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The John Marshall Law School
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EDUCATION:

Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, IL
J.D. Cum Laude, May, 1985

Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
B.A., May, 1982
Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude

Oxford University in England with the International Summer School Program at Exeter College
Oxford, summer of 1981
Field of Study: British Political and Constitutional History 1870 to present.

LAW RELATED POSITIONS:

Founder & Director, Domestic Violence Clinical Advocacy Program (renamed “Family Law & Domestic Violence Clinic in 2019), The John Marshall Law School (2013-2020)

Full Professor, The John Marshall Law School 2002 to the Present

Associate Professor of Law, with tenure, (1998 to 2002) and Assistant Professor of Law, The John Marshall Law School (1994 to 1998)

Associate at Katten Muchin & Zavis
February, 1986 through May, 1994

Associate at Greenberger & Kaufmann
May 1985 until February, 1986
(Greenberger & Kaufmann merged with Katten Muchin & Zavis)

GRANTS & AWARDS:

Recipient, The John Marshall Law School “Scholarship Productivity” Award (2019)

Family Law & Domestic Violence Clinic Recipient of a one-year grant from the Ellie Fund (2019-2020)

Family Law & Domestic Violence Clinic Recipient of a two-year grant from Allstate (2018 and 2019)

Recipient, Donor Advised Funds to the JMLS Family Law & DV Clinic from the Chicago Foundation for Women (2017)

Recipient, Illinois State Bar Association “Excellence in Legal Education Award” (2016) for the Domestic Violence Clinical Advocacy Program and its Family Law & Domestic Violence Clinic

Co-Principal Investigator, National Science Foundation Law & Social Science Program Grant “When Disclosure Fails To Protect Consumers From Predatory Lending: Testing Key Psychological Causes and Intervention Strategies” July 2010- June 2013 (funded \$250,000)

Recipient, The John Marshall Law School “Award for Faculty Excellence in Scholarship” (2009)

Recipient of the Lila A. Pearlman Memorial Award for “Outstanding Senior in History” at Brandeis University, May 1982.

Co-Recipient of the Doris Brewer Cohen Award for the best undergraduate research paper in the Social Sciences, May, 1982.

PUBLICATIONS:

A. Articles

[Top 10% of Authors on SSRN by all-time downloads]

“Got Bounded Rationality and Political Gridlock? There’s a Loan Disclosure Hack for That!” (Debra Pogrund Stark, Jessica M. Choplin and Andrew Pizor) Cleveland State Law Review (fall 2020)

“Properly Accounting for Domestic Violence In Child Custody Cases: An Evidence Based Analysis and Reform Proposal” (Debra Pogrund Stark, Jessica M. Choplin and Sarah Wellard) 26 Michigan Journal of Gender & Law 1 (2019)

“Re-Imagining Law School Clinics: Leveraging Resources to Do More, For More, Under a Hybrid Model” (Debra Pogrund Stark and Christine Hunt) Oklahoma City University Law Review (forthcoming 2019)

“Whispering sweet nothings: A review of verbal behaviors that undermine the effectiveness of government-mandated home-loan disclosures” (Jessica M. Choplin and Debra Pogrund Stark) Cognitive Research: Principles and Implications. (2019)

“Seeing the Wrecking Ball in Motion: Ex Parte Protection Orders and the Realities of Domestic Violence” (Jessica M. Choplin and Debra Pogrund Stark) Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society (Spring 2017)

“What’s Law Got To Do With It? Confronting Judicial Nullification of Domestic Violence Remedies” (Debra Pogrund Stark) Northwestern Journal of Law & Social Policy 10.1 (2015): 130.

"Complex Decision Making and Cognitive Aging Call for Enhanced Protection of Seniors Contemplating a Reverse Mortgage" (Debra Pogrund Stark, Jessica M. Choplin, Joseph Mikels, and Amber McDonnell) 46 Arizona State Law Review 299 (2014)

"Dodd-Frank 2.0: Creating Interactive Home-Loan Disclosures to Enable Shrewd Consumer Decision-Making" (Debra Pogrund Stark, Jessica M. Choplin, Mark LeBoeuf, and Andrew Pizor) 27 Loyola Consumer Law Rev. 95 (2014)

"Ineffective In Any Form: How Confirmation Biases and Distraction Undermine Improved Home Loan Disclosures" (Debra Pogrund Stark, Jessica M. Choplin and Mark LeBoeuf) Yale Law Journal Online April 16, 2013

"Doomed to Fail: A Psychological Analysis of Mortgage Loan Disclosures and Policy Implications" (Jessica M. Choplin and Debra Pogrund Stark) 32 Banking & Fin. Serv. Rep. 11 (No. 10: 2013)

"Dysfunctional Contracts and the Laws and Practices That Enable Them: An Empirical Analysis" (Debra Pogrund Stark, Jessica M. Choplin and Eileen Linnabery) 46 Ind. L. Rev. 797 (2013)

"A Psychological Investigation of Consumer Vulnerability to Fraud: Legal and Policy Implications" (Jessica M. Choplin, Debra Pogrund Stark, and Jasmine Ahmad) 35 Law & Psychology Review 61 (2011)

"Consumer Protection Initiatives in the E.U. Mortgage Market: A Behavioral Economics Analysis and Proposal" (Debra Pogrund Stark and Jessica M. Choplin) 25 Temple International and Comparative Law Journal 1 (2011)

"A Cognitive and Social Psychological Analysis of Disclosure Laws and Call for Mortgage Counseling To Prevent Predatory Lending" (Debra Pogrund Stark and Jessica M. Choplin) 16 Psychology, Public Policy & Law 85 (2010)

"A License To Deceive: Enforcing Contractual Myths Despite Consumer Psychological Realities" (Debra Pogrund Stark and Jessica M. Choplin) 5 NYU Journal of Law & Business 617 (2009)

"Does Fraud Pay? An Empirical Analysis of Attorney's Fees Provisions In Consumer Fraud Statues" (Debra Pogrund Stark and Jessica M. Choplin) 56 Cleveland State Law Review 483 (2008)

"How Do You Solve A Problem Like In Kelo?" (Debra Pogrund Stark) 40 John Marshall Law Review 609 (2007)

"Navigating Residential Attorney Approvals: Finding A Better Judicial North Star," (Debra Pogrund Stark) 39 John Marshall Law Review 171 (2006)

“Unmasking the Predatory Loan In Sheep’s Clothing: A Legislative Proposal” (Debra Pogrund Stark) 21 Harvard BlackLetter Law Journal 129 (Spring 2005)

“Become A Hero To A Family In Need: Predatory Lenders Beware” (Debra Pogrund Stark) 18 Probate & Property 8 (July/August 2004)

“Pay It Forward: A Proactive Model To Resolving Construction Defects And Market Failure” (Debra Pogrund Stark and Andrew Cook) 38 Valparaiso University Law Review 1 (2003)

“If You Build It They Will Come” (Debra Pogrund Stark) 2 J. Marshall L. School Real Est. L. Ctr. Nwsl. 10 (Spring 2002)

“See Jane Graduate. Why Can’t Jane Negotiate A Business Transaction?” (Debra Pogrund Stark) 73 St. John’s Law Review 477(1999)

"Foreclosing on the American Dream: An Evaluation of Federal Foreclosure Laws" (Debra Pogrund Stark) 51 Oklahoma Law Review 229 (1998)

Handling Interest Rate Swaps: A Reassessment Based On Recent Cases" (Debra Pogrund Stark) Probate and Property, (May/June 1997)

"Facing The Facts: An Empirical Study of Foreclosures and Proposal For Reform" (Debra Pogrund Stark) 30 University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform, 639(1997) (the lead article)

"What *BFP* Really Means for Fraudulent Conveyance Challenges" (Debra Pogrund Stark) The Practical Lawyer, Vol. 42, No. 4 (June 1996).

"The Emperor Still Has Clothes: Fraudulent Conveyance Challenges After the BFP Decision" (Debra Pogrund Stark) 47 South Carolina Law Review, 563 (1996).

"Avoiding the Recharacterization of Certain Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure Transactions: Ensuring That What You Draft Is What You Get" (Debra Pogrund Stark) The Banking Law Journal, July-August 1993.

"Contaminated Loans: EPA Rule Clarifies Lenders' Environmental Liability" (Debra Pogrund Stark) Business Law Today, November-December 1992.

"New Developments in Enforcing Prepayment Charges After an Acceleration of a Mortgage Loan" (Debra Pogrund Stark) Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Journal, Spring 1991.

"The Use of Interest Rate Exchange Agreements in Real Estate Transactions, a Look at Current Issues and Practices" (Debra Pogrund Stark) Real Estate Finance, Fall 1990.

"Prepayment Charges in Jeopardy: The Unhappy and Uncertain Legacy of In Re Skyler Ridge" (Debra Pogrund Stark) Real Estate Finance, Spring 1989, and Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Journal, Summer 1989.

"Rules of the Road for Developing a Successful Auto Service Center" (Debra Pogrund Stark) Journal of Real Estate Development, Summer 1989.

"Enforcing Prepayment Charges: Case Law and Drafting Suggestions" (Debra Pogrund Stark) Barrister, Fall 1987 and Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Journal, Fall 1987.

"Negotiating Interest Rate Exchange Agreements" (Debra Pogrund Stark) Real Estate Finance, Spring 1987.

"The Marc Rich Decision: An Expansion of United States Criminal Jurisdiction Over Foreign Defendants" (Debra Pogrund Stark) Vol. 6, No. 2 Northwestern University School of Law Journal of International Law and Business, 1986.

B. Books

Book Chapter, "Cognitive Barriers to Rational Home Loan Decision-Making: Implications for Mortgage Counselors" in *Psychology of Counseling* Jessica M. Choplin, Debra Pogrund Stark, and Joseph Mikels (A. Di Fabio, Ed. Nova Science Publishers, Inc. 2013)

Co-Author of the textbook, "Commercial Real Estate Transactions: A Project and Skills Oriented Approach", originally published by Lexis Law Publishing in 2001. Second Edition published in 2010.

Author of the textbook, "Residential Real Estate Law: A Transactional Skills Analysis", published by Carolina Academic Press in 2003.

Book Chapter, "Examination of Registered Titles", Chapter 4 in *Patton on Land titles*, 2d ed., pocket part, West Publishing (2000)

Co-Author of the book, "Anatomy of a Mortgage: Understanding and Negotiating Commercial Real Estate Loans" published by the American Bar Association in 2001.

Editor and Co-Author of the book, "Consensual Transfers of Distressed Real Estate", published by the American Bar Association, 1998.

Contributing Editor of the book, "Foreclosure Law and Related Remedies--A State-by-State Digest", published by the American Bar Association, 1994.

SCHOLASTIC HONORS (College and Law School):

Articles Editor and Member of the Northwestern University School of Law Journal of International Law and Business (invited on the basis of grades in 1987)

Recipient of the Lila A. Pearlman Memorial Award for Outstanding Senior in History at Brandeis University, May 1982.

Co-Recipient of the Doris Brewer Cohen Award for the best undergraduate research paper in the Social Sciences, May, 1982.

High honors on senior thesis, "Individual Freedom and State Control: A Comparison of Court Rulings in Britain and America During World War I".

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Appointed to State of Illinois Representative Joyce Mason's Working Group on Kayden's Law (2023-present)

Appointed as a Faculty Fellow in the Honors College at the University of Illinois Chicago (2023-present)

Faculty Advisor of the John Marshall Law School's Children & Family Law Society (2016-2019; and 2023-present)

Member, Domestic Violence Taskforce of the University of Illinois Hospital System (2019)

Member, American Association of Law Schools Teaching Methodologies Committee of the Clinical Legal Education Section (2018)

Co-Chair, Domestic Violence Task Force Committee of the Chicago Bar Association's Alliance for Women (2015-2018)

Member, Chicago Says No More Steering Committee and Task Force Group Members (2016-present)

Member, Chicago Bar Association's Legislative Subcommittee (2017-today)

Member, "Remedies/Case Follow Through Work Group" established by Judge Sebastian Patti, Presiding Judge of the Domestic Violence Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (2012-2014)

Chair of the Real Estate Section of the American Association of Law Schools 2012-2013 (vice-chair 2010, secretary 2009, and treasurer 2008)

Chairperson of the State of Illinois Residential Mortgage Board (2012-2014; appointed to the Board in 2010)

Founder and Faculty Advisor of the John Marshall Law School Chapter of Habitat for Humanity (2002 to 2015)

Member, Board of Directors, Lawyers Committee for Better Housing 2003-2010 (Chair of the Program Committee 2004-2008).

Member, "Child Protection Advisory Work Group, established by Judge Salyers, Presiding Judge, Child Protection Division of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (1995-1999):

Member, Termination and Adoption Subcommittee (the committee's proposal to expedite the termination of parental rights in certain cases was enacted by the State of Illinois in 1997)

Member, Non-Adversarial Decision Making Subcommittee

Leadership Positions in the American Bar Association ("ABA") and the Real Property Section thereof (the "Section")

- *Vice-Chairperson of the B-4 Pro Bono Committee of the Section 2003- 2005
- * Senior Acquisitions Editor of the Section's Books/Media Program 1992- 2002
- *Assistant Secretary of the Section 1997-1998
- * Member of the Publications Committee (a standing committee) 1996-1997
- *Chairperson of the 200-member Committee on Foreclosure and Related Remedies, 1993-1997
- * Vice-Chairperson of said committee 1992-1993
- * Chairperson of the Subcommittee on Deeds-in-Lieu of Foreclosure Transactions 1991-1992

Member, American College of Real Estate Lawyers (an organization comprised of leading real estate lawyers in the nation with membership based on election) (2003-2013)

Member of the Task Force on Changes in the Practice of Real Estate Law (2009/2010)

Member of the Ely Chapter of Lambda Alpha International (an honorary land economics society) (1997-2000)

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED ON THE TOPIC OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

“What are you Missing? Seeing the Connection Between Domestic Violence and Ten Legal Practice Areas” at the 5th Annual DV Educational Conference at The John Marshall Law School, Oct. 4th, 2017 (organizer and speaker)

“Teach (and Treat) Your Children Well: Preventive and Therapeutic Programs for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence” at the 4th Annual DV Educational Conference at The John Marshall Law School, Oct. 16, 2016 (organizer and moderator)

“Is There a Better Way to Protect Children from Domestic Violence? Requiring Partner Abuse Intervention Programs in Custody/Visitation Cases” at the 3rd Annual DV Educational Conference at The John Marshall Law School, Oct. 2, 2015 (organizer, moderator, and a speaker)

“Legislative Promise Now Within Reach: Best Practices When Seeking Order of Protection Remedies” at the 2nd Annual DV Educational Conference at The John Marshall Law School, Nov. 6, 2014 (organizer, moderator, and a speaker)

“Why She Doesn’t ‘Just Leave’: Understanding Domestic Violence and Illinois Measures to Empower Survivors” at the Inaugural DV Educational Conference at The John Marshall Law School, Oct. 3, 2013 (organizer, moderator, and a speaker)

OTHER SPEECHES/PRESENTATIONS OF PAPERS:

Panelist, 2023 Minority Health Conference, hosted by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion, UIC School of Public Health April 7, 2023

Panelist, “Using Community Based Participatory Research to Promote Social Change and Public Health Policy” at the Interprofessional Approaches to Health Disparities Seminar, with moderator, Dr. Memmona Hasnain, Professor of Family and Community Medicine, College of Medicine, University of Illinois Chicago (certain students and faculty at the UIC Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, and School of Public Health, were invited to this panel presentation) (Jan. 2022 and Jan. 2023)

Commentator, Seton Hall Law School’s Sixth Annual Health Law Works-in-Progress Retreat, on Prof. Michal Buchhandler Raphael’s paper, “Overmedicalizing of Domestic Violence in the Non Carceral State” on Feb. 4 2022

Panelist, on the Intersection of DV and Health Care, for the seminar course: “Using Community Based Participatory Change and Public Health Policy”, in the UIC Patient Centered Medicine Scholars Program, invited by Dr. Memmona Hasnain, Professor of Family and Community Medicine on Jan. 6, 2022

Featured Speaker, Q&A session on what dentists need to know about domestic violence, for the UIC AAWD organization and UIC College of Dentistry on April 5, 2021

Moderator, “Sexting, Revenge Porn and Cyberstalking: The Intersection of Technology and Domestic Abuse” CLE program co-hosted by Shalva and the JMLS Family Law & Domestic Violence Clinic, at JMLS on April 23, 2019

Panelist, “Careers in Family Law” program of the JMLS Children & Family Law Society at JMLS on March 25, 2019

Presentation, “Skills Teaching Through Legal Clinics” at the Global Legal Skills 13 Conference in Melbourne, Australia on December 10, 2018

Presentation, “Taking Domestic Violence Into Account in Child Custody Cases: An Evidence Based Analysis and Reform Proposal” to the Chicago Foundation of Women Eleanor Network Meeting on July 25, 2018

Presentation, “Domestic Violence and the Response of the Legal System” at the Allstate Corporate Headquarters on July 23, 2018

Poster Presenter, “Outside the Box: Expanding the Reach of Your Clinic” at the American Association of Law Schools Clinical Legal Education Meeting on April 29, 2018 in Chicago

Presenter, “Taking Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Into Account in Child Custody Cases—An Evidence-Based Analysis” at the Child Representative Seminar sponsored by Judge Grace Dickler, Presiding Judge of the Cook County Domestic Relations Division, on February 21, 2018 at the Daley Center

Demonstrated and discussed the Interactive Online Tax Resources the Family Law & DV Clinic created to simulate the kind of legal assistance one receives from an attorney, at the Difference Engine’s Launch Party on August 24, 2017

Presenter, “Confronting the Realities of Domestic Violence” at a program organized by the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association (March 2017)

Presenter, “Child Custody Decisions and Domestic Abuse” at a program organized by Shalva (June 2016)

Presenter, “No More” program on best practices for general law school clinics to identify and help survivors of domestic violence (May 2016) with former Lt. Governor Sheila Simon, held at The John Marshall Law School

Presenter, “Creating Interactive Home Loan Disclosure Forms to Overcome Cognitive Limitations and Deceptive Sales Practices” at the 34th International Congress on Law and Mental Health, Vienna (July 2015)

Presenter, “Consumer Financial Implications of Domestic Violence”, at a meeting of the Chicago Bar Association’s Consumer Law Section (March 2015)

Presenter, “Barriers Survivors of Domestic Violence Face and Legal Assistance Provided by the John Marshall Law School’s Domestic Violence Clinical Advocacy Program”, Zonta International’s Women’s day Breakfast (March 2015)

Presenter, “Addressing Counter-Intuitive Aspects of the Phenomenon of Domestic Violence”, Oak Brook Zonta Club Meeting (February 2015)

Presenter, “Confirmation Biases and Dual Tasking Undermine Effectiveness of Home Loan Disclosures”, HUIC Conference on the Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Honolulu, Hawaii (January 2014)

Organizer and Moderator, “Legislative Promise Now Within Reach: Best Practices for Obtaining Order of Protection Remedies” at the 2nd Annual Domestic Violence Educational Conference at The John Marshall Law School (November 2014)

Presenter, “Dysfunctional Contracts and the Laws and Practices that Enable Them” at a meeting of the Council of the Real Estate Section of the Illinois State Bar Association, Chicago, IL (December 2013)

Presenter, “Dysfunctional Contracts and the Laws and Practices that Enable Them” Annual Meeting of the Illinois Real Estate Lawyers Association, Chicago, Illinois (November 2013)

Organizer and Moderator, “Why She Doesn’t ‘Just Leave’? Understanding Domestic Violence and Illinois Measures to Empower Survivors” at the 1st Annual Domestic Violence Educational Conference at The John Marshall Law School (October 2013)

Presenter, “Legislative Promise Only Half Fulfilled: An Empirical Analysis of a Specialized Domestic Violence Court,” the 6th Annual Midwest Family Law Consortium Workshop - Madison, WI (April 2013)

Presenter, “Confirmation Biases and Dual Tasks Undermine the Effectiveness of HUD-1 and other Home Loan Disclosures,” American Psychological Association’s Psychology-Law Society Division Annual Meeting - Portland, OR (March 2013)

Presenter, “Dysfunctional Contracts and the Laws and Practices That Enable Them: An Empirical Analysis,” JMLS Faculty Works in Progress Series (CLE) (February, 2013)

Program Chair and Moderator, “Keeping It Real: Lessons in the Structuring, Handling, and Teaching of Real Estate Transactions in the Wake of the Great Real Estate Recession,” AALS Real Estate Section’s 2013 Program annual meeting - New Orleans, LA (January, 2013)

Speaker, “Psychological Phenomena That Cause Consumers to be Vulnerable to Predatory Loans” on April 20, 2012 at Northern Illinois University, as part of a program on predatory lending

Speaker, “The Inspiration and Development of Law Related Publications” on April 11, 2012 at the JMLS law library series on faculty scholarship

Speaker, “Complex Decision Making and Cognitive Aging Call for Enhanced Protection of Seniors Contemplating Reverse Mortgages” in April 2012 at the John Marshall Law School, as part of a Faculty in Works Series

Panelist, “Housing Issues Facing Survivors of Domestic Violence” on August 26, 2011 at the John Marshall Law School, organized by the JMLS Fair Housing Center

Panelist, “Domestic Violence in the United States: A Question and Answer Session” on October 25, 2010 at The John Marshall Law School, organized by BALSAs, Amnesty International and the Women’s Law Caucus student chapters

Speaker, “A Psychological and Policy Critique of EU Member State Responses to the Green Paper on Mortgage Credit” at the 7th Annual Atiner International Conference of Law on July 20, 2010 in Athens, Greece

Featured Speaker, “Sacrificing Consumers on the Alter of ‘Market Efficiency’: The Need for Mandatory Mortgage Counseling Intervention” at Pembroke College, Oxford University at the Oxford Round Table on March 24, 2009

Featured Speaker, “Protecting Victims of Domestic Violence: One Law School’s Response” on March 17, 2009 at Charles University in Prague and on March 24, 2009 at Masaryk University in Brno

Panelist, “Pedagogical Techniques to Incorporate GLBT Issues into the Family Law Course” at the annual meeting of AALS in San Diego, Cal. On January 7, 2009

Panelist, “Incorporating Transactional Skills Into The First Year Curriculum: An Example Taken From Property Law” at the Emory Law School Transactional Skills Conference on May 31, 2008 (Remarks later published in the Tennessee Law Journal)

Panelist, “Scholarship: Best Practices & Implementation,” at The John Marshall Law School New Faculty Academic Orientation Program on July 16, 2007

Television Commentator, “Ways to Avoid Predatory Loans,” Cable network program sponsored by the Black Women’s Bar Association in July, 2007

Panelist, “Preventing Predatory Loans” at the Norman Amaker Retreat in Indiana in the fall of 2005

Moderator, “Predatory Home Lending—Moving Towards Legal and Policy Solutions: Research Findings in Sub-Prime Lending” at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois on September 9, 2005

Panelist, “Pro Bono Opportunities for Law Students” at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois in the spring of 2005

Panelist, “Barriers to Affordable Housing” at the American Bar Association’s Real Property, Probate and Trust Section Spring Meeting in Seattle, Washington, in May 2004.

Comment to a Panelist Presenter, “Real Estate in Bankruptcy: A Look Backwards for a Better View Forward” at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois on May 21, 2004.

Moderator and Panelist, “Moving From Sub-Standard to Decent Affordable Housing” at the John Marshall Law School in Chicago, Illinois on March 29, 2004.

Moderator and Panelist, “Is There Hope After HOEPA: Initiatives To Prevent Predatory Loans” at the American Bar Association’s 2003 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California on August 9, 2003.

Panelist, “What We Wish We Had Known...Our Experiences With Collaborating on Scholarship” at the LSAC Academic Assistance Program in Seattle, Washington, in June 2002.

Featured Speaker and Panelist, “Integrating Pro Bono Experiences Into the Classroom or as an Extension of the Classroom” at the New Ideas for Experienced Teachers Conference sponsored by AALS on June 12, 2001 in Calgary, Canada.

Featured Speaker and Panelist, “Creating Pro Bono Partnerships (it’s easier than you think but just as worthwhile)” at the 2001 AALS Annual Meeting on January 3, 2001.

Presentation of Paper “Predatory Lending: A Cautionary American Tale” at Trinity College in Dublin Ireland in April 2001.

Presenter at Workshop, “Why Can’t Jane Close the Deal?” at the Gonzaga University’s Fresh Looks at Teaching and Learning Law Conference on June 11, 1999.

Featured Speaker and Panelist, “Anatomy of a Mortgage: Part I”, at the Real Property Section of the American Bar Association’s Spring CLE and Committee Meeting on May 21, 1999.

Featured Speaker, “New Developments in Enforcing Prepayment Charges and Defeasance Provisions”, at the meeting of the Real Estate Finance Subcommittee of the Real Property Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association in March 1999.

Panelist, “How Technology Has Impacted the Real Estate Law Practice” at the Robert Kratovil Memorial Seminar in Real Estate Law sponsored by the Real Estate Law Center of The John Marshall Law School in October 1998.

Presentation of Paper at Haifa University School of Law “Foreclosure Data and Policy Implications” in March 1998.

Moderator, "Careers in Real Estate Law" Program co-sponsored by the Young Lawyers Section of the Chicago Bar Association and The John Marshall Law School's Real Estate Law Center on September 18, 1997.

Panelist, "Are We Moving Towards A National Foreclosure Law" 1997 Annual Meeting of the American Bar Association in San Francisco, California on August 3, 1997.

Program Chair, "Real Estate Finance Hot Tips and Workshop" Annual Meeting of the Real Property Section of the ABA in August 1997.

Featured Speaker at the Real Estate Finance Subcommittee of the Real Property Law Committee of the Chicago Bar Association on April 4, 1997 "Interest Rate Swaps: A Reassessment".

Program Chair, "New Developments in Loan Documentation: Drafting Documents in Light of Changes in the Bankruptcy and Tax Codes" Spring Meeting of the Real Property Section of the ABA on May 16, 1997.

Featured Speaker at the Real Property Hot Topics Luncheon at the Spring Meeting of the Section "Interest Rate Swaps: A Reassessment" on May 16, 1997.

Presentation of Paper at the Kansas State University 6th Annual Cultural Studies Symposium, "Culture, Rights and The Rule of Law: The Modern Sacrifice of Isaac" on March 6, 1997.

Moderator, "Living With What You Have Drafted: Real Estate Finance Hot Tips and Workshop" American Bar Association ("ABA") Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL, August 1996.

Panelist, "Anatomy of a Workout: You Decide The Outcome," 1995 CLE and Committee Meeting of the Real Property Section of the ABA in San Diego, CA.

Moderator, "Real Estate Financing Potpourri," ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, August 1995.

Panelist, "Durrett May Be Dead But Fraudulent Conveyance Challenges To Foreclosure Sales Remain Alive and Well" ABA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, August 1995.

Moderator, "Enforcing the Odd Duck Real Estate Loan," ABA Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, August 1994.

Speaker, "The Triumph of Foreclosure Law Over Bankruptcy Law--BFP v. Resolution Trust Corporation," I-2 Committee Meeting, ABA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 1994.

Program Chair and Moderator, "Structuring and Negotiating a Friendly Foreclosure or Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure Transaction," ABA Annual Meeting in New York, NY, August 1993.

Panelist, "Foreclosure Workshop and Hot Tips Outline," ABA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, August 1992.

Featured speaker, "Ensuring That What You Draft Is What You Get -- The Recharacterization of Certain Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure Transactions," 1992 Fall Council Meeting of the Section in Williamsburg, VA.

Featured speaker, "New Developments in Enforcing Prepayment Charges," 1992 Meeting of the Real Estate Finance Subcommittee of the Real Property Section of the Chicago Bar Association.

Panelist, "Prepayment and Yield Maintenance in Bankruptcy," ABA Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, August 1991.

Panelist, "Commercial Real Estate Lending Practices Update," discussing various loan commitment and pre-closing issues, 1991 Spring CLE and Committee Meeting of the Real Property Section of the ABA in Orlando, FL.

Featured speaker in 1991 at a seminar of the Real Estate Finance Subcommittee of the Real Property Section of the Chicago Bar Association.

Panelist at Katten, Muchin & Zavis Seminar on Deed-in-Lieu of Foreclosure Transactions, Winter, 1991.

Featured speaker at Katten, Muchin & Zavis Seminar on Interest Rate Exchange Agreements, Fall, 1990.

SIGNIFICANT SERVICE TO THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL

Chairperson of the following faculty committees: Tenure and Promotion Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Admissions Committee, Adjunct Committee, Library & Computer Policy Committee, Placement Committee, and Scholarship Round Table Series Committee;

Elected to and served on the Academic Collaborations Committee of The John Marshall Law School and the University of Illinois Chicago (2018-2019)

Developed the “Family Law & Domestic Violence Clinic” course where students train on the dynamics of domestic violence and assist supervising attorneys in providing legal consultations and legal representations to survivors of domestic violence in ten areas of law: (i) orders of protection, (ii) divorce/paternity and child protection, (iii) crime victim compensation, (iv) housing protections, (v) employment protections, (vi) debt relief/credit repair, (vii) tax liability relief, (viii) immigration relief, (ix) estate planning, and (x) criminal self-defense cases. (April 2015- 2020)

Developed the “Family Law Advocacy for Survivors of Domestic Violence” course (prepared students to handle divorce and paternity matters through simulations, followed with an internship with pro bono legal service providers and domestic advocacy organizations providing legal assistance to domestic violence survivors (Spring 2013-Spring 2014)

Developed the “Domestic Violence Law and Practicum” course (with a clinical component where students assist survivors of domestic violence to obtain orders of protection and create educational information and draft reform ideas) (2008 through Fall 2015)

Helped develop the LL.M. in Real Estate Program (1994-1995) (member of Advisory Board)

PRO BONO /PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

Provide written and oral comments to the Chicago Bar Association critical of proposed bill HB 4113 before the Illinois General Assembly in 2018

Provide comments and feedback on Amicus Briefs relating to domestic violence (2016-present)

Provide legal information and advice to survivors of domestic violence on their options and rights under the law (2008-present)

Respond to requests for advice from homeowners with home loans in default (1994-present)

Provided Comments on the new draft order of protection petitions and related documents to the Illinois Supreme Court’s Access to Justice Commission (March 2016)

Meetings with Housing Action Illinois (discuss testing of effectiveness of home loan counseling and developing empirically based best practices in home loan counseling (December 2013 and April 2014)

Provided pro bono legal analysis to a local not-for-profit organization and its board in connection with a mission critical lease dispute (September 2013)

Responded to an inquiry from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (August 2013)

(Inquiry related to experiments run with Dr. Jessica Choplin and Andrew Pizor of the National Consumer Law Center that tested the effectiveness of an enhanced APR disclosure we created in comparison with the CFPB's proposed Loan Estimate Disclosure Form)

Provided Comments on HB 5665 to State Senator Collins (February 2013)

Provided Comments to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau on their proposed home loan disclosure forms and proposed rules relating to mortgage counseling (2012)

Provided mortgage loan counseling to parents at the Swift School (2004)

Testified at two public hearings before the Illinois Office of Banks and Real Estate with respect to proposed changes to the Residential Mortgage License Act of 1987 relating to predatory lending. (2004)

Legal representation of women seeking emergency orders of protection and plenary orders of protection against abusive spouses/boyfriends in the Maywood, Illinois Court call (1998).

Member, Advisory Board, Lawyers Committee for Better Housing (1992-1994).

Recipient, with her student volunteers, of a Certificate of Appreciation, for their monitoring of the eviction court in Cook, County, Illinois on November 7, 2002.

Legal representation of Neighborhood Housing Services, a non-profit corporation, in connection with their efforts to revitalize the East Garfield Park Neighborhood, in Chicago, IL (1993-1994).

Legal representation based on referrals from Community Economic Development Law Project and the American Jewish Congress, including:

Obtaining real estate tax exemption for a shelter for abused women,

Negotiation and documentation of a construction contract for a new shelter, and

Issuing an opinion to a non-profit organization which analyzed various potential lobbying and campaigning activities and their impact on maintaining tax-exempt status (1992-1994).

Recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer Attorney Award in 1993 from the Public Guardian's Office of Cook County, Illinois.

Volunteer attorney for the Cook County Illinois Public Guardian's Office in connection with investigating Illinois DCFS' handling of allegations of child abuse (1992-1993).

Recipient of the Outstanding Volunteer Attorney Award in 1993 from the Public Guardian's Office of Cook County, Illinois.