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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

**STANFORD LAW SCHOOL**, Thomas C. Grey Fellow and Lecturer in Law *June 2011 - present*

- Research and write on criminal and juvenile law and procedure and the constitutional rights of people who are incarcerated or institutionalized
- Courses taught:
  - First-year courses on federal litigation and legal writing, rhetoric, analysis, and research
  - Upper level course on the California parole process
- Participate in faculty workshops; coordinate fellows' research workshops
- Consult with organizations and attorneys on sentencing and corrections-related matters

## EDUCATION

**NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Chicago, IL, Juris Doctorate, *cum laude* (2000)

- *Northwestern Law Review* Note & Comment Editor; National Moot Court Team
- Bluhm Legal Clinic, Children & Family Justice Center: Juvenile Delinquency Representation
- Wigmore Key recipient: awarded to the student who best upholds the traditions of the law school

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY**, Stanford, CA, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (1995)

- Ravenswood Stanford Tutoring Program; Resident Assistant

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

*Paying for* Gideon, ___ IOWA L. REV. ___ (forthcoming, summer 2014)

*Reviving the Excessive Fines Clause*, 102 CALIF. L. REV. __ (forthcoming, April 2014)

Alleyne v. United States, *Age as an Element, and the Retroactivity of* Miller v. Alabama, 61 UCLA L. REV. DISC. 262 (2013)

*Constitutional Line Drawing at the Intersection of Childhood and Crime*, 9 STAN. CIV. RTS. & CIV. LIB. J. 79 (2013)

*Public Health and Safety Consequences of Denying Access to Justice for Victims of Prison Staff Sexual Misconduct*, 18 UCLA WOMEN'S L.J. 195 (2012)

*Justice Deserts: Spatial Inequality and Local Funding of Indigent Defense*, 52 ARIZ. L. REV. 219 (2010) (with Lisa Pruitt)

*The Presidential Politics of Prisoner Reentry Reform*, 20 FED. SENT. REP. 110 (2007)

*Teaching a Prisoner to Fish: Getting Tough on Crime by Preparing Prisoners to Reenter Society*, 5 SEATTLE J. FOR SOC. JUST. 293 (2006)

*Tales from the Juvenile Confession Front: A Guide to How Standard Police Interrogation Tactics Can Produce Coerced and False Confessions from Juvenile Suspects*, *in* 20 PERSP. IN LAW & PSYCHOL., INTERROGATIONS, CONFESSIONS & ENTRAPMENT 127 (G. Daniel Lassiter, ed., 2004) (with Steven A. Drizin)

*Street Children in Tanzania: Effects of Economy and Education*, 20 CHILD. LEGAL RTS. J. 2 (2000-2001) (with Daniella Mayer, *et al.*)

*Let the Cameras Roll: Mandatory Videotaping of Interrogations Is the Solution to Illinois' Problem of False Confessions*, 32 LOY. U. CHI. L.J. 337 (2001) (with Steven A. Drizin)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

*A Just Alternative to Sentencing Youth to Life in Prison Without the Possibility of Parole*, AM. CONST. SOC'Y ADVANCE (2010) (with Jody Kent)

*A Reexamination of Youth Involvement in the Adult Criminal Justice System in Washington: Implications of New Findings About Juvenile Recidivism and Adolescent Brain Development* (2009)

*New Study Reveals Collateral Consequences of, and Disparities in, the Assessment of Legal Financial Obligations*, WASH. CRIM. DEF., Feb. 2009

*Treating Juveniles as Adults and Life Without Parole Sentences for Juveniles: Where Do We Go From Here?*, WASH. ST. BAR ASS'N COURSE BOOK (2008)

*A Well-Grounded Fear: Civil Reform of Criminal Justice*, 41 CLEARINGHOUSE REV. 232 (2007)

*Prisoner Reentry Reform Takes Spotlight in 2007 Legislature*, 21 WASH. CRIM. DEF., Aug. 2007 (with Bruce Neas)

*Making Gideon Real: Washington Counties and the Duty to Provide Effective Assistance of Counsel*, 61 WASH. ST. BAR NEWS, Feb. 2007 (with David F. Taylor & Donald B. Scaramastra)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Columbia Legal Services**, Managing Attorney, Institutions Project, Seattle, WA *Jan. 2006 - June 2011*

- Represented juveniles and adults confined in prisons, jails, mental health facilities, and immigration detention facilities in civil rights litigation and legislative advocacy regarding constitutional deprivations, conditions of confinement, duties of care, reentry services, treatment of juveniles in adult criminal justice systems, sentencing reform, and the right to indigent defense counsel
- Represented clients in collateral appeals of various criminal matters

**Perkins Coie, LLP**, Associate, Seattle, WA *Sept. 2000 - Dec. 2005*

- Litigated matters in federal and state court including election law, torts, securities, intellectual property, and environmental disputes
- Pro Bono Representation: Represented a class of indigent criminal defendants alleging county's failure to provide effective indigent defense; represented juveniles convicted as adults in collateral criminal appeals and clemency petitions; wrote amicus brief in support of writ of certiorari by death row inmate on behalf of Texas State Legislators

## GUEST LECTURES

*Overlaps between Adolescent Public Health and Juvenile Justice*, lecture at Univ. of Cal. Berkeley, School of Public Health, Adolescent Health Seminar (Nov. 18, 2013)

*The Role of Adolescent Development in Constitutional Interpretation*, lecture at Univ. of Cal. Berkeley, School of Public Health, Adolescent Health Seminar (Oct. 29, 2012)

*Life Without Parole for Youth Post*-Graham v. Florida, lecture at Stanford Univ., Undergraduate Seminar, Justice Deferred: Realities of California's Juvenile Justice System (Jan. 31, 2012)

*The Medical and Mental Health Implications of Incarcerating Youth*, lecture at Univ. of Cal. Berkeley, School of Public Health, Adolescent Health Seminar (Nov. 7, 2011)

*Legal Financial Obligations as a Barrier to Successful Prisoner Reentry*, lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Poverty Law Seminar (Nov. 28, 2007)

*Impact Litigation as a Means of Reforming Failing Public Defense Systems,* lecture at Seattle University School of Law, Poverty Law Seminar (Feb. 7, 2007)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

*Public Interest Scholarship as a Tool for Social Justice*, Stanford Law School, Shaking the Foundations Conference (Nov. 1, 2013)

*Punishment and the Constitution*, panelist, Law & Society Association Annual Conference (May 31, 2013)

*Erasing the School-to-Prison Pipeline*, moderator, Stanford Law School (Mar. 5, 2013)

*Mandatory Sentencing for Juveniles Post-*Miller v. Alabama, panelist, Stanford Law School, Civil Rights and the Roberts Court Symposium (Oct. 27, 2012)

*Criminal Justice Reform Through Civil Litigation*, Keynote Address, Gideon Day, University of California at Davis School of Law (Mar. 15, 2012)

*Treatment Not Punishment: Diverting Mentally Ill Youth from Jails to Health Services*, Moderator, Stanford Law School (Jan. 24, 2012)

*Life Sentences for Juveniles: Constitutional and Policy Issues Raised by Serious Juvenile Offenders*, Stanford Law School, Shaking the Foundations Conference (Oct. 29, 2011)

*Lessons Learned from Grant County Systemic Litigation on Ineffective Assistance of Counsel—Is This Kind of Litigation a Practical Tool for Systemic Reform?*, Seattle University School of Law, Defender Initiative Conference on Public Defense (Feb. 25, 2011)

*The Role of Juvenile Defenders in Reform through Litigation*, plenary address at Washington State Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit (Oct. 29, 2010)

*Prison Conditions: Cruel and Unusual?*, panelist at Seattle University School of Law, Social Justice Week (Oct. 13, 2010)

*Advocacy for Addressing Legal Financial Obligations*, panelist at Washington Defender Association, Responding to the Challenges of Reentry (June 25, 2010)

*Experiences of Juveniles in the Adult System*, presentation at Washington Defender Association, Three Strikes: Challenges and Changes (Jan. 15, 2010)

*Systemic Responses to Gendered Violence in the Criminal Justice System,* panelist at the UCLA School of Law Symposium, Gender Injustice: The U.S. Prison System as a Form of Gender Violence (April 10, 2009)

*A Reexamination of Youth Involvement in the Adult Criminal Justice System in Washington: Implications of New Findings About Juvenile Recidivism and Adolescent Brain Development,* presentation to the American Constitutional Society, Puget Sound Chapter (April 2, 2009)

*Trends in Juvenile Justice*, presentation to the Washington Legislature House Human Services Committee (Dec. 5, 2008)

Oral Argument Faculty at Center for Legal Aid Education, 2008 Summer Institute, Affirmative Litigation Training (July 25, 2008)

*Discharge from Custodial Systems*, address at American Bar Association National Conference on Homeless Youth and the Law (June 19, 2008)

*Increasing Resources and Coordination for Contract Public Defense Counsel*, address at Washington Defender Association, 2008 Defender Conference (Apr. 26, 2008)

*Prisoner Reentry Reform in Washington*, address at Elliott Bay Books Presents: Seattle Journal for Social Justice Group Reading (Mar. 30, 2007)

## TEACHING INTERESTS

**Primary Interests:** Criminal Procedure (Adjudication, Investigation, and Sentencing), Criminal Law, Juvenile Law, and Professional Responsibility

**Secondary Interests**: Civil Procedure, Evidence, Torts, Remedies, Civil Rights

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

### Current

American Constitution Society

Center for Wrongful Convictions of Juveniles, Northwestern University Legal Clinic: *Advisory Board* (2009 to present)

Justice Policy Institute: *Board of Directors* (2011 to present)

Reading Partners Program, Selby Elementary School (2012 to present)

### Former

Access to Justice Network: *Law School Relations Committee & Public Defense/Civil Collaboration Task Force* (2006-2010)

King County Bar Association: *Pro Bono Committee* (2006-2010)

Misdemeanor Counsel Project, Seattle University School of Law: *Advisory Committee* (2010-2012)

National Coalition for the Fair Sentencing of Youth: *Washington State Coordinator* (2008-2011)

National Juvenile Justice Network: *Policy Paper Review Committee* (2010-2011)

Northwestern University Law School: *Alumni Admissions Interviewer* (2001-2011)

TeamChild: *Board of Directors* (2006-2011)

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers: *Co-Chair, Corrections Committee* (2006-2011)

Washington Sentencing Guidelines Commission: *Juvenile Justice Subcommittee* (2009)

Washington State Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration: *Disproportionate Minority Contact Initiative External Advisory Board* (2009)

Washington State Legislative Task Force on Prisoner Reentry: *Education & Employment Subcommittee* (2006)

## SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

Stanford Law School Pro Bono Distinction Award (2012-2013)

Washington Defender Association Award of Recognition (2009)

Washington Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Service Award (2007)

Northwestern University Children & Family Justice Center Alumni Award (2005)

Washington State Bar Association Thomas Neville Pro Bono Award (2004)

Perkins Coie Pro Bono Leadership Award (2003)