

Stacey Barell Steinberg

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Employment

University of Florida Levin College of Law 2009-Present

- Director, Center on Children and Families (since 2021)
- Director, Gator TeamChild Juvenile Law Clinic (since 2018)
- Affiliated Faculty
 - Florida Institute for Cyber-Security Research (since 2022)
 - Center for Gender, Sexualities and Women's Studies (since approx. 2013)
- Master Legal Skills Professor
 - Courses Taught: Legal Writing, Appellate Advocacy, Juvenile Law, Introduction to Lawyering, Child, Parent, and the State
- Associate Director, Center on Children and Families 2012 - 2021

Attorney ad Litem 2014-Present

- Court appointed to represent abused and neglected children in dependency proceedings.
- Previously recognized by the Circuit Court of the 8th Judicial Circuit to serve on a rotation of qualified attorneys able to represent special needs youth.

University of Florida Levin College of Law 2009-2012

- Adjunct Faculty (Juvenile Law, Juvenile Justice Law)

Senior Attorney, Children's Legal Services 2009-2012

- Department of Children and Families Attorney handling cases of child abuse and neglect cases.
- Advocated for the best interest of children on behalf of the State of Florida.

Assistant State Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit 2003-2009

- Prosecutor in the Felony Child Abuse/Sexual Violence Division, handling a variety of cases including Child Pornography, Child Abuse and Capital Sexual Battery.

License

The Florida Bar, Member #0728233 2004 - Present

Book

Growing Up Shared: How Parents Can Share Smarter on Social Media and What You Can Do to Keep Your Family Safe in a No-Privacy World (Sourcebook, 2020) [[Link](#)]

Scholarly Publications

(In progress) *Beyond Sharenting*

The Myth of Children's Online Privacy Protection, SMU Law Review (Forthcoming 2024)

Whose Rights are Supreme When Apples Fall Far From Trees?, 66 Arizona Law Review 147 (2024)

Adopting Social Media in Adoption Law, 2023 Utah Law Review 447 (with Meredith Burgess and Karla Herrera)

Ong, L. Lin, Alexa K. Fox, Laurel Aynne Cook, Claire Bessant, Pingping Gan, Mariea Grubbs Hoy, Emma Nottingham, Beatriz Pereira, and Stacey Barell Steinberg. "Sharenting in an evolving digital world: Increasing online connection and consumer vulnerability." *Journal of Consumer Affairs* 56, no. 3 (2022): 1106-1126.

Livingstone, Sonia, Amanda Third, Patrick Burton, Sabine Witting, Eva Lievens, Stacey Steinberg, Shuli Gilutz, and David Souter. "THE UN COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD'S GENERAL COMMENT ON THE DIGITAL ENVIRONMENT." *AoIR Selected Papers of Internet Research* (2022).

Changing Faces: Morphed Child Pornography and the First Amendment, *Emory Law Journal* (2019) [[SSRN](#)]

Sharenting: Children's Privacy in the Age of Social Media, *Emory Law Journal* (2017) [[SSRN](#)]

#Advocacy: Social Media's Power to Transform Law, *Kentucky Law Journal* (2017) [[SSRN](#)]

Parental Sharing on the Internet: Child Privacy in the Age of Social Media and the Pediatrician's Role, *JAMA Pediatrics* (May 2017) [[Link](#)]

Where Did All the Social Workers Go? The Need to Prepare Families for Adoption, Assist Post-Adoptive Families in Crisis, and End Re-Homing 67 Fla. L. Rev. Forum 280 (2016) [[SSRN](#)]

Chapters

(In progress) *Delinquency/Dependency Crossover Children, Guardian ad Litem Practice Manual*

Select Additional Publications

Barron's (April, 2021) *Parents Need Help Balancing Kids' Safety and Privacy Online* [[Link](#)]

The New York Times (August, 2020) *Why Parents Should Pause Before Oversharing Online* [[Link](#)]

The London School of Economics Parenting for a Digital Future - (April, 2021) *Ethical AI? Children's Rights and Autonomy in Digital Spaces* [[Link](#)]

The Washington Post - (May, 2021) *Schools and other organizations are sharing more about kids online. Here's what parents can do to protect them.* [[Link](#)]

The London School of Economics Parenting for the Digital Future – (May, 2020) *Separating parents and social media: helping families navigate online spaces even when parents live apart* [[Link](#)]

The Washington Post – (May, 2020) *An oversharing grandma's court case offers lessons on setting boundaries for kids' online privacy* [[Link](#)]

The New York Times – (May, 2020) *How to Keep Children's Stress From Turning Into Trauma* [[Link](#)]

The Washington Post – (April, 2020) *This may be the time to harness the power of social media as a family* [[Link](#)]

The Washington Post – (February, 2020) Let’s tell kids what they can do online, instead of what they can’t do [\[Link\]](#)

Documented: My Week at the South Texas Family Residential Center, (2020) University of Florida Journal of Law and Public Policy [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (September, 2019) The online privacy checklist your kids need you to have [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (September, 2017) Helping Freshmen Succeed: Tips from college advisers [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (July, 2017) Parents’ social media habits are teaching children the wrong lessons [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (May, 2017) Growing Up Under the Watchful Eyes of His Mother’s Newsfeed [\[Link\]](#)

London School of Economics Parenting for a Digital Future – (May, 2017) Sharenting: In Whose Interests? [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (March, 2016) Parent Partnerships: A Better Way to Co-Parent [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (August, 2015) Parenting in the Facebook Age [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (July, 2018) How Europe’s ‘right to be forgotten’ could protect kids’ online privacy in the U.S. [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (April, 2018) Not deleting Facebook? Here’s how you can protect your kids. [\[Link\]](#)
co-authored with Dr. Bahareh Keith

The Washington Post – (March, 2018) Stephen Hawking inspired millions, including kids. How to help them cope with the loss. [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (February, 2018) Talking to kids about how the government works. [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (September, 2016) Yes, it’s hard to think about kids with cancer. But please don’t look away. (Here’s how you can help.) [\[Link\]](#)

Select Quotes/Interviews

UNICEF (June, 2024) What you need to know about “sharenting” [\[Link\]](#)

Law and Crime News (March, 2024) Christian school teacher used AI and yearbook photos to make child pornography [\[Link\]](#)

New York Times (October, 2023), Child Influencers Make Big Money. Who Gets It? [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post (August, 2023) Parenting Influencers try something New: Giving their kids privacy [\[Link\]](#)

CNN (August, 2023) These kids get free vacations thanks to their YouTube fame. But what happens behind the scenes? [\[Link\]](#)

New York Times (February, 2023) When Parents Hear That Their Child is ‘Not Normal and Should Not Exist’ [\[Link\]](#)

USA Today (October, 2021) Mom, please stop: Why sharing too much about kids on social is a bad thing [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post (June, 2021) ‘The right to be forgotten’: Should teens’ social media posts disappear as

they age? [\[Link\]](#)

Bloomberg (May, 2021) The World Needs a Product Like Instagram Youth [\[Link\]](#)

Bloomberg (May, 2021) Facebook Won't Apologize for Instagram Youth [\[Link\]](#)

Glamour UK (January, 2021) Are you guilty of 'sharenting'? Why there's now a shocking rise of children suing their parents for documenting their lives on social me [\[Link\]](#)

Nikkei Asia – (November, 2020) Social media dilemmas challenge proud Asian parents [\[Link\]](#)

Al Jazeera *also published on MSN* – (October, 2020) The perils of 'sharenting': The parents who share too much [\[Link\]](#)

The New York Times – (June, 2019) The Problem with 'Sharenting' [\[Link\]](#)

The Washington Post – (June, 2019) Gen Z kids are the stars of their parents' social media — and they have opinions about that [\[Link\]](#)

NPR – (August, 2019) What Parents May Not Realize When They Post About Their Kids Online [\[Link\]](#)

The New York Times – (April, 2019) Facebook Is Stealing Your Family's Joy [\[Link\]](#)

CNN – (March, 2019) What happens when parents abuse and exploit children for internet fame? [\[Link\]](#)

The Wall Street Journal – (March, 2019) Why I Put My Dog's Photo on Social Media, but Not My Son's [\[Link\]](#)

Here and Now WBUR Boston – (January, 2019) 'Sharenting': Can Parents Post Too Much About Their Kids Online? [\[Link\]](#)

USA Today – (March, 2018) Facebook asked users if pedophiles should be able to ask kids for 'sexual pictures' [\[Link\]](#)

The Daily Beast – (December, 2017) Kids Don't have Parents Anymore – They Have 'Sharents' [\[Link\]](#)

Consumer Reports – (August, 2017) How to Protect Your Children's Privacy in the Era of Online 'Sharenting' [\[Link\]](#)

CBS – News4Gainesville – (February, 2018) Sharenting: A parent's right to share and a child's right to privacy [\[Link\]](#)

NPR – (October, 2016) Do Parents Invade Children's Privacy When They Post Online? [\[Link\]](#)

The New York Times – (March, 2016) Don't Post About Me on Social Media, Children Say [\[Link\]](#)

CNN – (October, 2016) The dos and don'ts of posting about your kids online [\[Link\]](#)

The Atlantic – (October, 2016) Protecting Kids in the Age of Sharenting [\[Link\]](#)

CBS – (October, 2016) Something to consider before posting about your kids online [\[Link\]](#)

Slate – (October, 2016) Courts Aren't the Solution to Parents Sharing on Social Media [\[Link\]](#)

Global News -- (2017) Sharenting: Are parents sharing too much information about their kids on social media? [\[Link\]](#)

Medscape -- (2016) Parents' Social Media Use May Harm Kids, Researchers Warn [\[Link\]](#)

Reader's Digest – (2017) 7 Things to Never Share About Your Children on Social Media [[Link](#)]

Psych Central – (2016) Parents' Social Media Posts Could Harm Kids [[Link](#)]

Iowa Public Radio – (2016) To Share or Not to Share Pictures of Your Kids on Social Media, That is the Question [[Link](#)]

Parenting – (2016) Hey, Parents! Your Kids Don't Want You Posting about Them Online [[Link](#)]

Haelio - Infectious Diseases in Children – (2016) Parents' social media presence may jeopardize child's privacy [[Link](#)]

Consumer Affairs – (2016) Parents need to respect their children's privacy online, experts say [[Link](#)]

Times of India – (2017) Biggest parenting trends to watch out for in 2017 [[Link](#)]

Irish Times – (2017) Give your one-year-old the iPad, it might be good for them after all [[Link](#)]

Univision – (2016) ¿Le estamos arruinando el futuro a nuestros hijos al compartir fotos de ellos en social media? [[Link](#)]

Marie Claire Italy – (2016) I 5 nuovi diritti dell'infanzia [[Link](#)]

Rue 89 France – (2016) Ils Affichen Leurs Enfants Les Reseaux Les Perils Sharenting [[Link](#)]

Education

University of Florida Levin College of Law,

Juris Doctorate, Graduated Cum Laude

Fall, 2003

University of Florida College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

BA, Political Science, Graduated December 2000

Service to the University of Florida

Board of Directors, UF Center on Autism and Neurodevelopment

2021—present

General Education Committee

2017 – 2019

Preview Faculty Advisor

2014 – 2016

Faculty Senator

2013 – 2016

Collaborations

TCR 2021 Track Participant, *Sharenting in a Pandemic: The intersection of online connection and consumer vulnerability*

Cyber-Bullying Collaborative

2019-current

Service to the University of Florida Levin College of Law

Curriculum Committee

2022-2023

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| Shared Governance Committee | 2022-present |
| Chair, 1L (1 st Year Law Student) Experience Committee | Summer, 2020 |
| Chair, Admissions Committee | 2019-2020 |
| Member, Admissions Committee | 2018-2019 |
| Journal of Technology and Public Policy Faculty Advisor | 2017 – Present |
| Externship Supervisor | 2013 - Present |
| Family Law Society Faculty Advisor | 2013 – Present |
| UF Faculty Match Program | 2014 - Present |
| Juvenile Justice Conference 2013 Planning Committee | 2011-2013 |
| Trial Team Competition Coach, University of Florida Gainesville, Florida | 2004-2006 |
| Member, Admissions Committee | 2017 – Present |
| Previous Member, Strategic Planning Committee (15/16), Curriculum Committee (16-17), Admissions Committee (15-16), Distance Education Committee, Scholarship Committee | |

General Service

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| Children’s Justice Act Task Force | 2024 - Present |
| Dilley Pro Bono Project Attorney Volunteer | 2018 |
| Guardian ad Litem/Attorney ad Litem | 2015 - Present |
| Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, Holiday gift project photographer | 2016 Present |
| Phoebe Louise Dooley Foundation Board of Directors | 2018 - Present |
| Sunny Cares Board of Directors | 2018 - Present |
| Shared Hope Project, Founder and Photographer | 2014 - 2018 |
| Human Trafficking Task Force, 8 th Judicial Circuit | 2007 - 2009 |
| Sexual Offender Task Force, 8 th Judicial Circuit | 2007 - 2009 |
| Guardian Ad Litem, 8 th Judicial Circuit, Gainesville, Florida | 2000-2003/2013 - Present |
| Domestic Violence Task Force, 8 th Judicial Circuit | 2005 - 2007 |
| PACE School for Girls Board of Directors | 2004 - 2006 |
| Statewide Advocacy Council | 2004 - 2006 |

Professional Affiliations

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| Gerald T. Bennett Inn of Court | 2016-2017, Fall, 2018 - Present |
| Cyber-bullying Collaborative | 2019 - 2022 |
| 8 th Judicial Circuit Bar Association | 2018 - 2022 |
| Present Legal Writing Institute | 2012 - 2018 |
| American Association of Law Schools | 2015 - 2016 |

Presentations

Panelist, Family Law Panel UF Law, March, 2023

Panelist, Understanding AI: Parenting and Social Media, Cade Museum, March 28, 2023

Panelist, Current Issues in Cybersecurity, UF Law, April, 2023

Keynote, Florida Family Leader Network, Growing Up Shared: Telling Our Stories While Maintaining Children’s Privacy in the Age of Social Media, March, 2023

Speaker, Gainesville High School, *Staying Safe Online*, January, 2023

Keynote Speaker, Grand Rounds, University of Florida Department of Pediatrics, *Growing Up Shared*, December, 2022

Panelist, Association of Internet Researchers Conference, Dublin, Ireland, *Children's Online Privacy*, November, 2022
<https://spir.aoir.org/ojs/index.php/spir/article/view/12960/10845>

Keynote Speaker, Orange County Bar Association and Central Florida Association of Women Lawyers, *Growing Up Shared* October, 2022

Keynote Speaker, American Counsel on Consumer Affairs, *Growing Up Shared*, March, 2022

Panelist, Technology, Media, and Privacy Law Conference, UF Law, March, 2022

Speaker, Florida CARD Statewide Conference, *How Parents Can Share Smarter on Social Media*, January, 2022

Speaker, Frontiers in AI, *Artificial Intelligence and Children*, November, 2021

Speaker, Florida Adoption Counsel (with Mary K. Wimsett), *Social Media and Adoption*, November, 2021

Speaker, TEDxVienna, *How Parents Can Share Smarter on Social Media*, October, 2021

Panelist, Digital Law Center, University of Geneva, *Social Media and Children's Rights*, June, 2021

Presenter, University of Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), *Children's Privacy on Social Media*, June, 2021

Presenter, 11th International Conference on Children's Rights in the Digital Age: Should children be protected from screen exposure? April, 2021

Presenter, University of Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD), *IEPs and 504 Plans: An Overview for Parents of Children with Special Needs*, April 2021

Presenter, Eighth Judicial Circuit Bar Association, *Children's Online Privacy*, February 2021

Presenter, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child at 30 Years Follow Up Conference, *Sharenting: Children's Privacy on Social Media*, November, 2020

Presenter, University of Florida Department of Emergency Medicine Child Abuse Symposium, *Children's Privacy on Social Media: Risks and Responsibilities*, November, 2020

Panelist, Ask the Experts - Privacy Please: Protecting Kids' Identity and Personal Information Online, September 2020

Presenter, Growing Up Shared, State University of Rio de Janeiro (via YouTube), July, 2020

Panelist, Digital Lives: Families in the Age of the Internet, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, November, 2019

Panelist, Immigration Law Association, University of Florida Levin College of Law, October 2018

Speaker, National Refugee Shabbat, Congregation B'nai Israel, October 2018

Panelist, Sex Crimes in the 21st Century, Emory Law Journal's Annual Thrower Symposium, February 2018

Presenter, Sharenting: Children's Privacy in the Age of Social Media, Journal of Technology Law and Policy, April 2018

Presenter, Sharenting: Children's Privacy in the Age of Social Media, Florida Affiliate of American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences - 2018 Annual Conference, April 2018

Guest Lecturer, Photojournalism, presented in course taught in the University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications, Fall, 2017 ad Spring, 2018

Keynote Speaker, Law Day, presented by Florida Blue Key at the University of Florida, November 2017

Panelist, Pro Bono Week at the University of Florida, Fall 2017

Co-presenter, Children's Privacy and the Pediatrician's Role, Grand Rounds, Legacy Health Children's Hospital, Portland, Oregon, June 2016

Panelist, Family Law and Legal Profession, Family Law Society at the University of Florida, Spring 2017

Guest Lecturer, Juvenile Law, presented in course taught in the University of Florida Honor's College, April 2017

Presenter, Sharenting: Children's Privacy on Social Media, presented at Hillel, University of Florida, Fall, 2016

Presenter, Children's Privacy on Social Media, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Annual Conference, October 2016

Panelist, Private vs. Public Family Law, Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Annual Conference, January 2016

Guest Lecturer, Juvenile Law, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, University of Florida, 2015 and 2016

Panelist, What Makes Lawyers Happy, Federal Bar Association Meeting in Gainesville, Florida, April 2015

Panelist, Law Professionals Day, presented by Florida Blue Key at the University of Florida, March 2015

Moderator, Women and the Law Conference, Federal Bar Association Meeting in Gainesville, Florida, April 2014

Panelist, Family Law and Legal Profession, Family Law Society at the University of Florida, November 2014

Presenter, The Role of Attorney ad Litem in Family Court, Family Law Section of the 8th Judicial Circuit Bar Association, September 2014

Presenter, Diversity in the Dependency System and Legal Overview of the Dependency System, Guardian ad

Litem Program, 8th Judicial Circuit, regularly presented to volunteers 2011-2013

Presenter, Understanding the Dependency and Delinquency Court System, Early Learning Coalition of Alachua County, Fall 2012

Presenter, Testifying in a Dependency Hearing, Child Protection Team in Alachua County, Florida, Summer, 2012

Presenter, Legal Overview of the Dependency Court System: A Guide for Non-Lawyers Partnership for Strong Families in Alachua County, Florida, Summer, 2012

Television Interviews

The Doctors, *Sharenting, Does it Cross the Line?* September 2020

King-5, *Growing Up Shared*, September, 2020

WGN, *Author Shares Tips to Stay Safe Online*, August, 2020

Podcasts

The Cyber- Safety Lady, *Growing Up Shared*, October, 2020

Keep Calm and Mother On, *Growing Up Shared*, July, 2020

The Floridaville, *UF Law Professor & Author*, May, 2020

Public and Permanent, *Parenting and Sharenting*, May, 2020

Manuscript Reviews

Journal of Medical Ethics, November, 2020

Societies, August, 2017

