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EXPERIENCE

Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, Chicago, Illinois, 2004-present

Founder and Director, Appellate Advocacy Center, 2006-present

Harry B. Reese Teaching Professor of Law, 2015-2016

Clinical Associate Professor of Law, 2016-present

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, 2004-2016

- **Courses Taught:** Federal Appellate Clinic; Supreme Court Clinic; Judicial Decisionmaking; International Team Project; Communications and Legal Reasoning.
- **Awards and Recognition:**
Named U.S. Supreme Court Insider in Reuters Report, "The Echo Chamber" (2014)
Fulbright Specialist Roster (2015 to 2020)
Fulbright Fellowship at the JSW School of Law in Thimphu, Bhutan (July 2019)
Dean's Teaching Award (2006-2007); Honorable Mention, (2004-2006, 2010)
National Champion Team in the New York City Bar Association Moot Court (2018)
- **Committee Work and Service to the Law School:**
Appellate Curricular Concentration Advisor (2009-present)
Co-Faculty Advisor to Miner Moot Court Competition (2007-2014)
Faculty Advisor and Coach of National Moot Court Team (2007-present)
Faculty Advisor to Moot Court Society (2009-present)
Co-Chair, Internal and External Workshop Committee (2016-2017)
Clerkship Committee (2011-2013, 2017-present)
Chair, Midwest Clinical Law Teacher's Conference (2010)

The Honorable Ruben Castillo, N.D. Illinois, *Law Clerk*, 2002-2004

- Assist judge in research and writing judicial opinions both in the civil and criminal docket, including employment, civil rights, patent law, commercial litigation and habeas corpus; management of chambers' extern program, including hiring, supervision, and editing student extern work.

United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, *Staff Law Clerk*, 2000-2002

- Preparation of bench memoranda, opinions and orders deciding counseled and pro se appeals in the areas of employment law, civil rights, habeas corpus, and criminal appeals.

Loyola University School of Law, Chicago, IL, *Appellate Advocacy Instructor*, 2000-2004

- Instructor of second-year students in appellate briefing, oral argument and the appellate process; customized a course on child advocacy for child-law fellows.

Kirkland & Ellis, Chicago, IL, *Litigation Associate*, 1998-2000

- Commercial Litigation, Securities and Employment Litigation Associate; participated in two commercial litigation trials, three firm-sponsored mock trials, and a mediation.

Sidley Austin LLP, Chicago, IL, *Firmwide Writing Advisor*, 2016-2019

- Provide writing instruction, curriculum development, and individualized coaching to Sidley lawyers worldwide.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, MI

Juris Doctor, May 1998

- Child Advocacy Law Clinic: Student attorney in child-welfare cases including two parental termination trials
- International Law Society member

Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service, *magna cum laude*, May 1994

- Honors: Rhodes Scholarship Nominee, Dean's List 8/8 semesters; *Pi Sigma Alpha* honor society
- Georgetown Student Association Policy Council Executive; Sophomore Class Committee President
- Study Abroad in Quito, Ecuador (Summer 1991) and Prague, Czech Republic (1993)

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Clinical Divide: Overcoming Barriers to Collaboration Between Clinics and Legal Writing Programs, 14 *Clinical Law Review* 301 (Fall 2007)

Obstruction of Justice: Unwarranted Expansion of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(1), 102 *J. Crim. L. & Criminology* 25 (2012)

Sarah O. Schrup & Susan E. Provenzano, *The Conscious Curriculum: From Novice Towards Mastery in Written Legal Analysis and Advocacy*, 108 *Nw. U. L. Rev. Colloquy* 80 (2013)

Susan E. Provenzano, Sarah O. Schrup, Jeffrey T. Green & Carter G. Phillips, *Advanced Appellate Advocacy* (Aspen 2016)

Matthew Kugler and Sarah Schrup, *Your Phone Knows Where You've Been, and the Government Wants to Know Too* (op ed. *Los Angeles Times* November 2017)

PRESENTATIONS

Rocky Mountain Regional Legal Writing Conference, March 2006: *From Classroom to Courtroom: Integrating Clinical Work Into Legal Writing Programs*

AALS Clinical Conference, May 2008: *The Clinical Divide: Reflections on Barriers to Collaboration Between Clinics and Legal Writing Departments* (Poster Presentation)

Northwestern University School of Law Moot Court Society, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015: *Writing and Advocacy Workshop*

Chicago Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, April 2012: *Criminal Appeals Seminar, Panel Moderator*

Legal Writing Institute, One-Day Workshop Panel Presentation, November 2012: *Beyond IRAC: Expert Written Argument* with Sue Provenzano

Midwest Clinical Law Teacher's Conference, November 2013: *Fostering Mastery: A Clinician's Role*

AALS Clinical Conference, April 2014: *The Conscious Curriculum: Deliberately Designed Collaborative Courses to Further Law Students' Mastery of Core Lawyering Skills* (with Erin Delaney, Laura Nirider, and Susan Provenzano)

Northwestern University School of Law Faculty Projects Day, May 2014: Presentation to faculty on the Federal Appellate Clinic and the case *United States v. Patrick Wallace*

Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference, June 2014: *Are Law Graduates Legal Writing Mushfakers? Designing Upper-Level Courses to Promote Mastery in Analytical and Persuasive Writing* (with Susan Provenzano)

Northwestern University School of Law, 1L orientation, August 2015: *Clinics, Collaboration and Kingsley*

Northwestern University School of Law, Corporate Counsel Institute, October 2015: *Supreme Court Preview and Review* (with Paul Smith, Jenner & Block)

Women's Bar Association of Illinois, October 2015: *Appellate Argument* (with Judge Edmond Chang and Nadine Wichern)

Idaho State Bar Association, Keynote Speaker, October 2017: *The Art and Science of Persuasion: Writing for your Reader*

Planet Lex, podcast with Tonja Jacobi and Dan Rodriguez, August 2018: *Term Limits in the Judiciary*

ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ABA Council of Appellate Lawyers, 2017-present: Executive Board Member; member of the Rules Committee

American Bar Association, Member

Appellate Lawyer's Association of Illinois, Member

Seventh Circuit Bar Association, Member

The Woman's Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital, 2006-present: Board member; Membership Chair (2016-2018); Passavant Cotillion Chairperson (2015); Board Secretary (2012-2014); Eleanor Wood-Prince Grant Chair (2011-2013)

The Joffrey Ballet of Chicago, 2016-present: Board member; member of Executive Committee; co-chair of Women's Night at the Joffrey

SIGNIFICANT CASES

United States v. Simpson, 05-2993 (7th Cir. 2007): Reversal and remand for new trial based on prosecutorial misconduct and admission of erroneous Rule 404(b) evidence.

United States v. Millet, 06-2678 (7th Cir. 2008): Partial remand for resentencing after petition for rehearing.

Gall v. United States, 06-7949 (U.S. Sup. Ct. 2006): Successfully petitioned Court to consider question whether the

requirements of a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 excessive force claim brought by a plaintiff who was a pretrial detainee at the time of the incident are satisfied by a showing that the state actor deliberately used force against the pretrial detainee and the use of force was objectively unreasonable.

United States v. Thornton, 07-2839 (7th Cir. 2008): Acquittal on bank robbery and firearms charges based on government's and district court's erroneous interpretation of the federal bank robbery statute.

Mejia v. Cook County, 09-3540 (7th Cir. 2011): Reversal and remand for new trial because the district court misapprehended the standard applicable to Rule 59 motions by requiring a plaintiff to demonstrate that trial "testimony [was] such that reasonable persons could not believe it, because it contradict[ed] indisputable physical facts or laws" in order to win a new trial, rather than applying a traditional "miscarriage of justice" or "shocks the conscience" standard.

United States v. Griffin, 11-1951 (7th Cir. 2012): Acquittal on felon-in-possession charge on the basis of the government's failure to prove the defendant's intent to possess the firearms.

People v. Oduwole, 5-12-0039 (Ill. App. Ct. 5th Dist. 2013): Acquittal on charge of attempting to make a terrorist threat for failure to produce sufficient evidence of a substantial step towards committing the crime; also raising First Amendment challenges to the underlying conviction on the basis that an attempted threat requires communication. Named best exculpation of 2013 by Slate.com.

Luevano v. Wal-Mart, 11-1917 (7th Cir. 2013): Reversal and remand for further proceedings following erroneous dismissal of a pro se plaintiff's facially adequate employment discrimination complaint. Clarified the post-*Iqbal* pleading thresholds for pro se complainants.

Robers v. United States, 12-9012 (U.S. Sup. Ct. 2012): Successfully petitioned Court to resolve the question whether a defendant—who has fraudulently obtained a loan and thus owes restitution for the loan under 18 U.S.C. § 3663A(b)(1)(B)—returns "any part" of the loan money by giving the lenders the collateral that secures the money?

Kingsley v. Hendrickson, 14-6368 (U.S. Sup. Ct. 2014): Successfully petitioned Court to resolve the question whether the requirements of a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 excessive force claim brought by a plaintiff who was a pretrial detainee at the time of the incident are satisfied by a showing that the state actor deliberately used force against the pretrial detainee and the use of force was objectively unreasonable.

United States v. Musgraves, 15-2371 (7th Cir. 2016): Obtained acquittal on appeal on three of client's five counts of conviction based on insufficient evidence.

McDonald v. Adamson et al., 15-1305 (7th Cir. 2016): Secured reversal and remand in prisoner civil rights case under § 1983 for deprivations of right to practice Muslim faith based on district court's erroneous dismissal on res judicata grounds.

Dean v. United States, 15-1305 (U.S. Sup. Ct. 2017): Unanimous reversal for client who claimed that district courts make take into account mandatory consecutive sentences under § 924(c) in determining the sentence for the underlying predicate crimes.

Walker v. Price, 17-1345 (7th Cir. 2018): Reversal and remand for new trial, finding the district court had abused its discretion in failing to appoint a lawyer for prisoner civil rights plaintiff as his case reached the trial stage.