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Academic Appointments

Seattle University School of Law:

Professor. 2010-Present.

Director, Homeless Rights Advocacy Project, Center for Civil Rights & Critical Justice.
2014-Present. *Oversee research, analysis, and advocacy projects, teach courses, and build strategic partnerships focused on homeless rights and housing justice issues.*

Education

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

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

University of Oregon, B.A. 1992.

Articles

Setting the Stage for Grants Pass (& a Moral Constitutional Reckoning), 67 Wm. & Mary L. Rev. 1125 (2026).

Punishment, Cruelty & Justice: Critically Interrogating *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, 5 NC C.R. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2026).

The Unavoidable Consequences of Homelessness, 2025 Utah L. Rev. 1093 (2025).

Hiding Homelessness: The Transcarceration of Homelessness, 109 Cal. L.. Rev. 559 (2021).

Civilly Criminalizing Homelessness, 56 Harv. C.R.-C.L. L. Rev. 368 (solicited) (2021).

Punishing Homelessness, 22 New Crim. L. Rev. 99 (solicited) (January 2019).

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); excerpt reproduced in Juliet Brodie, Clare Pastore, Ezra Rosser & Jeffrey Selbin, Poverty Law, Policy and Practice. (2nd ed, 2020).

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

Books, Professional Publications & Other Works

Homeless Advocacy (Carolina Press, Fall 2022). Co-author and editor of chapter entitled; "Yes in My Backyard: Building ADUs to Address Homelessness."

Legal Writing Sourcebook (3d ed. 2020) (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 Link

Homeless Bills of Rights: An Advocate's Guide (co-authored report with the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty) (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 (invited symposium submission) (2013).

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

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).

Select Online Publications

The Unavoidable Consequences of Being Human. Law & Political Economy Project | March 18, 2024.

The Unavoidable Consequences of Being Human (and Homeless). Lawyer Magazine | March 2023.

Homeless Rights Advocacy Project issues call to action for COVID-19. Real Change | April 8, 2020.

Seattle Has the Solution to Chronic Homelessness, We Just Need to Bring it to Scale. The Urbanist | April 1, 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

Should Homelessness Be a Crime? Our State Grapples with Its Answer. Firesteel | August 27, 2014.

Select Media

What Happens After City Officials Take Everything You Own?
Real Change, September 17, 2025 Link

Washington State Officials Rebuke Trump's Tough on Homelessness Executive Order

Seattle Times, July 26, 2025 Link

WA Supreme Court strikes down Spokane homeless initiative
Seattle Times, April 18, 2025. Link

Unhoused Seattle man runs for mayor from a tent: 'It's a humanitarian crisis'
The Guardian, March 26, 2025. Link

Grants Pass won legal fight on camps- but loses control of homelessness
Oregon Public Broadcasting, June 22, 2025. Link

US Homelessness surged 18 percent to record level, annual report says
Washington Post, December 27, 2024. Link.

Washington has 3rd highest homeless population in US, federal report shows
KOMO News (TV), December 27, 2024. Link.

What I Learned Reporting in Cities That Take Belongings From Homeless People
ProPublica, December 27, 2024. Link.

Federal judge dismisses King County homelessness lawsuit against Burien
The Seattle Times, September 26, 2024. Link.

The Photographer Who Is Changing the Way We Look at Homelessness
The Seattle Met, August 29, 2024. Link.

California orders statewide encampment sweeps, will Washington follow suit?
KOMO News (TV), July 26, 2024. Link

Regional homelessness efforts need success, but job tougher than ever
The Seattle Times, July 15, 2024

How will cities respond to the Supreme Court's homeless ruling?
KALW (Radio) July 11, 2024. Link

Fining & Jailing the Unhoused
Public Radio, BeFM, South Korea (Radio) July 8, 2024. Link

Understanding the Supreme Court's Ruling on Sleeping Outside.
The Gee Scott & Ursula Reutin Show, (Radio) July 2, 2024. Link

Seattle homeless rights advocate on consequences of Supreme Court ruling.
KNKX Public Radio,(Radio) July 2, 2024. Link

'Terrifying and dystopian': the dark realities of the supreme court's homelessness decision | Homelessness. The Guardian, June 29, 2024. Link

Supreme Court allows cities to enforce camping bans.
Fox 13 News, (TV) June 29, 2024. Link

WA leaders praise, fear Supreme Court's homelessness ruling.
The Seattle Times, June 29, 2024. Link

U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Will Allow More Aggressive Homeless Encampment Removals.
Pro Publica, June 29, 2024. Link

Supreme Court says cities can punish people for sleeping outside.

NPR, (Radio) June 28, 2024. Link

High Court reverses ruling on sleeping bans.
Northwest News Radio, (Radio) June 28, 2024. Link

Some cities facing homelessness crisis applaud Supreme Court decision, while others push back.
The Washington Post, June 28, 2024. Link

Supreme Court reverses Oregon homelessness case, finds Grants Pass public camping laws aren't 'cruel and unusual'
Oregon Live, June 28, 2024. Link

Supreme Court gives cities and towns power to criminalize homelessness.
High Country News, June 28, 2024. Link

After SCOTUS decision, WA homeless camping bans may gain traction.
Cascade PBS News, June 28, 2024. Link

SCOTUS lets cities ban homeless encampments, despite no shelter space.
Fox 13 News, (TV) June 28, 2024. Link

US Supreme Court decision that could change the way homelessness is regulated for the western US.
KUOW, (Radio) January 28, 2024. Link

What the Supreme Court Encampments Decision Means for Homeless People.
Bloomberg, June 28, 2024. Link

US Supreme Court rules in Grants Pass case that cities can punish people for sleeping in public.
Oregon Public Radio, (Radio) June 28, 2024. Link

SCOTUS to rule on punishing homelessness.
King 5, (TV) June 24, 2024. Link

Supreme Court to hear biggest homeless rights case in decades. What both sides say.
USA Today, April 21, 2024. Link

King County cities' approach to homelessness in Supreme Court's hands.
The Seattle Times, January 18, 24. Link

A Seattle suburb known for affordability becomes example of U.S. debate on homelessness.
The Columbian, February 12, 24. Link

Cities crack down on homeless encampments. Advocates say that's not the answer.
(Associated Press) November 28, 2023. Link

Why is liberal Seattle appealing to the conservative U.S. Supreme Court over homeless camp sweeps?
KUOW, (Radio interview) October 2, 23. Link

One court case changed how West Coast cities deal with homeless encampments.
The Seattle Times. (quoted) October 15, 23. Link

Can a program to help homeless people with biggest needs pay off?
The Seattle Times, July 23, 2023. Link

Seattle's starring role in the rise of conservative activist Christopher Rufo.
KNKX Public Radio, June 20 2023. Link

Trying to count unhoused people in WA is like nailing water to the wall.
KUOW, March 28, 2023. Link

Jeff Bezos says he's giving away his wealth to charity. What does that mean?
Vox, January 27, 2023. Link

Cities continue to pass homeless camping ordinances.
NPR-Oregon Public Radio, Think Out Loud, August 11, 2022.

Tiny home villages a potential solution to Spokane's homeless crisis
CBS News-KREM2, (TV) May 19, 2022.

Criminalizing Homelessness?
The Dr. Phil Show, (TV) March, 2022.

Hundreds of Portlanders are Living in Their Cars- Here's How They Do It.
Willamette Weekly, January 19, 2022.

Vehicle Residency: Homelessness We Struggle to Talk About.
The Nation, November 11, 2021.

Can either of the candidates for Seattle mayor truly tackle the city's homelessness crisis?
The Independent, November 01, 2021

Looking to get around court rulings on homelessness, Washington cities may offer shelter, then crack down. The Seattle Times, February 20, 2021.

COVID crisis: After losing jobs and homes, more people are living in cars and RVs and it's getting worse.
USA Today, February 19, 2021.

Concern for US homeless population as street counts canceled amid pandemic.
The Guardian, January 21, 2021.

Project Homeless FAQ: We've answered your questions on Seattle's Navigation Team.
The Seattle Times, December 26, 2020.

Amazon's homeless shelter faces Seattle crisis, criticism.
Associated Press, July 10, 2020.

A new $1.6B proposal to house thousands experiencing homelessness in King County.
NPR/KUOW, May 20, 2020.

Cities Cut Back on Sweeps During Crisis. Activists Hope They Will Stop for Good.
HuffPost, April 14, 2020.

Coronavirus will trigger 'staggering and unprecedented' increase in number of homeless in US, say experts.
The Independent, April 11, 2020.

Public Space, No Exceptions.
Landscape Architecture Magazine, February 4, 2020.

How Local and Federal Policies are Criminalizing Homelessness.
The Takeaway- NPR/Public Radio International, January 2, 2020.

'No place to go': How Kitsap is responding to a federal court ruling on homeless camping laws.
MSN.com, December 9, 2019.

When shelters are full, sleeping outside can be the only option.
Bloomberg News, December 6, 2019.

The Homeless Fund: In Seattle, rapid rehousing with private sector provides 'the normal things people take for granted,'
The Independent, November 28, 2019.

Homelessness is on the Rise, Despite Efforts at Intervention.
The Takeaway- NPR/Public Radio International, August 19, 2019.

America's Homeless Crisis Is Inspiring New Acts of Cruelty.
HuffPost, August 2, 2019.

The Homelessness Crisis Is Getting So Bad that Cities are Now Building their Own Camps.
Vice News, July 26, 2019.

What Pete Buttigieg Has and Hasn't Done About Homelessness in South Bend.
The New Yorker, June 24, 2019.

Amazon Led a Tax Rebellion. A Year Later, Seattle Is Gridlocked.
Bloomberg, June 9, 2019.

What's the most humane and cost-effective way to end homelessness? These experts have ideas.
NPR/KUOW Sound Q, May 30, 2019.

Why America Can't Solve Homelessness.
HuffPost, May 19, 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

Living Behind the Wheel.
Slate, August 20, 2018.

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

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

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

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

Solving Homelessness.
Michael Medved Show Radio, May 14, 2018.

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.
Raw Story, May 10, 2018.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Select Presentations

Co-teaching Across Clinics, AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Portland, OR, May 5, 2026, Panelist (forthcoming)

Homeless Rights Advocacy Clinics, AALS Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Portland, OR, May 2, 2026, Panelist (forthcoming)

Social Justice Advocacy Certificates, Seattle University School of Law, April 6, 2026, Panelist

Teaching About Homelessness, Poverty Law Conference, University of Southern California School of Law, February 21, 2026, Panelist

Homelessness, Housing, and Human Rights, Seattle Public Library, September 25, 2025, Panelist

Housing First and the Future of Federal Homelessness Policy, American Bar Association, Professors Corner Webinar, September 9, 2025, Panelist

Homeless Rights Advocacy, Operation Nightwatch Lunch & Learn, June 12, 2025, Featured Speaker

Faithful Responses to Homelessness, Seattle University, Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement, April 29, 2025, Featured Speaker

America's Commitment to Criminalization, Harvard Law School, Brazilian Studies Association 2025 Symposium, March 28, 2025, Featured Speaker

West Coast Strategies Post-Grants Pass, Berkeley Law, March 23-24 2025, Convener

Punishment, Cruelty & Justice: Critically Interrogating *Grants Pass v. Johnson*, North Carolina Civil Rights Law Review (NCCRLR), Conference on Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity (CRCGE), February 28, 2025, Keynote

Setting the Stage for Johnson, William & Mary Law Review Symposium, February 7, 2025, Panelist

Disrupting Structural and Intersectional Violence, Co-Responder Outreach Alliance, December 10, 2024, Featured Speaker

The Time is Now: Integrating Homeless Rights Advocacy into Your Clinic or Clinical Program, NW Clinical Law Conference November 1-3, 2024, Plenary Speaker

Empathy in Action. YWCA Bellingham, Leadership Breakfast: September 20, 2024, Keynote

Pathways to Housing Security in Washington, Expert Resource Roundtable. The William D. Ruckelshaus Center at Washington State University, Summer/Fall, 2023, Featured Speaker

Criminalizing Homelessness. District & Municipal Court Judges' Association (DMCJA), October 24, 2023, Featured Speaker

Overcriminalization of homelessness. Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. Arizona State University, Academy for Justice & National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), December 6, 2023, Featured Speaker

Homeless encampments and a lawsuit aimed at improving the San Francisco's management of this challenging problem. ACLU of CA and the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, December 7, 2023, Panelist. Link

State of the "sweeps" – The politics of encampments and displacement in the "post" pandemic order. University of Washington. June 14, 2023, Featured Speaker

Lawyering in Crisis: The Emerging Homelessness Clinic. Clinical Conference Panel at the Association of American Law Schools. Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, in San Francisco. April 27, 2023, Panelist

Hiding the Unhoused. Federal Bar Association of the Western District of Washington - District Conference. March 20, 2023, Featured Speaker

Welcome. Symposium. Seattle Journal for Social Justice, February, 2023, Welcome Speaker

Access & Opportunity in the Legal System. Washington State Bar Association, CLE presentation, January, 2023, Featured Speaker

Kirkland Special City Council Meeting, May 9, 2022, Featured Speaker

Homelessness & the Pandemic, Salesforce, Zoom, November 19, 2021, Featured Speaker

Homelessness & Pro Bono Practice, Amazon, Zoom, October 21, 2020, Featured Speaker

Reading Tea Leaves: Commentary on Layser's Housing Instability During the Pandemic, Poverty Law Conference, Zoom, July 7, 2020, Panelist

Capital Gains Taxes as Resource for Housing, Councilmember Andrew Lewis & Former Labor Secretary Robert Reich, Seattle Channel, June 30, 2020, Featured Speaker

Housing Providers Promising Practices Amid COVID-19, Housing Development Consortium & Washington Low Income Housing Alliance, Zoom ,June 19, 2020, Panelist

Finding Common Ground on Homelessness, Snohomish County Annual Affordable Housing Community Forum, Everett, WA ,June 5, 2020 (rescheduled for Covid-19), Keynote

Third Door Coalition Proposal to Solve Chronic Homelessness, Washington Low Income Housing Alliance Covid-19, Zoom ,May 27, 2020, Featured Speaker

Solving Homelessness, Eastside Legal Assistance Program's 10th Annual Breakfast for Justice, Bellevue, WA ,May 21, 2020 (rescheduled for Covid-19), Keynote

Homeless Rights Advocacy, Seattle University Annual Emeriti & Honored Faculty Luncheon, Seattle WA ,May 12, 2020 (rescheduled for Covid-19), Keynote

Pandemic Proof: Housing is Healthcare, Salesforce/Tableau, Webex ,April 21, 2020, Featured Speaker

Hiding Homelessness, Poverty Law? Where We Go From Here, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, April 11, 2020, (rescheduled for Covid-19), Panelist

Hiding Homelessness, Power at the Margins II: Mobilizing Across Housing Injustice, University of California Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, March 14, 2020 (rescheduled for Covid-19), Panelist

Homelessness, Health, and Access to Health Care, Health Justice Project, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, February 25, 2020, Featured Speaker

Housing Not Handcuffs, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, National Webinar, December 10, 2019, Panelist

Beyond Martin, 2019 National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty Forum, Washington, DC ,June 6, 2019, Panelist

Martin: Where Do We Go Next with Policy, 2019 National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty Forum, Washington, DC ,June 5, 2019, Panelist

The City of Seattle...Dying or Thriving?, Washington Policy Center, Seattle, WA, May 23, 2019, Featured Speaker

Martin v. Boise and Chronic Homelessness, 2019 Association of Law, Property, and Society Annual Meeting, Syracuse, NY, May 18, 2019, Panelist

If Seattle is Dying then We are Complicit: Rethinking Causes & Solutions for Homelessness, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, May 13, 2019, Featured Speaker

New and Hopeful Approaches in Housing and Homelessness: Local and National Responses to the Crisis, Burnes Center on Poverty and Homelessness at the University of Denver's Graduate School of Social Work, Denver, CO, May 16, 2019, Featured Speaker

Creative Ways to Teach About Homelessness, Higher Ed on Homelessness: Collaborating for Change, Seattle, WA, May 10, 2019, Panelist

Teaching Homeless Rights Advocacy, National Conference of Bar Examiners, San Francisco, CA, May 3, 2019, Featured Speaker

Martin v. Boise: Responding to Homelessness in Light of the 9th Circuit's Opinion, Washington House Civil Rights and Judiciary Committee, Olympia, WA, April 2, 2019, Featured Speaker

Ending Chronic Homelessness, Seattle Community Development Roundtable, Seattle Chamber of Commerce, Seattle, WA, March 18, 2019, Panelist

Ending Chronic Homelessness, Downtown Emergency Services Center Annual Breakfast, Seattle, WA, October 10, 2018, Keynote

Ending Homelessness Through Permanent Supportive Housing, Seattle Impact Group, Seattle, WA, September 20, 2018, Featured Speaker

National Forum on Human Right to Housing, National Law Center on Homelessness & Housing, Washington, DC, June 27, 2018, Panelist

Tiny Home Villages, South Lake Union Chamber of Commerce, Seattle WA, June 7, 2018, Panelist.

A Conversation About Housing Access & Affordability, Zillow Group, Seattle, WA, May 30, 2018, Featured Speaker

Homeless Rights Advocacy Research & Reports, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, WA, April 17, 2018, Featured Speaker

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

Current Trends in Homelessness Advocacy and Scholarship, ClassCrit Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 11, 2017, Panelist

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, Panelist

Recommendations of the Vehicle Residency Task Force, Seattle City Council, Seattle, WA, August 9, 2017, Panelist

Combatting Criminalization, National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty, New York, NY, June 6, 2017, Panelist

Homelessness & the Influence of Exile, Boise City Club, Boise ID, November 10, 2016, Keynote

Finding Space, The Sophia Way Annual Luncheon, Bellevue, WA, October 13, 2016, Keynote

Pursuing Real Change, Real Change Annual Breakfast, Seattle, WA, September 15, 2016, Keynote

Homeless in Seattle: Responding to a State of Emergency, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 20, 2016, Panelist

Citywide Education Strategies on Re-envisioning the Visibly Poor, Seattle City Council, Seattle, WA, July 19, 2016, Featured Speaker

Return of the American City, Redeeming the American Dream, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI, March 11, 2016, Panelist

The New 1L, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, Portland, OR, July 10-13, 2016, Panelist

Combatting Criminalization, National Forum on the Human Right to Housing, Washington, D.C.., June 2015, Panelist

The Crime of Homelessness, 2015 Law & Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, May 2015, Panelist

Combatting Criminalization, 2015 American Bar Association/National Legal Aid & Defender Association Equal Justice Conference, Austin, TX, May 2015, Featured Speaker

Institutional Service

Member, Personnel Review Committee, 2024-Present
Member, Appointments Committee, 2024-Present
Co-Chair, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee, 2023-2024
Co-Chair, Intellectual Life Committee, 2022-2023
Dean's Designate, Personnel Review Committee, 2022-2023
Member, Faculty Trust Scholar Committee, 2021-2022
Faculty Chair, Social Justice Leadership Committee, 2020-2021
Co-Convener, HEH (collaboration with SPU, UW, and SU), 2018-2020
Faculty Advisor, Seattle Journal for Social Justice, 2018-2019
Organizer, Finding Space to Solve Homelessness Forum, 2018
Faculty Advisor, Seattle University Law Review 2017-2018
Co-organizer, National Poverty Law Conference, 2016
Member, Social Justice Leadership Committee, 2014-2015
University Coalition to End Homelessness, 2014-2020
Ashoka U Changemaker Designation Committee, 2015-2017

Recent Community Service

National Homelessness Law Center Board. 2023-Present
King County Public Defender Advisory Board. 2022-Present.
We Are In Advisory Board. 2020-2023.
Third Door Coalition, Co-Chair & Board. 2018- 2024.
Housing Not Handcuffs Justice Network.2018-Present.
King County Regional Homelessness Authority, Implementation Board. 2020-2023.
Washington Low Income Housing Alliance. 2019-2021.
Society of American Law Teachers (SALT)*;* Co-President, 2016-18 Term; Executive Committee, 2014-2019*;* Board, 2011-2019; Member, 2010-2019.

Select Awards

Partner of the Year, Downtown Emergency Services Center (DESC), Seattle, WA.2018.
Change Agent of the Year. Real Change, Seattle, WA. 2016.

Practice Experience

Kirkland & Ellis LLP (Chicago), *Partner, 2006-2009*; *Senior Associate 2005-2006*
McGladrey & Pullen LLP (Chicago), *Assistant General Counsel 2005*
Sidley Austin Brown & Wood (Chicago), *Associate 2000-2005*

Professional Affiliations

Washington Bar. Member, 2023-Present.
Illinois Bar. Member, 2000-2023