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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Law, Director of the Housing Justice Clinic
Brooklyn Law School

July 2023 - Present

- Develop and teach a Professional Responsibility for Public Interest course which is tailored to ethical concerns while practicing public interest law;
- Develop and teach a Housing Justice Seminar in which clinic students discuss how housing and homeownership policy in the United States and New York interact with low-income tenants and homeowners;
- Supervise students providing legal services to low-income New Yorkers in housing-related proceedings.
- Clinic casework includes defending tenants in nonpayment proceedings, litigating civil rights claims on behalf of housing voucher recipients experiencing source of income discrimination, and drafting estate planning documents for elderly homeowners.
- Clinic students also provide advice to tenants all over New York City seeking legal advice on the Legal Aid Society housing helpline.
- Clinic community projects include developing know your rights materials for tenants and tabling in public spaces to share the materials and working with community organizations, legal advocacy nonprofits, and local politicians to support the enforceability of transfer on death deeds in New York State.
- Develop externship experiences for law students with local legal service organizations
- Serve on faculty committees including the Clinical Hiring Committee, Diversity Committee, and Sparer Public Interest Program Committee

Adjunct Professor

January 2023 – April 2023

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

- Co-created and taught a seminar course for students participating in the Housing Justice Field Clinic;
- Developed a syllabus guiding students through the historical and ethical framework for understanding housing justice, competency skills around community and client engagement, commonly litigated issues in housing court and administrative agencies, and the impact of legislative and policy advocacy related to housing justice

Adjunct Professor

January 2022 – July 2023

CUNY School of Law

- Guided first-year law students in the Lawyering Seminar course through attorney simulations including conducting legal research, conducting client intake and counseling, negotiating, drafting an interoffice memo and a pre-answer motion to dismiss and participating in a corresponding oral argument, and
- Developed class lessons that combined learning skills through simulations, improving legal analysis skills, and anchoring class discussions in social justice and professional responsibility.

BAR ADMISSION

New York State

Eastern District of New York

Southern District of New York

EDUCATION

Washington University School of Law

Juris Doctor, May 2015

Dean's Service Award, 2015

Equal Justice Works Award, 2015

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, May 2011

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

The Legal Aid Society of New York

Bronx, New York

Housing Attorney Trainer

October 2021 – June 2023

- Drafted, edited, and updated training materials including presentations, practice manuals, and outlines for new and experienced attorneys;
- Created, facilitated and produced CLE trainings for staff and community advocates on topics including Housing 101, Drafting Answers, Case Management & File Maintenance, Holdovers, Post-Judgment Practice, Litigating First Impression Issues, Public Benefits, and Building an Anti-Racist Workplace;
- Maintained a database of Housing decisions of note with assistance from law students at Columbia Law School;
- Provided updated materials and information related to changes and significant decisions in housing law; and
- Lead and facilitated internal and citywide advocate trainings for attorneys, paralegals, and case workers with groups ranging from 15-75 and 100-400 attendees.

Tenant Defense Staff Attorney

December 2017 – October 2021

- Drafted answers and pretrial motions including motions for dismissal, discovery, and summary judgment;
- Argued motions in court and negotiate terms of settlement with opposing counsel;
- Advocated on behalf of tenants for public benefits and rental arrears acquirement with government agencies, charities, and other non-profits;
- Provided guidance to attorneys and paralegals seeking to obtain public assistance shelter subsidies for tenants as a member of a specialized housing subsidy team (FHEPS);
- Developed and led a curriculum for summer legal interns and new attorney hires using different media sources; and
- Participated in various inter-office committees focused on intern hiring and supervision, office morale, and management hiring.

White, Fleischer, & Fino, LLP

New York, New York

Associate Attorney

December 2016 – December 2017

- Drafted pretrial motions including motions for summary judgment, motions to dismiss, compel, and reargue in relation to insurance defense claims; and
- Appeared in NYS Supreme Court to argue and negotiate during preliminary, compliance, and motion conferences.

Reibman & Weiner, LLP

Brooklyn, New York

Associate Attorney

October 2015 – December 2016

- Second-seated federal Section 1983 Civil Rights and NYS personal injury trials;
- Drafted opening and closing statements, direct and cross examinations, motions in *limine*, *voir dire*, jury instructions, verdict sheets, and coordinated all evidence production during trial;
- Drafted complaints, discovery demands and disclosures, settlement letters, and motions for summary judgment in relation to police misconduct claims; and
- Prepared clients for and represent clients at administrative 50-h hearings.

PUBLICATIONS

Evicting Evictions

53 FORDHAM URBAN LAW JOURNAL 97 (2025).

Narrowing in on the inequity in non-payment proceedings brought against low-income tenants, I argue that evictions harm all litigants and deplete government resources and propose that the most straightforward way to reduce evictions is to remove them as a possible result of non-payment proceedings in housing court.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Legal Outreach, Inc.

High School Freshmen Grammar Instructor

Queens, New York

September 2015 – May 2023

St. Louis County Public Defender's Office

Legal Intern

St. Louis, Missouri

January 2015 – April 2015

Legal Resources Centre

Legal Intern

Durban, South Africa

August 2014 – December 2014

Armstrong, Teasdale LLP

Summer Associate

St. Louis, Missouri

Summer 2014

Sigma Aldrich

Summer Legal Intern

St. Louis, Missouri

Summer 2013

CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Discrimination by Any Other Name

Critical Race Studies 25th Anniversary Symposium at UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California, October 2025

Good Mourning

Private Law and Multicultural Identities Conference, hosted by AALS Section on Race and Private Law, Arona, Italy, July 2026

20th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Faculty Workshop, hosted by Loyola Law School, Chicago, Illinois, June 2026

Annual Poverty Law Conference, hosted by USC Gould School of Law, Los Angeles, California, February 2026

Clinical Law Review Workshop, hosted by NYU Law School, New York, New York, October 2025

Cardozo-Fordham Metropolitan Junior Scholars Workshop, hosted by Fordham School of Law, September 2025

Inheritance Inequality Symposium, hosted by Drexel University, September 2024

Evicting Evictions

2025 AALS Clinical Conference Scholarly Works-in-Progress Session at AALS Annual Clinical Conference, San Francisco, CA, April 2025

Cardozo-Fordham Metropolitan Junior Scholars Workshop, hosted by Cardozo School of Law, September 2024

Clinical Law Review Workshop, hosted by NYU Law School, New York, New York, October 2024

18th Annual Lutie A. Lytle Faculty Workshop, hosted by Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina, June 2024

New Voices in Poverty Law at AALS Annual Conference, Washington D.C., January 2024
Brooklyn Law School Junior Faculty Workshop, Brooklyn, New York, August 2023

Overview of Housing for Low- Income Tenants and Occupants in New York City

Housing Law for Low-Income Communities in New York City, hosted by the Practising Law Institute (PLI), New York, New York, October 2025 (scheduled)

Housing Law for Low-Income Communities in New York City, hosted by the Practising Law Institute (PLI), New York, New York, October 2024 and October 2023

Common Rental Subsidies Important to Low-Income Clients

Housing Law for Low-Income Communities in New York City, hosted by the Practising Law Institute (PLI), New York, New York, October 2023 and October 2022

Good Cause Eviction

New York State Bar Association 2022 Partnership Conference, Albany, New York, October 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

With ‘deed theft’ scammers are targeting Black homeowners, [Code Switch](#), July 21, 2026

NYC Families Caught in Rent Aid Catch-22 Sue to Sidestep State Blockade, [The City](#), February 8, 2021

Home Title Theft: How to Prevent It, [U.S. News & World Report](#), August 11, 2025

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

2024 -2025 Professor of the Year, Brooklyn Law School

NYC Service AmeriCorps Alum Impact Award 2019, Office of the Mayor - NYC Service

Jonathan Lippman Access to Justice Fellowship Class of 2019, Center for Court Innovation

Top 25 Pro Bono Advocates of 2015, Legal Services of New York

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Soprano 2 Member, New York City Bar Chorus, September 2017 – Present

Board Member, Grow Brooklyn, 2019 – Present (Chair 2022 – 2025)

Board Member, Art and Resistance Through Education, 2018 - 2024

Founding Board Member, Peer Defense Project, May 2020 - December 2023

Asylum Application Preparer, Church World Service, June 2022 - July 2022

Team Leader & Volunteer, New York Cares, 2016 - 2018