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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, MO
***Director,* Immigration Law Clinic** **July 2018 - Present**
Professor of Practice **July 2024 - Present**
Associate Professor of Practice **July 2022 – June 2024**
Assistant Professor of Practice **July 2018 – June 2022**
Teach and supervise upper-level law students in the practice of immigration law and client-centered lawyering. Oversee all aspects of student lawyering, including client interviews, case strategy and management, drafting, filing, and trial practice, before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, the State Department, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, and the Immigration Court. Lead a weekly seminar course on substantive immigration law and practical lawyering skills. Provide one-on-one supervision through regular student meetings and case rounds. Separately teach Immigration Law & Policy to upper-level law students.

Adjunct Professor **January 2012 - June 2013**
Taught *Immigration Law and Policy*, an upper level core course, to 2nd and 3rd year JD and LLM students, during the Spring semesters in 2012 and 2013.

***Field Supervisor & Adjunct Professor,* Civil Rights & Community Justice Clinic** **January 2006 - May 2008**
Supervised Civil Rights and Community Justice Clinic students placed at Interfaith Legal Services for Immigrants (ILSI). Provided training and education in immigration, refugee, and asylum theory and practice. Worked with students on cases on a variety of immigration cases. Coordinated student community education projects.

MIGRANT & IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY ACTION (MICA) PROJECT, Louis, MO
Program Coordinator & Supervising Attorney **September 2014 - June 2018**
Directly supervised a team of immigration attorneys handling complex immigration cases including removal defense and affirmative applications. Developed uniform systems and best practices to help ensure the provision of competent, professional, and high quality immigration legal services to low-income immigrant communities. Provided support on case management and work plan development to ensure ambitious goals are met. Provided direct representation in immigration cases, including removal defense and affirmative applications. Supervised student interns and volunteers, including law school clinic students and externs. Participated in the development of strong funding relationships to sustain our immigration work. Coordinated and supervised the organization's accounting practices, fundraising efforts, general office management, and volunteer recruitment and management.

BLEISCH LAW FIRM, P.C., St. Louis, MO
Attorney **September 2009 - August 2014**
Represented clients regarding various immigration matters before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, various Immigration Courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals, and the Federal Courts. Provided legal counseling to clients and potential clients regarding eligibility for immigration benefits and the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. Practice areas included asylum, refugee matters, family-based immigration, consular processing, adjustment of status, naturalization, removal defense, relief for victims of crime and human trafficking, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, and temporary protected status.

INTERFAITH LEGAL SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANTS (ILSI), St. Louis, MO
Legal Director **January 2007 - July 2009**
Staff Attorney **January 2005 - December 2006**
Coordinated and managed the legal work for the agency's various projects, including the Family Reunification Project, the Refugee and Asylum Seekers Project, and the Survivors of Torture Project. Supervised staff attorney, legal assistant, student interns, and volunteers in their case work. Maintained high personal caseload, including affirmative applications for immigration and naturalization benefits, and defensive applications for relief in removal proceedings. Provided high-quality representation to clients applying for asylum and relief under the Convention Against Torture. Responsible for ensuring all case-completion and client satisfaction goals were met for the various grants. Conducted community trainings.

LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MISSOURI, St. Louis, MO
Staff Attorney, Immigration Law Project & Housing Unit **August 2003 - January 2005**
Provided direct legal services to low-income clients in immigration and housing cases. Represented noncitizens and their families in various immigration matters before Citizenship and Immigration Services, the Immigration Court, and the Board of Immigration Appeals, including family-based petitions, VAWA self-petitions, applications for permanent residence, applications for naturalization, and removal defense. Represented tenants in rent and eviction actions, subsidized housing termination hearings, and condemnation appeals. Represented homeless clients in municipal ordinance violation cases and a federal civil right lawsuit. Conducted community trainings.

EDUCATION:

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, MO **Juris Doctorate: May 2003**
- NAPIL Pro Bono & Public Interest Award for outstanding pro bono and public service commitment
- Greensfelder, Hemker & Gale P.C. Public Interest Fellowship for summer legal work
- President, National Association of Public Interest Law (NAPIL) student organization

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, MO **B.A., Philosophy: May 2000**
- Graduated *summa cum laud*e, from Pre-law Honors Program

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

MISSOURI LAWYERS WEEKLY *WOMEN'S JUSTICE AWARD* (Public Service Category) **April 10, 2025**
ST. LOUIS BAR FOUNDATION *SPIRIT OF JUSTICE AWARD* **October 12, 2018**
PETER FERRARA SCHOLARSHIP (awarded annually to a nonprofit attorney) **June 2007**

APPOINTMENT:

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOC. (AILA) Asylum and Refugee Committee **July 2021 - Present**

PUBLICATIONS

FOREWARD, *ASYLUM CASE LAW SOURCEBOOK*, GERALD SEIPP **September 2025**
West Publishing Corporation

"CRACKING THE CODE: THE KEYS TO MASTERING THE COMPLEXITIES OF ASYLUM LAW" **Fall 2023**
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. (AILA)

"TIPS AND TRICKS FOR FILING AFFIRMATIVE ASYLUM APPLICATIONS ONLINE" **August 2023**
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. (AILA)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & PODCASTS:

"CRACKING THE CODE: THE KEYS TO MASTERING THE COMPLEXITIES OF ASYLUM LAW" **September 29, 2023**
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. (AILA) 2023 Fall Conference, Phoenix, Arizona

"ONLINE ASYLUM FILING MADE EASY! KEYSTROKES TO SUCCESS" **August 15, 2023**
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. (AILA) national webinar

"NAVIGATING USCIS'S ONLINE I-589 APPLICATION AND EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION DELAYS" **February 3, 2023**
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. (AILA), AILA University Live Roundtable

EXPERT GUEST: "IS IT LEGAL TO . . ." PODCAST **Published November 1, 2022**
Missouri Bar Association

"ASYLUM HOT TOPICS" PANEL **October 7, 2022**
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. (AILA), Missouri/Kansas Chapter Annual Conference

"LOVING, CRITICIZING AND REMAKING AMERICAN DEMOCRACY" PANEL **September 30, 2022**
Washington University Gephardt Institute, 2022 Civic Action Week

"INTERVIEWING ASYLUM SEEKERS: Trauma-Informed Interviewing and Cultural Humility" **August 11, 2022**
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. (AILA) Annual Paralegal Conference,

"TWENTY YEARS OF WAR IN AFGHANISTAN: WHAT'S HAPPENED & WHAT'S NEXT" PANEL **October 22, 2021**
International Law Society, Washington University School of Law

"IMMIGRATION UNDER A BIDEN ADMINISTRATION" **March 10, 2021**
St. Louis Law Library Association

"IMMIGRATION UNDER A BIDEN ADMINISTRATION" **February 25, 2021**
Center for Human Rights, Gender, and Migration, Washington University

"TWO PANDEMICS, ONE ELECTION: THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE" PANEL **October 19, 2020**
Washington University Gephardt Institute; Clark-Fox Institute; Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity & Equity; School of Law PILPSS; and Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Gov't, and Public Policy

"ASYLUM: THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF PROTECTION?" **July 13, 2020**
"New Developments in Immigration Law: From DACA to Asylum"
Bar Assn. of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL)

"ASYLUM TODAY: THE "ROADBLOCKS & THE KEYS TO SUCCESS" **June 26, 2020**
American Immigration Lawyers Assn. (AILA), Missouri/Kansas Chapter CLE series

"IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES DURING COVID-19: STATE RESPONSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES" PANEL **May 14, 2020**
"COVID-19 and International Law Webinar Series," Bar Assn. of Metropolitan St. Louis (BAMSL), WashULaw Whitney R. Harris World Law Institute, and Int'l Law Assoc. American Branch

"IMMIGRATION STATUS AND ITS IMPACT ON WELLNESS" **March 7, 2020**
2020 Latino Medical Student Association (LMSA) National Conference, St. Louis, MO

"INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE & ASYLUM IN THE AMERICAS" REPORT LAUNCH PANEL **January 30, 2020**
Washington University Center for Human Rights, Gender, and Migration

"CHANGE THE SUBJECT" FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION PANEL **January 30, 2020**
Washington University Libraries

"MELTING POLAR ICEBERGS: TEACHING EMPATHY & SELF-CARE AS CORE SKILLS IN ASYLUM ADVOCACY"
AALS Clinical Section Annual Conference, Concurrent Session **May 5, 2019**

"CURRENT CHALLENGES IN IMMIGRATION LAW" **April 12, 2019**
Washington University School of Law Reunion Weekend CLE

PANEL MODERATOR: "COUNSELING LGBTQIA IMMIGRANTS & ASYLUM SEEKERS" **March 22, 2019**
14th Annual Midwest LGBTQIA Rights Conference, Washington University School of Law

"REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS: CRISIS IN U.S. POLICY" PANEL **September 20, 2018**
Washington University School of Law, Public Interest Law & Policy Speaker Series, St. Louis, MO

"RIGHTS OF IMMIGRANT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS" **September 15, 2017**
Effective Domestic Violence Services for Immigrants and Refugees
St. Louis Family Violence Council Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO

"HOW THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS AFFECTING OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES" **May 13, 2017**
We Stories, University City Library, University City, MO

GUEST LECTURE: "REFUGEE AND ASYLUM LAW OVERVIEW" **April 8, 2017**
Immigration Law Course, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO

"BASICS OF ASYLUM LAW AND PROCESS" **February 10, 2017**
Advocacy for Immigrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Challenging Times
Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO

"IMMIGRATION: POST INAUGURATION," Co-Presenter **February 1, 2017**
International Institute, St. Louis, MO

"WALKING WITH THE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY THROUGH THE LEGAL PROCESS" **January 22, 2017**
Contemporary Issues: Immigration; Ladue Chapel Presbyterian Church, Ladue, MO

ST. LOUIS ON THE AIR WITH DON MARSH, Radio Guest with Professor Stephen Legomsky **December 5, 2016**
St. Louis Public Radio (NPR affiliate), St. Louis, MO

"2016 ELECTIONS: IMPACT ON IMMIGRATION LAW POLICY" **October 5, 2016**
The Missouri Bar's *Mini Law School for the Public*, St. Louis County Council, St. Louis, MO

GUEST LECTURE: "RELIEF FOR IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE U.S." **April 22, 2016**
Domestic Violence & the Law, Prof. Nina Balsam, Washington Univ. School of Law, St. Louis, MO

"ADVOCATES AND ATTORNEYS IN PARTNERSHIP AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE" **October 30, 2015**
Missouri Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (MCADSV), Immigration Task Force
Jefferson City, MO

"ESSENTIAL CONCEPTS FOR IMMIGRATION LAWYERS" **March 20, 2015**
American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), Missouri-Kansas Chapter Annual Conference

"LGBT CLIENT VOICES: IMMIGRATION, ASYLUM, INCARCERATION" PANEL **February 15, 2014**
Midwest LGBTQ Law Conference, Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO

GUEST LECTURE: "IMPLICATIONS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS"
Immigration Debate seminar, Prof. Richard Middleton, Saint Louis University School of Law **September 10, 2009**
America's Immigration Debate, Prof. Richard Middleton, University of Missouri- St. Louis **February 11, 2009**

"IMMIGRATION LAW AND CULTURAL AWARENESS IN ST. LOUIS" **October 15, 2008**
Multidisciplinary Training for Child Welfare Cases, St. Louis Family Court, St. Louis, MO

"EFFECTS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS ON WELLNESS" **September 26, 2008**
St. Louis Survivors of Torture Collaborative Training, St. Louis, MO

"RELIEF FOR IMMIGRANT VICTIMS OF CRIMES IN THE U.S." **April 17, 2008**
Current Practices in Law & ADR Conference
Presented by U.S. Arbitration & Mediation Midwest and Washington University School of Law, St. Louis, MO

"BASIC REMOVAL PROCEDURES IN ST. LOUIS" **October 19, 2007**
American Immigration Lawyers Association, Missouri-Kansas Chapter

BAR MEMBERSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONS:

SUPREME COURT OF MISSOURI, Admitted September 2003
U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI, Admitted December 2003
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTS CIRCUIT, Admitted November 2011

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW SCHOOLS (AALS), Member since 2018

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA), Member since 2002
National Asylum & Refugee Committee, 2021-2022, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 (co-chair)
Active member of Missouri/ Kansas Chapter since 2003 (Vice-Chair, June 2012 - June 2013)
Local Asylum Liaison, 2013-2020

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (CLEA)
Member since 2018

IMMIGRANT SERVICE PROVIDERS COMMITTEE (ISPN) OF ST. LOUIS
Active member, 2020-Present

WHITNEY R. HARRIS WORLD LAW INSTITUTE, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
Faculty Advisory Board Member, 2019 - 2021

MIGRANT AND IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY ACTION (MICA) PROJECT
Board of Directors**,** August 2012 – September 2014