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### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

University of Florida Fredric G. Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL  
Juris Doctor with Honors, December 1994  
Member: Order of the Coif, Journal of Law and Public Policy

Drexel University College of Media Arts & Design, Philadelphia, PA  
Bachelor of Science with High Honors

### **RESEARCH**

Principal Investigator: Legal Assistance for Victims Grant, US Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, UF Levin College of Law, October 2009 – December 2015 (\$1,150,000.00)

Co-Principal Research Investigator: Mindfulness in Clinical Legal Education, Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic, UF Levin College of Law and Smith College of Social Work, 2013 (IRB 2 approval)

Co-Principal Research Investigator: Assessing Adverse Childhood Experiences, Lethality Risk, and Resilience in Clients from UF's Mobile Outreach Clinic and the Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic, UF Levin College of Law and UF College of Medicine, 2016-2018 (IRB 1 approval)

Principal Investigator: Eliminating Economic Barriers for Immigrants, Florida Bar Foundation, UF Levin College of Law and Florida State Law School, 2018-2019, 2019-2020.

### **EXPERIENCE**

Director, Co-founder, Gender Justice Clinic (GJC), University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL, Opening Fall Semester, 2022

The Gender Justice Clinic (GJC) is a multi-disciplinary clinical program serving low-income Floridians who face violence, discrimination or other oppression based on their actual or perceived sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Clients include those who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, non-binary, questioning, intersex, and gender non-conforming. GJC assists clients with name and gender marker changes for adults and guardians of minor children with needing these identity-confirming procedures. Law students practice skills learned in the clinical classroom while representing clients (interviewing and counseling, filing and responding to pleadings, engaging in discovery, taking and defending depositions, negotiating with opposing counsel, litigating in courtroom,

etc.). GJC law students also research and write “white” papers on a variety of issues affecting LGBTQ+ person not only in Florida, but throughout the United States. Students also closely watch State and Federal litigation affecting the rights of the LGTBQ+ community.

Director, Co-founder, Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic (IPVAC), University of Florida, Levin College of Law, Gainesville, FL January 2010 – present

IPVAC is a “first of its kind” multidisciplinary clinical program within the law school that provides legal counseling and representation (State Circuit Court), mental health counseling and case management services to indigent survivors of domestic, dating, sexual and stalking violence. This clinical experience provides intensive interdisciplinary skills training to UF law students. Law students practice skills learned in the clinical classroom while representing survivors/clients (interviewing and counseling, filing and responding to pleadings, engaging in discovery, taking and defending depositions, negotiating with opposing counsel, litigating in courtroom, etc.). Students also work with a variety of local and state organizations/agencies such as the Office of the State Attorney, Department of Children and Families, law enforcement, Child Protection Team, Child Advocacy Center, Guardian ad Litem, certified domestic violence centers, and Partnership for Strong Families, Inc. These students are instructed/mentored by the IPVAC staff which consists of the director and a licensed clinical social worker.

Beginning Fall of 2018, IPVAC added an Immigration Clinic, serving indigent survivors of immigration with relief such as U-Visa’s, VAWA Self-Petitions, Adjustment of Status Applications, and Removal of Conditions requests. This second clinic was funded by the Florida Bar Foundation as a joint effort between UFLaw and FSULaw. Joint classes were held weekly via Zoom technology

Co-Founder, Peace4Gainesville (P4G), A Trauma Responsive Community Initiative, 2014-present. In partnership with UF College of Law’s Center for Children and Families, P4G designed and coordinated the largest “toxic” trauma conference ever held in North Florida in 2014. In attendance were over 300 child professionals, law enforcement, mental health professionals, UF academic faculty, health care providers, criminal and civil justice system personnel and local government. Speakers included two internationally renowned psycho-neurobiologists and experts from throughout the state focused on the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences on children. Also, partnered with the University of Buffalo School of Social Work to host a second conference for leaders of child-involved agencies regarding trauma informed organizations. P4G meets regularly to discuss community initiatives around childhood trauma and resiliency building. P4G also provides trauma/resiliency trainings throughout the State. ([www.facebook.com/Peace4Gainesville](http://www.facebook.com/Peace4Gainesville))

Office of the State Attorney, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Gainesville, FL.  
*Division Chief, County Court, January 2005 – December 2009:*

Responsible for the operation and direction of the County Court Division, including approximately 3000 domestic violence, traffic, and general misdemeanor cases in three court divisions. Trained and supervised nine attorneys and support staff and all certified legal interns from UF College of Law assigned to office. Worked closely with the judiciary, court services and administration, Office of the Public

Defender and thirteen law enforcement agencies to ensure the efficient movement of cases through the criminal justice system.

*Lead Prosecutor, Domestic Violence Unit, April 2002 – January 2005:* Supervised criminal prosecution in the county court domestic violence unit. Also responsible for coordination and prosecution of violations of domestic violence injunctions in circuit civil. Developed new policies and procedures for reporting child abuse as a consequence of domestic violence. Implemented new interventions including domestic violence education for parent victims concerning the effects of family violence on children. Developed protocols for partnerships with new Domestic Violence Task Force created by local law enforcement with grant of federal funds. Co-prosecuted largest felony child abuse case in history of the state, involving 25 adopted child victims with varying levels of disabilities.

*Child Welfare Legal Services, August 1996 – April 2002:* Served as one of eight Assistant State Attorneys who designed and implemented a pilot program representing the Department of Children and Families (DCF) in all civil phases of dependency proceedings involving child victims of abuse, abandonment and/or neglect across the Eighth and Third Judicial Circuits in Florida. Handled largest caseload in Alachua County, but also participated in trials and trained attorneys in 11 other counties in North Central Florida. Participated in the development of a three year federal grant geared to reduce the length of time to permanency in complex cases. Helped implement both a Dependency Drug Court and a Dependency Mediation Program. Litigated over 50 adjudicatory hearings, including the largest termination of parental rights trial in the state, involving 18 child victims.

Director Family Law Division, Guardian ad Litem Program, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Gainesville, FL, October 1994 – August 1996.

Recruited, trained and supervised Guardians ad Litem (GAL) appointed in over 80 child custody/dissolution cases in a six-county area. Oversaw investigations, drafting of court reports, and representation in court proceedings.

## **HONORS/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Member:**

Florida Bar Association 1996- present

Florida Supreme Court Steering Committee on Families and Children in the Courts, Appointment: 2016-2024. Subcommittees: Domestic Violence in Criminal Cases, 2018-2020; State-wide Family Court Newsletter and Statewide Implantation Plan for Trauma-Responsive Court Practices, 2020-2022

Appointed by Florida Attorney General to Florida State-Wide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, 2010-2015

Smith College, Northampton, MA, Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, 2010-2014

Florida Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Initiative Intimate Partner Violence Project, Faculty-Intimate Partner Violence Expert, 2015-2017

University of Florida Department of Pediatrics' Child Protection Team, Community Advisory Board, 2013-2016

UFHealth Pediatric Pulmonary Clinic Community Board member, 2013-present

UF Mindfulness Program Team, 2015-present

Florida Eighth Judicial Circuit Domestic Violence Fatality Review Committee, 2014-present

Alachua County Domestic Violence Task Force, 2002 –present

Alachua County High Risk Domestic Violence Team, 2012-present

Faculty Advisor, UF Law Yoga Club, 2014-2021

Certified Yoga Instructor, E-RYT 200, RYT 500, YACEP with advanced training in yin and trauma-informed yoga. Created and instruct a pilot yoga program for women inmates at the Alachua County Jail, Gainesville, FL

Community Resiliency Model (CRM) Certified Trainer, The Trauma Resource Center, traumaresourceinstitute.com

#### **Recipient:**

Champions of Change Award, University of Florida, Spring 2018

Champions of Justice Award, Three Rivers Legal Services, September 2016

Martha V. Varnes Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Area of Violence Against Women, April 2014, 33rd Gainesville Committee on Interpersonal Violence Prevention

Santa Fe College, Alachua County Women of Distinction, February 2011

Community Advocate of the Year, 2010, Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network

Ellen Foster Award, Outstanding Commitment to the Betterment of Children; Florida Eighth Judicial Circuit, Fall 2000

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

##### INTERNATIONAL

Second FamLaPP Conference, *Intergenerational Transmission of Intimate Partner Violence: Nature or Nurture*, Aalborg University, Denmark, November 2019.

## NATIONAL

2021 AALS Clinical Conference, *Introducing Students to a Science-Focused Model of Self Care and Mindfulness*, Orlando, FL, April 2021

Law and Society Conference, *Self-Care, Healing, and the Mind/Body after the Kavanaugh Hearings and Confirmation*, Washington DC, May, 2019

2019 AALS Annual Conference, *Alternative Ways to Teach Family Law*, New Orleans, LA, January 2019.

University of Florida, College of Education Lastinger Center, *Trauma Informed Practices for Educators*, Four 3-hour online courses for educators, February, 2018

National Organization for Women, 2017 National Forward Feminism Conference: *Violence Against Women in the Digital Age: The Time is NOW to Stop this Trend*, Orlando, FL, June 2017

The Leir Retreat Center, *Leir Conference on Child Maltreatment*, Ridgefield, CT, June 2016

Adverse Childhood Experiences Summit 2015: *Building Interdisciplinary Workforces, Communities and Families*, Ashville, NC, September 2015

Emory University School of Law, A Workshop on Geographies of Violence: *Place, Space and Time, Redefining a Survivor-Centered Approach: Questioning Violence, Victim, and Gendered Dichotomies in an Intimate Partner Violence Law Clinic*, Atlanta, GA, January 2014

AEquitas, Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women, *Prosecuting Domestic Violence Homicides*, Denver, CO, November 2014; Raleigh, NC, September 2012; Philadelphia, PA, March 2012

The Association for Contemplative Mind in Higher Education, *Contemplative Approaches in the Diverse Academic Community*, Amherst, MA, September, 2012

Battered Women's Justice Project, *Addressing the Impact of Domestic Violence on Children*, Providence, R.I, September, 2010

AEquitas, Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women, *National Institute for the Prosecution of Domestic Violence, Advanced Course*, Washington D.C., August, 2010

AEquitas, Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women, *National Institute for the Prosecution of Domestic Violence*, San Francisco, CA, March 2010

Battered Women's Justice Project, *Improving Coordinated Community Response Around Domestic Violence*, Saint Paul, MN, April 2009

National District Attorney's Association/American Prosecutor Research Institute, *Evidence Based Prosecution of Domestic Violence*, Columbia, SC, August 2005; Savannah, GA, December 2005; Columbia, SC, March 2006; San Diego, CA, September 2006; Columbia, S.C., March 2007; Austin, TX, December 2007; Chicago, IL August 2008

American Prosecutor's Research Institute/National Child Protection Training Center, *ChildProtect: Trial Advocacy for Civil Child Protection Attorneys*, Winona, Minnesota, August 2005

National District Attorney's Association/American Prosecutor's Research Institute, *Preparing the Child to Testify*, Columbia, SC, May 2005

## FLORIDA

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence/centerforchildwelfare.org, *IPV & the Effects on Children*, May 2018

Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigator Training, Circuits 3 & 8, *Childhood Exposure to Domestic Violence*, FL, Fall 2017

Florida Association of Collaborative Professionals Annual Conference, *Intimate Partner Violence and the Collaborative Process-What You Need to Know*, Orlando, FL, June 2017

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Rural Domestic Violence State-wide Training Institute: *Intimate Partner Violence, Adverse Childhood Experiences and Trauma*, Dade City, FL, June 2017, June 2018

Department of Children and Families Child Legal Services State-wide Training, *Dynamics of Domestic Violence and the Impact on Children: Proving Evidence of Harm*, Orlando, FL, May, 2017

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Injunction for Protection Project Attorneys' Statewide Training: *Crafting Effective Injunction Petitions*, Orlando, FL, April 2017

Florida Public Defenders Association/Juvenile Justice Steering Committee, *Adverse Childhood Experiences and Effects of Trauma*, Fall 2016

Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigator Training, Circuits 3 & 8, *The Effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Children and Parenting*, Gainesville, FL, Spring 2016

University of Florida 2015 Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference: *Doing the Best (Ethical) Mediation You Can: Styles, Strategies and Technique, Mediation Where Domestic Violence Exists*, Gainesville, FL, Fall 2015

Florida Public Defenders Association/Juvenile Justice Steering Committee, *Trauma Informed Communities and Resources*, Spring 2015

American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, District XII Florida Annual Meeting, *Screening for Intimate Partner Violence*, July 2013, 2014, 2015

Florida Society of Ophthalmology State-Wide Conference, *Screening for Intimate Partner Violence*, June 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018

Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigator Training, Circuits 3 & 8, *DV & Strangulation*, Gainesville, FL, Spring 2015

Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigator Training, Circuits 3 & 8, *Keeping Child Victims of Domestic Violence Safe*, Gainesville, FL, Spring 2015

State-Wide Office of Court Improvement Judicial Training, *Adjudicating Time-Sharing in Domestic Violence Injunction Cases*, Tallahassee, FL, December, 2014

2014 Statewide Child Protection Summit, *Using a Child-Centered, Perpetrator-Pattern Based Approach to Domestic Violence Child Maltreatment*, Orlando, FL, September 2014

Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigator Training, Circuits 3 & 8, *Safety Decision Making Methodology in Domestic Violence Cases*, Gainesville, FL, Spring 2014

Florida State Courts Alternative Dispute Resolution, 2011 Annual DCR Conference for Mediators and Arbitrators: *The Effects of Intimate Partner Violence on the Mediation Process*, Orlando, FL, August 2011

Child Abuse Prevention Project, *Batterer Predictability*, Gainesville, FL, January 2011

Florida Prosecuting Attorneys Association, *Domestic Violence Basic & Advanced Prosecution*, Tampa, FL, May 2007

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, *Behind Closed Doors, Breaking the Silence in Rural Communities*, Lake City, FL, March 2004

#### FLORIDA REGIONAL

University of Florida Emergency Medicine Abuse Awareness Symposium, *Effects of Intimate Partner Violence on Children*, Gainesville, FL, November 2020.

Florida Board of Nursing, North Florida Regional Medical Center, *Sexual Assault Educational Symposium*, April 2018, May 2019

Eighth Judicial Bar Symposium. *Domestic Violence on the Front Lines*, Gainesville, FL, April 2019

UFHealth Department of Emergency Medicine, *Abuse Awareness Symposium*, March 2018

Three Rivers Legal Services, Inc., *Adverse Childhood Experiences and Effects on Clients/Creating Trauma Responsive Legal Services*, Fall 2016

Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, *Complex Trauma as it Relates to the Practice of Law*, Fall 2016

Peace4Gainesville & River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding, *Road to Resiliency*, Fall 2016

Partnership for Strong Families, *Adverse Childhood Experiences and Vicarious Trauma*, Fall, 2016

Alachua County School Board Elementary Teachers, Counselors and Administrators, *Toxic Stress and the Developing Brain*, Fall 2015

Eighth Judicial Circuit Family Law Bar, *Vicarious Trauma and the Practice of Law*, Fall 2015

UF College of Medicine, *Intimate Partner Violence in the Trans Community*, Spring 2015

Eighth Judicial Circuit Family Law Bar, *Cyberstalking*, Fall 2014

Eighth Judicial Circuit Family Law Bar, *Domestic Violence Overview*, Fall 2014

Alachua County Medical Society, *Intimate Partner Violence and the Medical Community*, November, 2014

Child Advocacy Center, *Keeping Child Victims of Domestic Violence Safe*, September 2014

Sexual Battery Committee of the Gainesville Commission on the Status of Women, Inc., *Witness Intimidation: Protecting IPV Survivors, Holding Offenders Accountable*, May 2014

Child Advocacy Center Conference, *Neurobiological Effects of Domestic Violence on Children*, October 2010

UFHealth Social Work Staff, *Domestic Violence in the LGBT Communities*, September 2010

Alachua County Sheriff's Office, *Domestic Violence by Strangulation*, September, 2010

Child Advocacy Center Conference, *Using and Preparing Child Witnesses*, November 2006

The Sexual Battery Committee of the Gainesville Commission On The Status of Women Annual Conference, *Protecting Florida's Children: An Overview of the Child Welfare System*, May 2002

Child Advocacy Center Conference, *Using and Preparing Child Witnesses*, April 2002