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**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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Seattle University School of Law, *Associate Professor, 2010-Present*

Teach first and second year courses in top-ranked, nationally recognized program in legal writing, applied legal analysis, trial and appellate procedure and advocacy.

*Director, Homeless Rights Advocacy Project at the Korematsu Center, 2014-Present*

Oversee research, analysis, and advocacy projects, teach courses, and build strategic partnerships focused on advancing the rights of homeless adults, youth, and children.

DePaul University, College of Law, *Legal Analysis, Research & Communication, Instructor, 2009-10*

**EDUCATION**

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New York University School of Law, *J.D. 2000*

Harvard Graduate School of Education, *M. Ed. 1994*

University of Oregon, *B.A. 1992*

**ARTICLES**

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*Punishing Homelessness*, 22 *NEW CRIM. L. REV.* 99 (January 2019) (invited).

*The Influence of Exile*, 76 *MD. L. REV.* 4 (2016) (reviewed in Jotwell, October 26, 2016; response piece from Professor Bill Quigley, *The Influence of Exile: Three Stories*, 76 *MD. L. REV.* 47 (2017)).

*A Homeless Bill of Rights (Revolution)*, 45 *SETON HALL L. REV.* 383 (2015).

*Invidious Deliberation: The Problem of Congressional Bias in Federal Hate Crime Legislation*, 66 *RUTGERS L. REV.* 563 (2014).

**BOOKS, SYMPOSIA, PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS & OTHER WORKS**

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*LEGAL WRITING SOURCEBOOK (3D ED. 2019)* (invited). Co-author of chapter entitled, *Innovation and Activities Beyond the Classroom* with Mary Bowman and Heather Baxter.

THE NEW 1L: TEACHING FIRST- YEAR STUDENTS TO BE LAWYERS THROUGH ACTUAL PRACTICE (Carolina Academic Press, April 2015) (co-editor and contributing author). Other contributors include Erwin Chemerinsky (Irvine), Michael Wishnie (Yale), Michael Millemann (Maryland), Stephen Schwinn (John Marshall), Nantiya Ruan (Denver).

*Homeless Rights Advocacy Project Report Series* (editor of annual reports). Available at <http://ssrn.com/author=1572922>.

*Homeless Bills of Rights: An Advocate's Guide* (co-authored report with the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty) (released April 2014).

*The Fully Formed Lawyer: Why Law Schools Should Require Public Service to Better Prepare Students for Private Practice*, 17 CHAPMAN L. REV. 17 (2013) (invited symposium submission).

*We Have a Dream: Integrating Skills Courses in the First Year of Law School (and Beyond)*, 17 CHAPMAN L. REV. 89 (2013) (with others) (invited symposium submission).

*Tired of Talking: A Call for Clear Strategies for Legal Education Reform- Moving Beyond the Discussion of Good Ideas to the Real Transformation of Law Schools*, 10 SEATTLE J. SOC. JUST. 11 (2011).

*Rethinking Neutrality: Race and ADR*, DISPUTE RES. J. 40 (August 1999).

#### **ONLINE PUBLICATIONS**

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*Opinion: Seattle must invest in housing to solve chronic homelessness*, November 19, 2018 | Puget Sound Business Journal

*Criminalizing homelessness is not just cruel: it's costly, too*, July 25, 2018 | CityMetric

*Criminalizing Homelessness Doesn't Work*, June 20, 2018 | City Lab

*Why turning homelessness into a crime is cruel and costly*, June 20, 2018 | The Conversation

*America's Love Affair with Property Fails to Appreciate Its Troubling Origins*, April 11, 2018 | Real Change

*Criminalizing Visual Poverty—the Effects of Making Homelessness a Crime*, November 21, 2016 | Jurist

*Should Homelessness Be a Crime? Our State Grapples with Its Answer*, August 27, 2004 | Firesteel

## **SELECT PRESS**

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*In Seattle, 1 in 5 people booked into jail are homeless*, February 9, 2019 | Crosscut

*Restaurateur Chad Mackay sees opportunity for nimble, regional players*  
January 11, 2019 | Puget Sound Business Journal

*Director's Corner: We care more about optics than homeless people*  
January 02, 2019 | Real Change News

*For Californians living in their cars, a church parking lot can briefly be home*, November 28, 2018 | The Washington Post

*The Homeless Crisis Is Getting Worse in America's Richest Cities*, November 20, 2018 | Bloomberg Businessweek

*Opinion: Seattle must invest in housing to solve chronic homelessness*, November 19, 2018 | Puget Sound Business Journal

*Seattle council eyes \$16 million in budget tweaks, but no head tax, no big tent shelter*, November 08, 2018 | The Seattle Times

*King County will open west wing of downtown Seattle jail as shelter*, October 11, 2018 | The Seattle Times

*Homelessness advocates believe panhandling is protected speech — and they're putting Washington cities on notice*, September 19, 2018 | Real Change

*West coast cities try to skirt judge's ruling preventing them from criminalizing homeless camps*, September 14, 2018 | ThinkProgress

*Federal-court ruling on homeless camps won't affect Seattle, city attorney says*, September 7, 2018 | The Seattle Times

*Sweeping tents illegal without 'practical' alternatives, court rules*, September 5, 2018 | NPR/KUOW

*"Think Out Loud"- Federal Court Says Cities Can't Prosecute People for Sleeping on Public Streets*, September 5, 2018 | NPR/Oregon Public Broadcasting

*Court: Cities can't prosecute people for sleeping on streets*, September 4, 2018 | Associated Press; Washington Post; Los Angeles Times; Fox News

*Supporting homeless individuals: How much do we spend?*, August 31, 2018 | Crosscut

*Wright on Center: Let's fund and build housing to end homelessness in Seattle and King County, August 24, 2018 | Puget Sound Business Journal*

*In a Growing Crisis, Seattle Uses City Hall as a Homeless Shelter, August 23, 2018 | City Lab*

*Seattle Increasing Removals of Homeless Encampments, August 22, 2018| Seattle Times*

*Living Behind the Wheel, August 20, 2018| Slate*

*Seattle parks volunteers go to repair habitat, and find tent camps, August 8, 2018| Seattle Times*

*More Americans are forced to "reside" in their vehicles, July 31, 2018| CBS News*

*'It's the New Form of Affordable Housing': More Homeless People Are Living in Their Cars, July 24, 2018| Governing*

*Business leaders and service providers form coalition to end chronic homelessness in Seattle, July 23, 2018| Puget Sound Business Journal*

*After head tax repeal, new group emerges to fight homelessness, July 18, 2018| Crosscut*

*Putting politics aside, Seattle's 'Third Door Coalition' hopes to help end chronic homelessness, July 19, 2018| Q13 Fox*

*What can Seattle learn from San Francisco on Homelessness, June 6, 2018| NPR/KUOW*

*Inside Seattle's approach to tent encampments, May 17, 2018| NPR/KUOW*

*Ballard rape case intensifies homeless debate, May 17, 2018| Seattle Times*

*Should barriers be lowered to get the homeless housed? May 17, 2018| NPR/KUOW*

*In Seattle, A Rapist's Housing Status Overshadows Horrific Crime, May 17, 2018| Patch.com*

*Seattle lacks 'coherent strategy' to fight homelessness, expert says, May 16, 2018 | KING 5 News,*

*Solving Homelessness, May 14, 2018| Michael Medved Show Radio*

*Sweeps or services? For Seattle's Navigation Team, it's both, May 15, 2018 | NPR/KUOW*

*This Seattle man won the constitutional right to live in his truck — it could be the start of a revolution in how we handle the homeless, May 10, 2018 | Raw Story*  
*Short-term fixes highlighted in Seattle U homeless study, May 9, 2018 | KOMO 4 News*

*Homeless Rights Advocacy Project Releases Six Studies on Solutions to Homelessness, May 9, 2018 | Real Change News*

*New Reports on Homelessness, May 8, 2018 | NPR All Things Considered/KNKX Public Radio*

*In homeless crisis, Seattle's challenge is its own progressive attitude, May 8, 2018 | KIRO Radio*

*Seattle U prof: City can't solve homelessness without courage, May 8, 2018 | CrossCut*

*Cities ban sidewalk sitting, but does it help or hurt?, April 11, 2018 | NPR/KUOW Public Radio*

*Vehicle residency, March 12, 2018 | NPR/KUOW Public Radio,*

*RV problems in SODO, March 5, 2018 | KIRO-TV Channel 7 & KIRO Radio*

*Judge rules Seattle homeless man's truck is his home, March 4, 2018 | Seattle Times*

*A Conspicuous Bike Rack Gets Seattle Talking About Its Hostile Architecture, February 15, 2018 | Architectural Digest*

*Seattle DOT Plans to Remove Hostile Architecture, February 12, 2018 | Next City*

*Seattle is putting fences under its bridges to keep campers out — and some say that's wrong, February 6, 2018 | Seattle Times*

*For homeless Seattleites, a reprieve from the debilitating burden of warrants, January 10, 2018 | Seattle Weekly*

*Seattle Uses Bike Racks to Discourage Homeless Camping, December 17, 2017 | The Stranger,*

*Before the tent camps are cleared, this Seattle team coaxes the homeless toward shelter, November 30, 2017 | Seattle Times*

*Mayor: Court order allowing homeless camps creates hazard, November 9, 2017 | Associated Press; Washington Post; ABC News; NY Times; LA Times*

*Tech, housing boom creates homeless crisis on West Coast, November 5, 2017 | Associated Press; CNBC; ABC News; US News & World Report*

*Court: Homeless have privacy rights, October 10, 2017 | The Columbian*

*Another Dishonest Take from the Seattle Times Editorial Board on Homelessness, August 24, 2017* | The Stranger

*NIMBYs Already Freaking Out Over Proposal to Help People Living in Cars, August 10, 2017* | The Stranger

*What if Seattle police stopped ticketing people who live in their cars? August 9, 2017* | NPR/KUOW Public Radio

*Compassion or tough love for homelessness? July 14, 2017* | NPR/KUOW Public Radio

*A new place for Seattle's homeless: In my backyard, May 11, 2017* | CrossCut

*Interview on evening news broadcast, February 22, 2017* | KOMO Channel 4 Evening News

*Is a Tarp a Home? February 15, 2017* | The Stranger

*Thanks for the Homeless Camps, Mayor, But Stop the Sweeps, January 25, 2017* | Seattle Weekly

*Is Homelessness a Right? Seattle Grapples with How to Respond to a Growing Crisis, December 20, 2016* | Time Magazine

*ACLU warns Yakima about lawsuit risk on homeless policy, November 14, 2016* | The Yakima Herald

*When helping homeless people hurts more than helps, November 6, 2016* | The Idaho Statesman

*Forum addresses solutions to homelessness in Boise, November 4, 2016* | Northwest Cable News

*DOJ: Seattle Encampment Sweeps Legislation Recognizes Homeless People's Rights "Must Be Respected," October 16, 2016* | The Stranger

*Without a Roof: Interview with Sara Rankin, September 21, 2016*, KZFR 90.1FM (California)

*Law & Disorder, September 7, 2016* | Real Change (feature article)

*Should we give the homeless bus tickets out of town? May 24, 2016* | NPR/KUOW Public Radio

*Fear of our own desperation gets in the way of homelessness solutions, May 23, 2016* | Seattle Times

*Hobbit-like hut where man has lived for 3 years just one of the camps cleared out in suburbs, May 20, 2016* | Seattle Times

*Seattle Experiments with New Solutions to Ease Homelessness, February 18, 2016* | Associated Press; ABC News, MSN

*Seattle elected officials have declared an emergency as homeless deaths mount, resorting to a tool often reserved for natural disasters, February 18, 2016* | US News & World Report

*Work Crews Miss the Point, January 29, 2016* | KPLU Public Radio

*Why Governments Declare a Homeless State of Emergency, November 10, 2015* | Governing

*Murray Declares Civil Emergency on Homelessness, November 2, 2015* | Seattle Weekly

*Everett City Council Passes Ordinance to Curb Panhandling, October 29, 2015* | KOMO News, Q13Fox

*Boise Homeless Case Dismissed; Now What?, October 2, 2015* | Boise State Public Radio

*Criminalizing Homelessness Can Now Cost Cities Federal Money, September 22, 2015* | Think Progress

*DOJ Joins Homeless Advocates Against Anti-Camping Laws, August 20, 2015* | Seattle Weekly

*Lawyers Warn Cities Face Liability in Light of DOJ Statement of Interest, August 19, 2015* | KPLU-FM (Radio)

*Legal Advocates Issue Statewide Warning: Criminalizing Homeless People Raises Constitutional Liability for Cities, August 19, 2015* | KOMO-AM (Radio)

*Homeless Bus Ticket Programs Across the Nation Offer Little Accountability, Poor Housing Solutions, Activists Say, July 24, 2015* | International Business Times

*Tent Cities: Seattle's Unique Approach to Homelessness, June 10, 2015* | Grist

*If Only Homeless People Could Be Tagged Once and for All, May 27, 2015* | Real Change

*'War on the Visibly Poor' in Auburn, Washington, May 27, 2015* | KUOW Public Radio

*Dealing with Homelessness: Criminalizing It Is Not the Answer, Says Law School Prof. Sara Rankin, May 27, 2015* | Legal Broadcast Network

*Are We Hiding the Homeless When We Should Be Housing Them?, May 26, 2015* |

*Stop Policies That Lead to Cycle of Homelessness*, Seattle Times Editorial Board, May 14, 2015| Seattle Weekly

*Honolulu Mayor Learns the Hard Way That Criminalization Isn't the Answer to Homelessness*, May 12, 2015| Think Progress

*Arresting Homeless People for Being Homeless Is Unbelievably Wasteful*, May 11, 2015| Think Progress

*Report Says Wash. State Criminalizes People for Being Homeless*, May 11, 2015| Sky Valley Chronicle

*Seattle U Study Finds Laws Pile Up Against Homeless*, May 10, 2015| Seattle Times

*When Survival Becomes a Crime: How City Laws Affect the Homeless*, May 6, 2015| KUOW Public Radio

*A New Study Shows Exactly How Washington Cities Have Turned Being Homeless into Crime*, May 6, 2015 | Seattle Weekly

*Unraveling Problems: Giving Homeless Clients Advocacy and Tools to Help Themselves*, April/May 2015 | Northwest Lawyer

*Guess Which "Liberal" State Has 500 Laws Aimed at Oppressing the Homeless?*, February 18, 2015 | Alternet

#### **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

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*Legislating Solutions to Chronic Homelessness*, 2019 Association of Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting, Syracuse, NY (May 18, 2019) (invited) (forthcoming).

*Teaching Homeless Rights Advocacy*, National Conference of Bar Examiners, San Francisco, CA (May 3, 2019) (invited) (forthcoming).

*Ending Chronic Homelessness*, Seattle Community Roundtable, Seattle Chamber of Commerce (March 14, 2019) (invited) (forthcoming).

*Building Bridges Between Business Leaders and Others to Solve Homelessness*, Destinations International, Seattle, WA (November 12, 2018) (invited).

*Ending Chronic Homelessness*, Downtown Emergency Services Center Annual Breakfast, Seattle, WA (October 10, 2018) (keynote address).



*Ending Homelessness Through Permanent Supportive Housing*, Seattle Impact Group, Seattle, WA (September 20, 2018) (invited).

*The Third Door Coalition*, Gen Next, Seattle, WA (July 18, 2018) (invited).

*National Forum on Human Right to Housing*, National Law Center on Homelessness & Housing, Washington, DC (June 27, 2018) (invited).

*Tiny Home Villages*, South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce, Seattle WA (June 7, 2018) (invited).

*A Conversation About Housing Access & Affordability*, Zillow Group, Seattle, WA (May 30, 2018) (invited).

*Affordable Housing & Housing First*, Visit Seattle Board Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 24, 2018) (invited).

*Stand Against Racism*, YWCA of Seattle|King|Snohomish, Seattle, WA (April 27, 2018) (invited).

*Homeless Rights Advocacy Research & Reports*, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA (April 17, 2018) (invited).

*Finding Space to Solve Homelessness*, Seattle University School of Law, WA (April 14, 2018) (convener).

*Addressing the Housing Crisis*, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA (January 16, 2018) (invited).

*Current Trends in Homelessness Advocacy and Scholarship*, ClassCrit Conference, New Orleans, LA (November 11, 2017).

*Collaboration as Resistance: How Law Faculty and Local Activists Can Work Together to Fight the Criminalization of Homelessness*, LatCrit Conference, Orlando, FL (September 29, 2017).

*Coordinating Responses to Homelessness*, Seattle University Justice Conference, Commitment to Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, Seattle, WA (August 12, 2017) (invited).

*Recommendations of the Vehicle Residency Task Force*, Seattle City Council, Seattle, WA (August 9, 2017) (invited).

*Partnering on Homelessness*, Seattle University Center for Community Engagement, Local Immersion for SU Faculty and Community Leaders, Seattle, WA (June 15, 2017) (invited).

*Combatting Criminalization*, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, New York, NY (June 6, 2017) (invited).

*Is Poverty a Crime?*, Washington State Access to Justice Conference, Yakima, WA (June 3, 2017).

*Meeting on Homelessness*, Public Meeting Hosted by Eastlake Community Council, Seattle, WA (January 10, 2017) (invited feature presentation with Seattle City Councilmember Tim Burgess and Yuriy Rudensky of Columbia Legal Services).

*Homelessness & the Influence of Exile*, Boise City Club, Boise ID (November 10, 2016) (keynote address).

*Finding Space*, The Sophia Way Annual Luncheon, Bellevue, WA (October 13, 2016) (keynote address).

*Confronting the Influence of Exile*, New Horizons, Seattle, WA (October 8, 2016) (invited).

*Pursuing Real Change*, Real Change Annual Breakfast, Seattle, WA (September 15, 2016) (keynote address).

*Homeless in Seattle: Responding to a State of Emergency*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (August 20, 2016) (invited).

*Citywide Education Strategies on Re-envisioning the Visibly Poor*, Seattle City Council, Seattle, WA (July 19, 2016) (invited).

*The Promise of Housing First*, Single Adult Advisory Group, Seattle, WA (July 13, 2016) (invited).

*The Promise of Housing First*, All Home Annual Conference, Seattle, WA (June 1, 2016) (invited).

*Addressing Urban Disorder with Collective Efficacy Principles*, Seattle University, Criminal Justice Department, Seattle, WA (May 6, 2016) (invited).

*Return of the American City, Redeeming the American Dream*, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI (March 11, 2016) (invited).

*The New 1L*, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Portland, OR (July 10-13, 2016).

*Reimagining the Curriculum to Address Student Needs and Bench and Bar Demands*, AALS Annual Meeting, New York, NY (January 6-10, 2016) (plenary).

*Combatting Criminalization*, National Forum on the Human Right to Housing, Washington, D.C. (June 2015) (invited).

*Access to Justice: Addressing Violence within Vulnerable Populations*, 2015 Law & Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 2015) (chair).

*The Crime of Homelessness*, 2015 Law & Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA (May 2015).

*Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness in Washington State*, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Conference to End Homelessness, Tacoma, WA (May 2015).

*Combatting Criminalization*, 2015 American Bar Association/National Legal Aid & Defender Association Equal Justice Conference, Austin, TX (May 2015) (invited).

*National Strategy Session on the Criminalization of Homelessness*, Denver, CO (April 2015) (invited).

*Innovations in Clinical Teaching*, Eugene, OR (April 2015) (invited).

*Who Is At Risk For Homelessness?* Crosscut Public Media, Seattle, WA (January 2015) (invited).

*Washington State Studies of Criminalizing Homelessness*, Antioch University, Seattle, WA (January 2015) (invited guest lecture).

*The Crime of Homelessness*, Gonzaga Law School, Spokane, WA (November 2014) (presentation to faculty).

*Creating the Political Will to End Homelessness*, Interfaith Community Task Force on Ending Homelessness, Seattle, WA (October 2014) (invited plenary panel).

*First Statewide Conversation on Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness*, Seattle University, Seattle WA (September 2014) (convener and co-facilitator of statewide discussion with Paul Boden, Western Regional Advocacy Project).

*Next Steps in Homeless Rights Advocacy*, Committee on Homelessness for the Public Interest Law Section of The Florida Bar, Gainesville, FL (August 2014) (invited feature speaker).

*Advancing Homeless Rights Advocacy*, National Alliance to End Homelessness, New York, NY (July 2014) (invited).

*Legislative Drafting and Advocacy for Social Justice*, 2014 Bringing the Outside In: Social Justice Collaborations in the Legal Writing Curriculum Workshop, Philadelphia, PA (June 2014).

*Homeless Bills of Rights*, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Conference to End Homelessness, Yakima, WA (May 2014) (invited).

*Economic Profiling*, 2014 Law & Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (May 2014).

*A Homeless Rights (Revolution)*, 2013 Biennial LatCrit Conference, “Resistance Rising: Theorizing and Building Cross-Sector Movements,” Chicago, IL (October 2013).

*The Future of Law, Business, and Legal Education: How to Prepare Students to Meet Corporate Needs*, Chapman Law Review Symposium, Orange, CA (February 2013) (invited).

*The Integrated Future of Legal Writing & Clinical Education Programs*, Legal Writing Institute Annual Conference, Palm Desert, CA (June 2012).

*Teaching Workshop at Seattle University School of Law* (March 2012) (designated facilitator with John Mitchell, Brooke Coleman et al).

*The Integrated Future of Legal Writing & Clinical Education Programs*, American Association of Law Schools (AALS), Washington, D.C. (January 2012).

#### **RECENT AWARDS**

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2018 *Partner of the Year*, Downtown Emergency Services Center (DESC), Seattle, WA

2016 *Change Agent of the Year*, Real Change, Seattle, WA

#### **PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

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Kirkland & Ellis LLP (Chicago)

*Partner, 2006-09; Senior Associate 2005-06*

McGladrey & Pullen LLP (Chicago)

*Assistant General Counsel 2005*

Sidley Austin Brown & Wood (Chicago)

*Associate 2000-05*

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)

*Co-President 2016-18 Term*

*Executive Committee, 2014-Present*

*Board of Governors, 2011-Present*

*Member, 2010-Present*

Law & Society

*Member, 2013-Present*

Lat-Crit

*Member, 2013-Present*

Legal Writing Institute (LWI)

*Member, 2010-Present*

Illinois Bar

*Member, 2000-Present*

#### **RECENT INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

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Seattle University School of Law

*Faculty Advisor, Seattle Journal for Social Justice, Present*

Organizer, Finding Space to Solve Homelessness Forum, 2018  
Faculty Advisor, Seattle University Law Review 2017-2018  
Co-organizer, National Poverty Law Conference, 2016  
Social Justice Leadership Committee, 2014-2015

Seattle University

University Coalition to End Homelessness, 2014-Present  
Ashoka U Changemaker Designation Committee, 2015-2017

**RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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| Third Door Coalition                                                    | Present              |
| Housing Not Handcuffs Justice Network                                   | Present              |
| National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty Criminalization Committee | 2016-Present         |
| Seattle City Council O'Brien Vehicle Residency Task Force               | 2017                 |
| All Home Vehicle Residency Task Force                                   | 2016-2017            |
| YouthCare                                                               | Volunteer, 2013-2017 |