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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

- **Professor of Law (Fall 2017); Associate Professor of Law (Fall 2010 – Present); Assistant Professor (Fall 2007 –2010); Assistant Professor of Legal Research and Writing (2000 – 2006)**

Courses

Evidence, Juvenile Appellate Clinic, Children and the Law, Applied Legal Theory and Analysis

Service

- **Committees:** Professional Development Committee (2015-2017; Chairperson 2016); Curriculum Committee (2008 – 2015; Chairperson 2013-2015); Voice for Justice Committee (Chairperson 2003 -2013); Petitions Committee (Chairperson 2004 -2014; 2016-2017); Ford Motor Scholarship & Women’s Lawyer’s Scholarship Committees (2003-Present); Member of the Budget Committee 2013-2014; current member.

EDUCATION

- **Juris Doctor, Summa Cum Laude**, University of Detroit School of Law, May, 1992. Cumulative G.P.A. 3.9. Recipient: Presidential Scholarship, Dean's Scholarship and numerous American Jurisprudence Awards. Member, University of Detroit Law Review. Student Member, University of Detroit Chapter of American Inn of Court.
- **M.B.A.**, University of Detroit, 1977.
- **B.A., Magna Cum Laude**, University of Detroit, 1974.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Testimonial Statements, Reliability, and the Sole or Decisive Evidence Rule: A Comparative Look at the Right of Confrontation in the United States, Canada, and Europe, Forthcoming Catholic Univ. L. Rev. (2017).

Non-offending Parents, Children and the Fourteenth Amendment in Child Protection Proceedings: A Critique of In re Sanders – One Court’s Arbitrary Destruction of the One Parent Doctrine, 84 U.M.K.C. L. Rev. 97 (2015).

Silencing the Victims in Child Sexual Abuse Prosecutions: The Confrontation Clause and Children's Hearsay Statements Before and After Michigan v. Bryant, 28 Touro L. Rev. 85 (2012).

- Discussed by the Supreme Court of Connecticut in *State v. Maguire*, 78 A.3d 828 (2013).
- Cited by the Supreme Court of Indiana in *Van Patten v. Indiana*, 986 N.E. 2d 255 (IN 2013)
- Cited in *Wright & Miller, Federal Prac. & Proc.* § 6371.5 (The Counter-Revolution Begins: Michigan v. Bryant).

From Trusted Confidant to Witness for the Prosecution: The Case Against the Recognition of a Dangerous-Patient Exception to the Psychotherapist-Patient Privilege, 9 U.N.H. L. Rev. 327 (2011).

- Cited in E. Imwinkelried, *The New Wigmore: A Treatise on Evidence* § 6.13.4 (Aspen 2014).

The Psychotherapist-Patient Privilege in the Family Court: An Exemplar of Disharmony Between Social Policy Goals, Professional Ethics, and the Current State of the Law, 29 N. Ill. U. L. Rev. 499 (2009).

- Cited and quoted by the Iowa Supreme Court in *In re A.M.*, 856 N.W.2d 365 (Iowa 2015).
- Cited and quoted in E. Imwinkelried, *The New Wigmore: A Treatise on Evidence* § 5.2.2 (Aspen 2015).

The Orphaning of Underprivileged Children: America's Failed Child Welfare Law & Policy, 8 J. L. & Fam. Stud. 119 (2006).

- Discussed in Samuel M. Davis, Elizabeth S. Scott, Walter Waddington, & Lois A. Weithorn, *Children in the Legal System*, 571-572 (5th ed. Foundation Press 2014).

OTHER

Willian Ladd & Deborah Paruch, Amicus Curiae Brief, *In re Sanders*, 852 N.W.2d 394 (Mich. 2014) filed on behalf of the Univ. of Detroit Mercy School of Law Juvenile Appellate Clinic available at <http://courts.mi.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/Clerks/Documents/briefs-archive/2013-2014/146680amicusudm.pdf>.

Testimonial Statements, Reliability, and the Sole or Decisive Evidence Rule: A Comparative Look at the Right of Confrontation in the United States, Canada, and Europe, work in process – to be submitted for publication in February, 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

"Pointing Empowered Student Leaders toward a Justice Horizon," Tim Hipskind, S.J., Deborah Paruch, and Mary-Catherine Harrison, Commitment to Justice In Jesuit Higher Education Conference, Seattle University, August 2017

The Emerging Conflict Between Non-Offending Parents, Their Children and the State in American Child Protection Proceedings, 16th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law, Vrije University, Amsterdam Netherlands, July 2017.

Testimonial Statements, Reliability, and the Sole or Decisive Evidence Rule: A Comparative Look at the Right of Confrontation in the United States, Canada, and Europe. University of Windsor School of Law, October 2016.

Panel, *Experiential Learning and Simulation Courses,* Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, August 2016

A Comparative Perspective of Children's Hearsay Statements in Criminal Trials, Barry University School of Law, April 2016

A Comparative Perspective on the Right to Confrontation in Child Abuse Cases in the United States, Canada and England, Global Legal Skills Conference, John Marshall Law School and Northwestern Law School, May 2015.

Non-offending Parents, Children and the Fourteenth Amendment in Child Protection Proceedings, presented at the Central States Law School Assoc. 2014 Scholarship Conference, LSU Law Center October 2014.

Panel, *Bringing Outside In: Social Justice Collaborations in the Legal Writing Curriculum,* Legal Writing Institute Bi-Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, June 2014.

Putting the Child Back into Child Protection Proceedings, Southwest Regional Clinical Workshop, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, April 2014.

Faculty Workshop, *Substantive Due Process Rights of Non-offending Parents in Child Protection Proceedings,* University of Toledo School of Law, April 2014.

Panel, *Experiential Learning: Simulation Courses in Child, Juvenile and Family Law,* Charleston Law School, December 2013

Presenter: *A Comparative View of the Treatment Accorded Children's Hearsay Statements in Sexual Abuse Cases in the United States and Canada,* 2013 Law & Education in the Americas Conference, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, June 2013.

Presenter: *Writing Across the Law School Curriculum: Continued Lessons from the Trenches,* Savannah Law School, April 2013.

Presenter: *Preparing Practice Ready Grads: UD Mercy School of Law's "Law Firm Program,"* New York Law School, December 2012.

Presenter: *Common Pitfalls and Hot Button Topics in Evidence*, National Association of Counsel for Children 35th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference, Chicago, IL August 15, 2012 (with Jennifer Pilette and William Ladd).

Presenter: *"Be Careful What You Wish For": The Challenges Confronting Legal Writing Directors and Professors on Tenure Track,*" 2012 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, Arizona State University, March 2012 (with Cristina Lockwood).

Presenter: *Compelled Disclosure of Patient Confidences in Court Ordered Treatment Plans*, National Association of Counsel for Children 34th National Child Welfare, Juvenile and Family Law Conference, San Diego, Calif., August 30, 2011.

Presenter, *Writing Across the Law School Curriculum: Lessons from the Trenches*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona, March 20, 2010.

Presenter, *The Psychotherapist-Patient Privilege in the Family Courts*, Northern Illinois University Law School's 18th Annual Law Review Symposium: *Confronting the Challenges of Persons Who are Mentally Ill: Best Practices & Remaining Issues in the Law*, April 17, 2009.

Presenter, *The Orphaning of Underprivileged Children: America's Failed Child Welfare Law & Policy*, at *Protecting Children's Need for Nurturance: Proven Strategies and New Ideas* sponsored by the Oregon Child Advocacy Project, University of Oregon School of Law, March 24-25, 2006.

Presenter, *Child Protection Proceedings in Michigan*, University Health Education Committee Symposium on Child Abuse and Neglect, University of Detroit Mercy, January, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, American Association of Law Schools
- Member, State Bar of Michigan
- Member, Children's Law Section – State Bar of Michigan
- Member of the Legislation Drafting Committee, Children's Law Section, SBM
- Elected to two-year term – Council – Children's Law Section, SBM (2016-2018).
- National Association of Counsel for Children
- Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors. Served as member of the Publishing Committee of the Association of Legal Writing Directors for the 2012-2013 academic year and Program Committee, ALWD Conference, July 2009
- Member, Legal Writing Institute

LAW SCHOOL SERVICE

Law School Service – Committee Service

- Co-Chair of the Voice for Justice Committee 2012 and 2013. The 2012 and 2013 Auctions raised over \$160,000. (During my years as chairperson of the Committee (2004 – 2013), the Committee raised approximately \$500,000 and funded nearly 100 Voice for Justice Summer Fellowships.)
- Chair of the Petitions Committee: 2012-2014; current member
- Member of the Budget Committee 2013-2014; current member
- Member of Professional Development Committee and Chair. (2015-2017).
- Member of the Curriculum Committee: 2012-13; Chair 2013-2015. Co-chair Bar Exam Task Force 2013-2014.

As a member of this Committee, I worked on designing the comprehensive Academic Support Plan. During the 2012-2013 academic year, under the chairmanship of Pam Lysaght, I worked on the Academic Support portion of the Law School's Strategic Plan. I also worked with Nancy Omichinski and the former Dean of Admission and Student Affairs, Kathleen Caprio, in organizing the Law School's First Year Student Orientation. As Chair of the Curriculum Committee during the 2013-2014 academic year, the Committee was able to obtain the faculty's unanimous approval of the Law School's partnership plan with Barbri.

During the 2014-2015 academic year, Patrick Meyer and I directed the Committee's work on Learning Outcomes and Assessment. We worked with the School of Architecture to create a joint JD/MCD degree (still to go through formal approval process). We also presented two concentrations to the faculty for approval – Immigration Law and Family Law (approved in 2014 and 2015 respectfully).

- Served on the Ford Motor Scholarship & Women's Lawyer's Scholarship Committee during 2012-2015.

Other Law School Service

- Served as faculty coach for the McGee Civil Rights Competition teams for the 2013, 2014 and 2017 competitions.
- Served as faculty coach for the National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare & Adoption Law for the 2015 competition.
- Faculty coach for Detroit Mercy Law students competing in the Ernie Goodman Trial Competition in 2013.
- Served as mentor/shepherd for Cristina Lockwood's tenure application and Patrick Meyer's mid-term review and tenure review.
- Served as faculty advisor to numerous Law Review student members and as advisor for students enrolled in Independent Study courses.

Professional and Community Service

- South Oakland Shelter – a non-profit dedicated to serving the homeless population of Oakland County. Chairperson of the Board of Directors 2014-2016. Member of the Executive Committee 2012-2014.
- Member of the planning committee for the Legal Writing Institute sessions for the 2014 AALS Conference.
- Member of the ALWD Publishing Committee 2012-2013. (Committee assisted Prof. Colleen Barger in reviewing the new edition of the ALWD Citation Manual.)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXPERIENCE

Community Builder Fellowship, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Detroit, Michigan (1999- 2000)

Responsibilities principally involved outreach and educational efforts to increase awareness of HUD's programs and policies. Served as a liaison between the agency and government executives, non-profits, foundations, bankers and developers.

Habitat for Humanity, Detroit (1994-1997)

Served as a member of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairperson (1994-1995) and as the Executive Director and Corporate Counsel (1995-1997).

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Beier Howlett, P.C., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan (2000-2005). Assisted the managing partner, on a contractual basis, with various cases involving land use issues and municipal litigation, together with Applications for Leave to Appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Attorney, Private Practice, (1993-1997). Represented clients in family law matters, including child protection proceedings, and civil rights litigation. Litigated an attorney malpractice case and prepared appeals to the Michigan Court of Appeals and a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Dykema Gossett, Detroit, Michigan (1992-1993 and Summer 1991). Member of the Litigation and Real Estate Groups. Responsibilities included research and the preparation of memoranda, contracts and briefs on numerous issues including real estate, insurance, securities law, ERISA, and general contract law.