussion of the Pending Hammon/Davis Cases Before the Supreme Court</i> , George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC	March 2006
Invited Keynote Speaker, <i>City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales Conference: Some are Guilty- All are Accountable</i> , University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO	March 2006
Presenter, <i>The Confrontation Clause and Domestic Violence Prosecution</i> , DC Bar Family Law Section, Washington, DC	February, 2006
Panelist, <i>Breaking the Silence: Children's Voices</i> , at the 3 rd Annual Battered Mothers' Custody Conference, Siena, NY.	January 2006
Invited Keynote Speaker, <i>City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales</i> , 22nd Annual Domestic Violence Awareness Luncheon, Safe Nest, Las Vegas, NV.	October, 2005
Invited Speaker, <i>City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales</i> , Zonta Club of Washington, DC Annual Dinner, Washington, DC	Sept. 2005
Invited Presenter, <i>City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales</i> , National Network to End Domestic Violence Annual Conference and Lobby Day, Washington, DC	June 2005
Invited Presenter, <i>City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales</i> , Greenbook Initiative 2005 All-Sites Conference, Colorado Springs, CO.	June, 2005
Guest Speaker, <i>City of Castle Rock v. Gonzales</i> " Georgetown University Law Center Domestic Violence Clinic, Washington, DC	April 2005

- Presenter and Organizer of Panel, *Litigating the First Domestic Violence Civil Rights Case in the U.S. Supreme Court*, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC March 2005
- Invited Presenter, *Domestic Violence Custody Cases in the Unified Family Court Context*, Florida Unified Family Courts Conference, Orlando, FL October 2004
- Invited Presenter, *The Intersection of Custody Battles and Criminal Prosecution of Domestic Violence, or When is a Woman Alleging Abuse not Credible?* for the National Association of Attorney Generals' Annual National Conference, *Emerging Issues: Violence Against Women*, Washington, DC June 2004
- Co-Occurrence of Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment*, 11th National ABA-APA Conference on Children and the Law, Washington, DC June, 2004
- Presentation, *The Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project*, DC Bar PART Program Meeting, Washington, DC November, 2003
- Panel Presentation, *The Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project*, Washington Council of Lawyers Brown Bag Panel on Domestic Violence Pro Bono Opportunities, Washington, DC September 2003
- Panel Presentation, *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Domestic Violence*, Family Violence Prevention Fund Annual Conference on Domestic Violence and Health, San Francisco, CA October 2000
- Invited Panel Presentation, *The Domestic Violence Emergency Department Clinic*, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Conference on *Educating to End Domestic Violence*, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC September 1999
- Facilitator, *Domestic Violence Clinics*, Small Group Workshop, ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Conference on Educating to End Domestic Violence, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC September 1999
- Panel Presentation, *A Psychological Perspective: Sources of Conflict, Feminism and Legal Theory* Workshop on An Uncomfortable Conversations, Ithaca, NY April 1999
- Moderator, *Feminism and Legal Theory* Workshop on *Law and the Construction of Identity*, New York, NY November 1998
- Presenter, *Domestic Violence, Character, and Social Change*, Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, New York, NY November 1998
- Guest Speaker, *Domestic Violence in DC*, Family Violence Course, George Washington University Department of Sociology, Washington, DC October 1998
- Panel Presentation, *The District of Columbia Unified Domestic Violence Court*, American Bar Association Summit on Unified Family Courts, Philadelphia, PA May 1998
- Keynote Speaker, *Professional Challenges: Advanced Perspectives on the Psychological and Economic Issues Involved in Advocating for Domestic Violence Victims*, Training Conference on Special Issues in Representing Victims of Domestic Violence, Rutgers-Camden School of Law, Camden, NJ April 1997
- Welfare Reform and Domestic Violence*, DC Bar Mid-Winter Convention, Washington, DC February 1997
- Changing Perspectives on Domestic Violence as a Crime*, Joint Program of Criminal Law and Family/Juvenile Law Sections on "Criminal Law and the Family," Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC January 1997

- Teaching about Women and Poverty in the Clinic*, 12th Annual Women and the Law Program of the Washington College of Law at the 1997 AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC January 1997
- Small Group Facilitator, Joint Program of Women in Legal Education, Poverty Law and Clinical Law Sections on *Women and Poverty: The State, Care Giving, Work and Violence*, 1997 AALS Annual Meeting, Washington, DC January 1997
- Presenter, Presidential Showcase Session, *Domestic Violence and Child Support Collection*, Eastern Regional Interstate Child Support Association Training Conference, Buffalo, NY May 1997
- Domestic Violence, Character and Social Change in the Welfare Reform Debate*, Mid-Atlantic Clinical Theory and Practice Workshop, Catholic University School of Law, Washington, DC December 1996
- An Interdisciplinary Domestic Violence Clinic* (with Mary Ann Dutton, PhD), ABA Commission on Domestic Violence Meeting on Domestic Violence Curriculum Project, Washington, DC December 1996
- Panel Presentation, *A Feminist Perspective on the Simpson Case*, George Washington University Law School, Washington, DC October 1995
- Welfare and Domestic Violence*, by invitation of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at Conference on A Changing the Culture, Washington, DC September 1996
- Legal Remedies for Domestic Violence*, Asian Women's Self-Help Association, MD April 1996
- Domestic Violence and the Law*, American University, Family Violence Course, Washington, DC February 1996
- History of Legal Developments concerning Domestic Violence in the United States*, before the International Association of Women Judges, Washington, DC July 1995
- Moderator, Panel on *The Problem of Violence and Poverty*, NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, "Leadership Summit," Washington, DC April 1995
- Guest Speaker, *Domestic Violence and the Law*, Mount Vernon College course on "Cultures in Crisis, Washington, DC April 1995
- Work-in-Progress, *Criminal Law and the Family*, Women Law Professors of Washington, Baltimore, Maryland Area Spring Symposium, Baltimore, MD. April 1995
- Domestic Violence*, National Youth Leadership Forum, Washington, DC March 1995
- Commentator on Papers by Peter Margulies and Ann Shalleck at Symposium on Professional Responsibility, Community and Pluralism, George Washington University National Law Center, Washington, DC February 1995
- Co-Facilitator, *Social Change Lawyering*, Workshop at Alliance for Justice Symposium, Washington, DC October 1994
- Co-presenter, *Social Change Lawyering in the Law School Clinic*, Mid-Atlantic Clinical Theory Workshop, Catholic University Law School, Washington, DC September 1994
- Reviewer and Contributor, DC Practice Manual, Third Edition, Chapter on *Domestic Relations*, Washington, DC 1993-94
- Co-teacher and Presenter, *Counter-transference in Domestic Violence Work* in Small Group on Domestic Violence at American Association of Law Schools Clinical Section Workshop, Newport Beach, CA June 1994

Co-host of National Peer Exchange on Domestic Violence and Feminist Jurisprudence at George Washington University National Law Center, Washington, DC	April, 1994
<i>An Interdisciplinary Approach to Teaching a Domestic Violence Clinic</i> (with Mary Ann Dutton, PhD), at Peer Exchange on Domestic Violence and Feminist Juris-prudence at George Washington University National Law Center, Washington, DC	April, 1994
<i>The Connection Between Spouse Abuse and Child Abuse: A Study of System Failure</i> , before the Family Law Section, Annual Meeting of American Association of Law Schools, Orlando, FL.	January, 1994
Co-teacher, <i>Evaluation in the Law School Clinic</i> , at the American Association of Law Schools Annual Conference Clinical Section Meeting, San Francisco, CA	January 1993
Panelist in Workshop on Domestic Violence, Legal Services of New Jersey Annual Conference, New Brunswick, NJ	November 1992
Presentation and Publication, "Defending Battered Mothers: Some Thoughts on the Child Factor in Domestic Violence," ABA National Institute Section on Criminal Justice, <i>Defending Battered Women in Criminal Cases</i> , Baltimore, MD	September 1992
Commentator, Panel on <i>Feminist Theory and Legal Norms</i> at Domestic Violence Symposium, Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY	April 1992
Paper, <i>The Relevance of Domestic Violence in Establishing Jurisdiction over Child Custody</i> , commissioned by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the National Woman Abuse Prevention Center, Washington, DC	December 1991

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

<i>Invited Testimony</i> before Arizona Domestic Relations Committee Substantive Law Workgroup, on domestic violence and coercive control in child custody amendments	May 2011
Invited Congressional Briefing on <i>Protecting Children in Custody and Abuse Litigation</i> , with Leadership Council on Interpersonal Violence and Child Abuse and other groups, for Majority Leader Steny Hoyer and other Congressional staff.	March 2009
Testimony before the D.C. Council on the <i>Omnibus Anti-Crime Amendment Act of 2009</i> and <i>Public Safety & Justice Amendments Act of 2009</i> , Washington, DC	March 2009
Testimony before DC Council, on the <i>Safe and Stable Homes for Children and Youth Act of 2007</i> , Bill 17-4001 for the Judiciary Committee Roundtable, Washington, DC	April 2007
Testimony before DC Council, <i>2006 Public Oversight Hearing on Funding for Domestic Violence Service</i> , Washington, DC	May 2006
Testimony before DC Council on Phase II welfare reform legislation, A Self-Sufficiency Promotion Emergency Amendment Act of 1998, Washington, DC	April 1998
Testimony before DC Task Forces on Welfare Reform Plan under Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996, Washington, DC	December 1996
Testimony before DC Council on "Joint Custody of Children Amendment Act of 1995," Washington, DC	May 1995
Testimony (written) before U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Opposition to the Nomination of Alexander Williams to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Maryland.	July 1994

Testimony before DC Council on “Joint Custody of Children Amendment Act of 1993,” Washington, DC	April 1994
Testimony before DC Council on “Evidence of Spouse Abuse in Child Custody Cases Act of 1993” and “Evidence of Battered Spouse Syndrome Act of 1993,” Washington, DC	May 1993
Testimony before DC Council on “Anti-Stalking Amendment Act of 1993,” Washington, DC	March 1993
Testimony before DC Council on <i>Prevention of Domestic Violence Amendment Act of 1990</i> , Washington, DC	1990

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Law Schools Clinical Law, Women and the Law, and Family Law Sections
American Bar Association, Family Law Section
Washington Council of Lawyers
United States Supreme Court
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
District of Columbia Bar
Illinois Bar (Inactive)

MEDIA

Extensive media interviews with radio, newspapers and television news and documentaries.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST