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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

1979-1982 University of New Mexico School of Law
Albuquerque, New Mexico
Juris Doctor Cum Laude, May 1982

1973-1977 Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
B.A. English Literature/Women's Studies
Junior year abroad, University of Sussex
Brighton, England

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

October 1982 Arizona State Bar (inactive status)
October 1982 New Mexico State Bar (inactive status)
Member of the Federal District Court Bar for the District of Arizona and the District of New Mexico.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Sonoran University Center of Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service at the University of Arizona College of Medicine (January 2007-present)

Assistant Professor, Clinical, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Arizona (May 2007-present)

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona (January 2006-present)

Organizational Consultant/Disability Program Evaluator. (November 2005-present)

Peer Reviewer, United States Department of Health and Human Services: Administration on Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

(2003–present)

Arbitrator, Pima County Superior Court (1991–2007)

Executive Director, Arizona Center for Disability Law, Protection and Advocacy System for Arizona (1995–2005)

Disability Program Coordinator and Staff Attorney, Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest (1991–1995)

Attorney, Stompoly & Stroud, P.C., Tucson, Arizona (1985–1991)

Staff Attorney, Coconino County Legal Aid, Southern Arizona Legal Aid (1983–1985)

PROFESSIONAL, UNIVERSITY, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Board of Directors, National Association of University Centers on Disability (2009 – present) Treasurer (2010 –present)

President, Board of Directors, Primavera Foundation, Tucson, Arizona (member since 1999, Board President beginning 2010)

Member, Board of Directors, LINKAGES Arizona, Disability Employment Non-profit. (2007–present)

Chair, Space Committee, Department of Family and Community Medicine (2007–2011)

Member, Research Leadership Committee, Department of Family and Community Medicine (2008–present)

Member, Faculty Awards Committee, Department of Family and Community Medicine (2009 – present)

Member, University of Arizona , Disability Community Think Tank. (2008–present)

Peer Reviewer, Administration on Developmental Disabilities. Grant reviewer for A.D.D. funded projects. (2009)

Member, Arizona Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (1995–2003, 2004–2005, 2007–present)

Planning Committee Member, Administration on Developmental Disabilities Technical Assistance Institute (2009)

Member, State Bar Committee on Persons with Disabilities in the Legal Profession (2003–2007)

Member, Advisory Council, Institute for Human Development, Northern Arizona University (2000–2005, 2007–present)

State Coordinator, Alliance for Full Participation (2005)

Member, Legal Services Committee of the Arizona State Bar. Study and recommend ways to meet the legal needs of the indigent and working poor in Arizona. (2003–2005)

Member, Training Committee, National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems. National committee to set training agenda for conferences for protection and advocacy systems across the country. (2001–2003)

CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS, AWARDS

Below is a sampling of recent speeches and presentations. I have regularly presented on disability issues at the local and national level over the last 18 years.

Moderator, Disability and Poverty Public Forum, Co-sponsored with United Way of Southern Arizona, Sonoran UCEDD and Primavera Foundation. (Sept. 2009)

Presenter, “Cross Border Initiative – Working with Communities on the U.S./Mexico Border,” Annual Association of University Centers on Disabilities Conference (November 2008)

Poster Session, “Rethinking Disability: Designing a Half-Day Inter-professional Seminar for Medical, Nursing, Pharmacy, Public Health, Social Work and Law Students,” Annual Association of University Centers on Disabilities Conference (November 2008)

Keynote Speaker, Interdisciplinary Conference on Disability, University of Arizona (October 2008 and January 2010)

Panelist, Interdisciplinary Conference on Disability, University of Arizona (November 2007)

Lifetime Legal Advocacy Award, Arizona Center for Disability Law (March 2007)

Presenter, “Creating a Comprehensive Employment Advocacy Program for People with Disabilities,” National Disability Rights Network, CEO Conference. (Austin, Texas, October 2006).

Co-Chair, Arizona State Bar Convention Seminar “Dealing with Differences – Breaking Barriers” (Phoenix, Arizona, June 2006).

Co – Chair, Arizona State Bar Convention Seminar “Opening the Door: Access for Persons with Disabilities” (Tucson, Arizona, June 2005)

Moderator, Voter Registration for Persons with Disabilities Seminar (Phoenix, Arizona, May

2005)

Guest Speaker, Local Matters TV Program, Community Access Station (Tucson, Arizona, May 2005)

Presenter, “Counseling Students and Lawyers with Disabilities,” National Association of Law Placement Convention (Chicago, Illinois, April 2005)

Presenter, “Developing an Employment Law Program,” National Association of Protection and Advocacy System’s CEO Conference (Washington D.C., April 2005)

Presenter, “Legal Options for Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities” (Yuma, Arizona February, 2005; Show Low, Arizona, October, 2004; Tucson, Arizona, September 2004)

Speaker, Law School Banquet, Disabled Law Student Association, Arizona State University “Disability Rights as Civil Rights”. (Tempe, Arizona October 2004)

Speaker, Arizona Women Lawyers Lunch, “Disability Law and Rights and Women’s Rights” (Tucson, Arizona, September 2004)

Co-Chair, Arizona State Bar Convention, “Persons with Disabilities in the Legal Profession”. (Phoenix, Arizona, June 2004)

Speaker, Traumatic Brain Injury Conference, Welcome Address to Families, Consumers and Professionals (Phoenix, Arizona, May 2004)

Guest Speaker, Community View TV Show for the Deaf (Phoenix, Arizona, May 2004)

Presentation, “AHCCCS, ALTCS and Individuals with Disabilities” to a variety of disability organizations statewide (2000–2002)

Presentation, “Disability Law and Rights Overview,” National Association of Elder Law Attorneys (Tucson, Arizona January 2001).

Speaker, “Accessible Housing for People with Disabilities,” HUD Fair Housing Conference (Portland, Oregon, 1999)

Distinguished Service Award, Arizona Governor’s Council on Developmental Disabilities (2003)

Author, *Legal Options Manual*, Guide for families of individuals with disabilities on when and what legal options should be exercised when children with developmental disabilities reach the age of majority. Manual has been widely disseminated throughout Arizona and frequent community educational seminars utilize the manual. (2002, reprinted and updated 2004)

Sarah Weddington Award, Planned Parenthood of Southern Arizona (1992)

REPRESENTATIVE MAJOR CASE INVOLVEMENT

Preston v. City of Tucson (U.S. District Court, District of Arizona), a class action settlement providing for widespread improvement of Tucson, Arizona paratransit system. Brought on behalf of persons with disabilities denied rides and subjected to long waits and missed pickups. (2005)

J.K. v. Eden (U.S. District Court, District of Arizona) filed J.K. v. Dillenberg, a class action lawsuit seeking improved access to behavioral health care. The case established the responsibility of the State when it contracts out state mandated responsibilities to private contractors. On June 26, 2001, federal District Court Judge John Roll approved an agreement that commits the state of Arizona to a wholesale redevelopment of its children's behavioral health system according to a set of principles that put child and family needs first. (2001)

Fass and Darnell v Walmart (U.S. District Court, District of Arizona), EEOC and Arizona Center for Disability Law filed a disability discrimination lawsuit against Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. for failing to hire 2 deaf individuals because of their disability. Under the terms of consent decree, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. agreed to pay damages, plaintiffs were offered jobs and Wal-Mart agreed to make corporate-wide changes in the hiring and training of new employees who are deaf or hearing impaired. (2001)

Ackley v. State of Arizona (Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals), a challenge to Arizona's denial of general assistance benefits to certain individuals waiting determination on social security appeals. (1996)

Arnold v. Lewis (Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals), a challenge to prison treatment of mentally ill inmates resulting in changes in policy and procedure. (1995)