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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Florida 2001 to present

David H. Levin Chair in Family Law
Founder and Director, Center on Children and Families
Fredric G. Levin College of Law

University of Pennsylvania

Professor of Law 1988-2001
Center for Children's Policy Practice and Research
at University of Pennsylvania
Co-Founder and Co-Director, 1998 to 2001

European University Institute

Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow
Firenze, Italia
2007-2008

COURSES AND SEMINARS

Adoption
Child, Parent & State
Child Welfare Law
Children's Rights
Comparative Family Law
Conflict of Laws
Constitutional Law
Family Law
Perspectives on the Family
The Supreme Court and the Family

Public Interest Practice
Education for the Professions
Selected Topics in Family Law

EDUCATION

Columbia University Law School

Juris Doctor 1983

Law Review Notes and Comments Editor

Comment: Powell v. Offshore Navigation, Inc.: Jurisdiction Over Maritime Claims and the Right to Trial by Jury, 82 Colum. L. Rev.784-810 (1982)

Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar 1981, 1982, 1983

David M. Berger International Law Prize 1982

Child Advocacy Clinic 1982, 1983

University of the State of New York

B.S. 1980 Regents External Degree Program

French/History Double Major

University of Virginia

Graduate Level Course work 1971-1972

Italian Instructor, General Studies Faculty

Rinetti Prize in Italian Literary Research

University of Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Course work 1969-1970

Universita per Stranieri, Perugia, Italia

Diploma Medio 1964; Diploma Superiore 1965

Studies in Italian language, literature, history, philosophy, and cultural history culminating in diploma of certification to teach Italian studies abroad.

CLERKSHIPS

Associate Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

Supreme Court of the United States

Washington, DC

1984-1985

Honorable Abraham D. Sofaer

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York
New York, NY
1983-1984

HONORS & AWARDS

Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship
European University Institute
Firenze, Italia (2007-2008)

Faculty Achievement Recognition Award
University of Florida (2007)

26th Annual John E. Sullivan Lecturer
Capital University Law School (2005)

Children's Rights Hero
American Bar Association Human Rights Journal (2005)

Visiting Fellow
Transitional Justice Institute
Ulster University
Belfast, Northern Ireland (2004)

Leader, ABA Delegation to UN Special Session on Children
United Nations, NY (2002)

Lenore Rowe Williams Award
University of Pennsylvania (2001)

Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching
Preparation for the Professions Project (1999-2000)

Siben Distinguished Lecturer in Family Law
Hofstra University Law School (1995)

United Parcel Service
Grant Recipient (1990)

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

International Society of Family Law

Executive Council Member 2000 to Present
Member 1993 to present
International Survey Reporter for U.S.1998

American Society of Comparative Law

Director 1992 to 1997
National Co-Reporter on Family Law
and Acting General Reporter on Family Law
to Congress of International Academy of Comparative Law
Athens, Greece 1994

Association of American Law Schools (AALS)

President of Family & Juvenile Law Section 1995
Family & Juvenile Law Section Program Chair 1994
Treasurer and Editor of Section Newsletter 1993
Academic Freedom Committee 2000-2002
Women in Legal Education Acting Program Chair 2002

EDITORSHIPS

Family Court Review
Editorial Board 2000 to present

Journal of Psychology, Public Policy, and Law
Editorial Board 1995 to present

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Hidden in Plain Sight: The Tragedy of Children's Rights from Ben Franklin to Lionel Tate (Princeton University Press 2008)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Cleaning Up Toxic Violence: An EcoGenerist Paradigm, in Nancy E. Dowd et al,
Handbook on Children, Culture & Violence (Sage 2006)

The Family Supportive Nature of the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child,

in Jonathan Todres et al, **The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: An Analysis of Treaty Provisions and Implications of U.S. Ratification** (Transnational Publishers 2006)

The Changing Status of the Child,
in Jonathan Todres et al, **The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: An Analysis of Treaty Provisions and Implications of U.S. Ratification** (Transnational Publishers 2006)

Revisioning Rights for Children in **Rethinking Childhood** 229 (Pufall et al, eds. Rutgers Press 2004)

Children's Rights in Gay and Lesbian Families: A Child-Centered Perspective in **Child, Family & State** 273 (Nomos Vol. XLIV) (Macedo et al, eds, NYU Press 2003)

Child-Centered, Vertically Structured and Interdisciplinary, in **Family Law: Processes, Practices and Pressures** (Dewar et al, eds., Hart Pub.2003)

Making Poor Mothers Fungible: The Adoption and Safe Families Act and the Privatization of Foster Care, in **Child-Care and Inequality: Re-Thinking Carework for Children and Youth** 83 (Cancian et al, eds., Routledge Press 2002).

Children's Rights, in **Handbook on Youth and Justice**, (Susan White, ed., Plenum Press 2001).

The Status of Children: A Story of Emerging Rights in **Cross-Currents: Family Law in England and the United States** 423 (Eekelar & Katz, eds., Oxford University Press 2000).

The Adoption and Safe Families Act: A Major Shift in Child Welfare Law and Policy, **The International Survey of Family Law** 375 (Family Law 2000).

Constitutional Interpretation and the Reconstitution of the Family in the United States and South Africa in **The Changing Family: Family Forms and Family Law** (John Eekelaar and Thandabantu Nhlapo, eds., 1998).

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child: Cultural and Political Barriers to Ratification by the USA, in **Contemporary International Law Issues: New Forms, New Applications** (T.M.Asser Institute, the Netherlands, 1998).

Protecting Children's Rights of Identity Across Frontiers of Culture, Political Community and Time, in **Families Across Frontiers** (Martinus Nijhoff Press 259 (1996)

Poor Mothers, Poor Babies: Law, Medicine, and Crack in Child, Parent & State: Law & Policy Reader (Temple Press 1994).

William Dameron Guthrie: The Case of the New York Conservative and the Birth of Fundamental Family Liberties in New York and the Union: Contributions to the American Constitutional Experience (Schechter & Bernstein, eds. 1990).

LAW REVIEWS

Race, Culture, Class and the Myth of Crisis: an Ecogenerist Perspective on Child Welfare, 81 **St. John's Law Review** 519 (2007)

Waiting for Loving: The Child's Fundamental Right to Adoption, 34 **Capital U. L. Rev.** 297 (2005)

Martyrs Media and the Web: Examining a Grassroots Children's Rights Movement Through the Lens of Social Movement Theory, 5 **Whittier J. Child & Fam. Advoc.** 121 (2005).

Ecogenerism: An Environmentalist Approach to Protecting Endangered Children, 12 **Va. J. of L. & Soc. Policy** 409 (2005)

Foreword, Beyond Brown: Children, Race, and Education, 16 **U.F. J. L. Pub. Pol.** 1 (2005)

Reframing the Debate About the Socialization of Children: An Environmentalist Paradigm, 2004 **Chicago Law Forum** 85 (2004)

Defending Childhood: Developing a Child-Centered Law and Policy Agenda, 1 **Fl. J. L. & Pub. Pol.** 1 (2003)

Enhancing Children's Participation in Policy-Making, 45 **Ariz. L. Rev.** 751 (2003)

Speaking Truth to Power: Challenging "The Power of Parents to Control the Education of their Own," 11 **Cornell J. L. & Pub. Pol.** 481 (2002)

Child-Centered, Vertically Structured, and Interdisciplinary: An Integrative Approach to Children's Policy, Practice & Research, 40 **Fam. Ct. Rev.** 116 (2002)(with Steinberg and Cowan)

Horton Looks at the ALI Principles, 4 **Utah J. Law & Fam. Stud.** 151 (2002)

Talking About Children's Rights: Children's Interests in Judicial Custody and Visitation Decision-Making, 36 **Fam. L. Q.** 105-133 (2002)

Troxel v. Granville: Implications for At Risk Children and the Amicus Curiae Role of University-Based Interdisciplinary Centers for Children, 32 **Rutgers Law Journal** 857 (2001).

Youthful Indiscretions: Culture, Class Status, and the Passage to Adulthood, 51 **DePaul L. Rev.** 743 (2001)

Dred Scott's Daughters: Nineteenth Century Urban Girls at the Intersections of Race and Patriarchy, 48 **Buffalo L. Rev.** 669 (2000).

Protecting Children's Relationships with Extended Family: The Impact of Troxel v. Granville, 19 **ABA Child Law Practice** (July 2000).

The Hidden Children: Motivating Stories Behind the Struggle for Human Rights, 14 **St. John's J. of Legal Comment.** 331 (2000).

Child Custody in the Age of Children's Rights, 33 **Fam. L. Q.** 815 (1999) (Millennium Issue: Family Law at the Turn of the Twentieth Century).

The Dark Side of Family Privacy, 67 **Geo. Wash. L. Rev.** 1247 (1999).

Reforming the Presumption of Paternity: Proceed with Caution, 21 **PA. Fam. Lawyer** (1999).

The Constitutionalization of Children's Rights: Incorporating Emerging Human Rights into Constitutional Doctrine, 2 **U. PA. J. Const. L.** 1 (1999).

Recognizing Children's Rights: Lessons from South Africa, 26 **Human Rights** 15 (1999).

From Property to Personhood: A Child-Centered Perspective on Parents' Rights, 5 **Georgetown J. Fighting Poverty** 313 (1998).

Book Review of William G. Ross, Forging New Freedoms: Nativism, Education, and the Constitution, 1919-1927, Vol. XL **Am. J. Legal Hist.** 382 (1996).

"It All Depends on What You Mean By Home:" Toward a Communitarian Theory of the Nontraditional Family, 1996 **Utah L. Rev.** 569.

Regulating the Internet: Should Pornography Get a Free Ride on the Information Superhighway? A Panel Discussion (with Marci A. Hamilton, Mike Godwin, Richard Kurnit, Nadine Strossen), 343 **Cardozo Arts & Entertainment L. J.** 343 (1996).

A Public Role in the Private Family: The Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act and the Politics of Child Protection and Education, 57 **Ohio St. L. J.** 393 (1996).

Of Babies, Bonding, and Burning Buildings: Discerning Parenthood in Irrational Action, **Va. L. Rev.** 2493 (1996).

“Are You My Mother?”: Conceptualizing Children’s Identity Rights in Transracial Adoptions, 2 **Duke J. of Gender L. & Poly.** 107 (1995).

Home Visiting and Family Values: The Powers of Conversation, Touching, and Soap, 143 **U. Pa. L. Rev.** 253 (1994).

Afterword: Deconstructing Solomon’s Dilemma, 26 **U. Conn. L. Rev.** 1525 (1994)

Sex, Lies, and Dissipation: The Discourse of Fault in a No-Fault Era, 82 **Georgetown L. J.** 2525 (1994) (with comments by Katherine T. Bartlett).

Property and Alimony in No-Fault Divorce, **Am. J. of Comp. L.** 175 (Supp. 1994).

“Out of Children’s Needs, Children’s Rights:” The Child’s Voice in Defining the Family, 8 **B.Y.U. J. of Pub. L.** 321-341 (1994).

Mad Midwifery: Bringing Theory, Doctrine, and Practice to Life, 91 **Mich. L. Rev.** 1977 (1993).

Hatching the Egg: A Child-Centered Perspective on Parents’ Rights, 14 **Cardozo L. Rev.** 1746 (1993).

Children’s Rights: The Destruction and Promise of Family, 1993 **B.Y.U. L. Rev.** 497 (1993).

Making Fathers Play, 22 **Contemp. Sociology** 575 (July 1993)(Review of Maccoby and Mnookin, **Dividing the Child** (1992))

“Who Owns the Child?”: Meyer and Pierce and the Child as Property, 33 **Wm. & Mary L. Rev.** 995 (1992).

Towards a Revitalization of Family Law, 69 **Texas L. Rev.** 245 -290(1990) (Review Essay on Mary Ann Glendon, **The Transformation of Family Law: State, Law, and Family in the United States and Western Europe** (1989)).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

BOOK PROJECTS

Honor Thy Children: Children's Rights and the Transformation of Family Law

[Untitled]: Exploring the Role of Children's Social and Economic Rights in Comparative and Ecological Context (Research at European University Institute and UNICEF Innocenti Research Center and field work in San Sisto and Lacugnano, Umbria)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Alcune Riflessioni circa l'Attuazione dei Diritti dei Bambini, I Minori e il Nuovo Diritto – Grazie, diritti, responsabilita (ed. Prof. Elena Urso in the series *Giurisprudenza Critica*) (Wolters Kluwer Press 2008).

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Empowering Parents to Protect their Children's Rights (coauthored with Kathryn Johnson) (Fineman & Worthington, eds).

Advocating for Children's Rights in a Lawless Nation: Articulating Human Rights for American Foster Children (coauthored with Brooke Hardy) (Fineman & Worthington, eds).

ARTICLES

Loving v. Virginia's *Legacy for Children* (coauthored with Kelly Reese)

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Children's Rights, **Chicago Companion to the Child** (University of Chicago Press)

Children and the Constitution, **Encyclopedia of the Supreme Court of the United States**, (Macmillan/Thomson Gale Press)

SELECTED OPINION PIECES AND COMMENTARY

Let's Treat Kids as Kids, with Dr. Annie Steinberg, **Nat'l L. J.**, Nov. 8, 1999 (opposing trend to try increasingly young children for adult crimes).

Remember Our Own War Zone Children, **Phila. Inq.**, December 1995 (Op Ed on Bosnia and needs of poor American children)

Will the Nation Abandon its Poor Children? **Phila. Inq.**, March 1995 (Op Ed on welfare reform proposals)

Our Failure, Jessica's Pain, **Phila. Inq.**, August 1993 (Op Ed on adoption reform)

Uncle Sam Exploits Moms, Too, **Phila. Inq.**, February 18, 1993 (Op Ed on Nannygate)

KEYNOTE AND PLENARY ADDRESSES

Hidden in Plain Sight: Children's Rights from Ben Franklin to Lionel Tate, National Association of Counsel for Children Annual Conference (Savannah, GA August 2008)

Race, Culture, Class and Crisis in Child Welfare, St. John's Law School, (November 2006)

An Ecogenerist Perspective on Child Welfare Policy, Askew Institute Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect (March 2006)

An Ecogenerist Perspective on Child Health Policy, Whittier law School Center for Children's Rights (November 2004)

Balancing the Rights of the Child with the Rights of Parents, Administration for Children Youth and Families—Children's Bureau Office on Child Abuse and Neglect, Washington, D.C. (September 2004)

Speaking Truth to Power: the Child/Parent/State Triad in Education: Tensions and Possibilities, Cornell Law School (May 2002)

25 Years of Legal Advocacy for Children, 25th Anniversary Conference of National Association for Counsel for Children, Orlando Florida (September 2002)

Leave No Child Behind, Gonzaga Law School, February 2000.

Children's Rights and the Role of Government, International Conference on Children's Rights, Japanese Ministry of Education, Tokyo, November, 1999.

Children's Rights: From Property to Personhood, Conference on UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, Georgetown Law Center, Washington, DC, February 1998.

Constitutional Interpretation and Family Rights: Lessons for Emerging Democracies, International Society of Family Law World Conference, Durban, South Africa, July 1997.

Towards a Child-Centered American Legal System: Listening to Children, Seventh ABA National Conference on Children and the Law, Washington DC, April 1994

SELECTED LECTURES AND SPEECHES

Una Tragedia Invisibile: Diritti Negati dei Bambini negli Stati Uniti, Firenze, Italia, Università di Firenze (January 2008).

An Ecogenerist Analysis of Children's Rights, European University Institute, San Domenico di Fiesole, Italy (October 2007).

On Being a Mentor: Lessons from Justice O'Connor, Phoenix, AZ, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Rededication Events (November 2006).

Children's Rights and American Values, The Public Square, a Princeton Press and CUNY Graduate School Speaker Series (April 2006)

Advocating for Children, Harvard Child Advocacy Project, Harvard University, Boston, MA (September 2005) (inaugural lecture for CAP)

Introducing Innovative Techniques in the Classroom, Plenary Session at Association of American Law Schools' "New Law Teachers' Workshop," July 1997.

Who Owns These Children?: Children's Rights in Adoption, Washington College, October 1996.

Testing the Limits of Belonging: Children's Rights in Historical Perspective, Hofstra University Law School, March 1995

Children's Rights and the Transformation of Family Law, ABA Appellate Judges' Seminar, January 1995

The Constitution and Considerations of Race in Adoption and Custody, Juvenile Law Center Symposium Series, June 1994

Fathering from a Generist Perspective, University of Pennsylvania Interdisciplinary Seminar on Gender in Law, Politics and the Economy, October 1992

A Short Course in Family Law, Peoples' Law School, Sponsored by Philadelphia Bar Association and Philadelphia Community College, Spring 1992

Constitutional Issues in Designing Protocols for Testing of Pregnant Substance Abusers, Neonatal Unit Morbidity/Mortality Group, Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA, June 1991

A Revisionist Look at the Constitutionalization of Parental Rights, University of Michigan Law School, March 1991

SELECTED LEGAL STUDIES PRESENTATIONS

An Historical Perspective on Girls in Slavery, Institute for Family Studies, University of Wisconsin, March 2002

Theorizing About Children's Rights, Millennium Scholars Series, Widener Law School, April 2000

Conceptualizing Children's Rights, Quinnipiac Law School, February 1998.

Towards a Constitutional Theory of Children's Rights, Washington School of Law Legal Studies Seminar, American University, March 1997.

Defining Family Through the Lens of Obligation, University of Florida, November 1995.

In Search of Intersection: Perspectives on Communal and Individual Rights in Transracial Adoption, University of Maryland Law School Legal Theory Series, Baltimore MD, November 1994

Towards a Child-Centered Theory of Identity Rights, Cardozo Law School, October 1993

SELECTED ROUNDTABLES AND CONSULTATIONS

The Future of Childhood Studies, Rutgers University Center for Children and Childhood Studies (September 2006)

The Ecology of Childhood, Kahn Institute and Daedelus, Smith College (September 1999)

Comparative Family Law Working Group, Pembroke College, Oxford University, Cambridge, England (March 1999)

Families in a Free Society, Soros Foundation, Open Society Institute, New York (May 1999)

Institutional Barriers to Father Participation in the Family, Joint Working Group, Department of Health and Human Service and National Center on Fathers and Families, Washington DC (January 1997)

The Family, the Person & the State, Liberty Fund Colloquia on Liberty, Social Institutions, and Constitutional Order, George Mason Center on Public Choice (July 1995)

Social Policies for Children, Brookings Institute and Woodrow Wilson School of Public Policy, Princeton, NJ (May 1994)

SELECTED CONFERENCES ORGANIZED OR CO-ORGANIZED

Bridges to Excellence: Building and Sustaining Multidisciplinary Collaborations for Children, Joint Conference of Center for Children and the Families and First Star (April 2006).

Child Abuse and Neglect: Building Partnerships to Meet Children's Needs, Co-organized with Askew Institute (March 2006).

Multidisciplinary Collaboration: What is It and How Do We Do It?, UF Campus Wide Roundtable (March 2005).

Beyond Brown: Children, Race and Education, Co-organizer with Center for the Study of Race and Race Relations and UF College of Education (March 2004).

Children Culture and Violence: Myths, Images and Realities, Co-Organizer and Presenter, Joint Conference of Center on Children and families, Center for the Study of Children's Culture and Literature, and SHANDS Hospital, University of Florida (March 2003).

Defending Childhood: Developing a Child-Centered Law and Policy Agenda, Organizer, 1st Annual Conference of Center on Children and the Law, University of Florida (December 2001).

Family Law 2000: Family Law for the New Millennium, Co-Organizer and Presenter, Joint Conference of University of Pennsylvania Law School, Philadelphia Bar and Pennsylvania Bar (November 2000).

Existing and Emerging Constitutional Rights of Children, Symposium Organized with University of Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law (March 1999).

Women in Judging: Transforming the Image of Justice, A Conversation with Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Annenberg School of Public Policy, March 1995 (organizer and co-moderator).

Women, Sexuality and Violence, Interdisciplinary Conference at University of Pennsylvania, April 1995 (organizing committee).

SELECTED LAW REFORM, TESTIMONY AND BRIEFINGS

First Star Congressional Briefing on Child's Right to Counsel (April 2007)

Best Practices in Child Welfare, Conference of Children's Justice Act Grantees, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington DC (February 2006)

Bi-Partisan Congressional Roundtable on Children, Wash., DC (October 2003)

Religious Liberty Protection Act, Hill Briefings, (Panels Assembled by American Academy of Pediatrics) (1999 and 2000)

House Judiciary Committee, Written and Oral Testimony on Proposals to Reform Presumption of Paternity Laws, Harrisburg, PA (April 1999)

House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on the Constitution, on HR 1946, Written and Oral Testimony on the Parental Rights and Responsibilities Act of 1995 (October 1995)

DEBATES

Why Do People Marry and Have Children and Does Law and Economics Have Anything Useful to Say About It?: Debate with Professors Richard Epstein and Peter Huang, U Penn. Federalist Society (March 2000)

Faith-Based Initiatives: Pros and Cons, Debate with John DiIulio and Stephen Macedo, Philadelphia, PA (May 2001)

Grandparents' Visitation and *Troxel v. Granville*, Debate with Katherine T. Bartlett, Justice Talking, NPR and Annenberg Foundation (Live Broadcast January 2000).

SELECTED SYMPOSIA

Presenter, Financing the Future: Early Childhood Policies in Comparative Context, International Society of Family Law 13th World Conference, Vienna, Austria (September 2008).

Presenter, Child Safety on the Internet, Center for Information Technology, University of Florida, Information Devolution Conference (February 2006)

Commentator, Bill of Rights Institute, Wm. & Mary L. School Conference on Parentage Laws (October 2005)

Plenary Panelist, One Child, Many Hands, Field Center for Children's Policy Practice and Research, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (June 2005)

Presenter, Competing Paradigms, Religion and Children's Rights, Emory Law School Center on Religion and Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, Atlanta, GA (April 2005)

Presenter, Children's and Young People's Rights and Advocacy in Times of Conflict and Transition, Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University, Belfast, Northern Ireland (May 2004)

Presenter, First Amendment Rights of Children, AALS Annual Meeting (January 2003)

Presenter, Youth, Voice and Power: Multi-disciplinary Perspectives, University of Arizona (October 2002)

Presenter, Human Rights and Family Rights, International Society of Family Law World Conference, Norway/Denmark (August 2002)

Plenary Panelist, Constitutional Rights of Children, ABA Center on Children and the Law 10th Annual Conference (Washington, DC June 2002)

Presenter, Children's Rights and Feminism, Joint Conference of Cornell Law School and Baldy Center on Public Policy (May 2002)

Presenter, Children's Relational Rights, William & Mary Law School Bill of Rights Institute (March 2002)

Presenter, ISFL North American Conference, Queens University, Kingston, Ontario (June 2001)

Presenter, Social Movement Theory and Law Reform, University of Pennsylvania Law School (April 2001)

Presenter, BYU Law School Conference on the ALI Principles on Family Dissolution, (February 2001)

Presenter, 10th World Conference, International Society of Family Law, Brisbane, Australia (July 2000)

Presenter, Best Practices for the New Millennium: Social Work's Prominent Role in Interdisciplinary Collaborations, University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work (May 2000)

Presenter, Urban Girls, Baldy Institute, University of Buffalo (April 2000)

Presenter, Conference on Marriage and Marriage-Like Relationships, International Society of Family Law, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 1999.

Presenter and Panel Leader, Children's Rights, Law and Society, Chicago (May 1999)

Presenter, Feminist Theory Workshop, Difficult Dialogues: Feminists and Child Advocates, Cornell (April 1999)

Commentator, Conference on Privacy Theory, George Washington University, Washington, DC (February 1999)

A Feminist Theory of Children's Rights, Conference on Women and Families Today, Penn Women's Studies (September 1998)

Presenter, Child Welfare Law and Policy, Law and Society, Colorado (June 1998)

Presenter, Protecting Children as Decision-makers: Criminal and Civil Contexts, Law and Society, Colorado (June 1998)

Presenter, Constitutional Borrowings Symposium, University of Pennsylvania Law School (March 1998)

Presenter, Legal Issues in Child Custody, Joint Conference of Freudian Society and NYS Family Law Association, Albert Einstein Medical Center, New York (November 1997)

Presenter, Conference on the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child at Loyola Law School in New Orleans (February 1997)

Plenary Speaker, Joint Conference on Violence in the Family, sponsored by Texas Medical Center and University of Houston Center on Law and Medicine (February 1997)

Presenter, Changing Images of Family and the Concept of Children's Rights, International Society of Family Law, North American Conference, Quebec, Canada (June 1996)

Presenter, Meeting the Basic Needs of Children, Ohio State University Law School (November 1996)

Conference Plenary Moderator, Theories of Children's Rights, Looking Forward, Looking Back: Charting the Progress of Children's Rights, Temple University (September 1995)

Commentator, Olin Foundation/University of Virginia Conference on New Directions in Family Law, Charlottesville, VA (March 1995)

Presenter, Parent-Child Bonding and Adoption, American Association for Advancement of Science, Atlanta, GA (February 1995)

Presenter, "What's Behind Family Values?" Special Session: American Sociological Association, Los Angeles CA (August 1994)

Presenter and Moderator of Bi-Lingual General Session, Property and Alimony in No-Fault Divorce, XIVth Congress of the International Academy of Comparative Law, Athens, Greece (August 1994)

Presenter, Families Across Frontiers, International Society of Family Law, Cardiff, UK (June 1994)

Commentator, David Bazelon Conference on Science, Technology and Law (April, 1994)

Presenter, "Baby Jessica and Dred Scott: Testing the Limits of Belonging," Symposium on Adoption, Duke Law School, NC (April 1994)

Presenter, Symposium on Divorce and Feminist Legal Theory, Georgetown University Law School, Washington, DC (February 1994)

Commentator, Solomon's Dilemma: Exploring Parental Rights, Symposium, University of Connecticut Conference, Hartford, CN (1994)

Presenter, Child Abuse and Neglect: How Cinderella Came to the Academic Ball, Family Law Section Program, AALS (January 1994)

Presenter and Workshop Faculty, Taking Students Seriously, AALS New Law Teachers' Workshop, Washington, DC (July 1993)

Presenter, International Society for Family Law North American Conference, Jackson Hole WY (June 1993)

Presenter, Law and Society, Chicago, IL (May 1993)

Commentator, Individualism, Communitarianism, and Children's Rights, (commentary on Report by Marie Therese Meulders-Klein of Belgium titled "L'Individu, la Famille, et l'Etat in Europe Occidentale") Annual Meeting of American Society of Comparative Law, Provo, UT (September 1992)

Presenter, The Constitution and Pregnant Drug Users, Pennsylvania Perinatal Society Conference, (April 1991)

Presenter, Evidence of Sibling Abuse: Probative or Prejudicial?, PCCY Conference on Family Courts, Philadelphia PA (January 1991)

Moderator and Discussant, Crack Cocaine: The Youngest Victims, Philadelphia Bar Association, Children's Rights Committee (December 1990)

Presenter, Women and Health Care: Constitutional Rights of the Hi-Risk Family, Medical College of Pennsylvania (April 1990)

Co-organizer and Presenter) Judicial Voir Dire of Children, Philadelphia Bar Association Family Law Section (February 1990)

SELECTED MEDIA

Conner Calling, WUFT, September 26, 2008

Afternoon Magazine, WILL, August 26, 2008

Transnational Custody Issues, Herald Tribune, May 22, 2007

Adolescents and Miranda Warnings, St. Peterburg Times, Oct. 2006

Grandparents' Rights, USA Today, Sept. 13, 2006

Justice O'Connor, Newsweek, July 11, 2005

The 2002 UN Special Session on Children, Recess, NPR (September 2002)

The Country Bunny and the Little Gold Shoes, Recess, NPR (April 2002)

Understanding Bush v. Gore, Fresh Air, NPR (December 2000)

Children's Rights in Adoption, 20/20 News Magazine (Fall 1999)

Children's Rights vs. Parents' Rights, All Things Considered, National Public Radio, (February 1999)

Dominique Mocineau: A Teen Gymnast's Case for Emancipation, ComCast Sports Network (October 1998)

The Supreme Court Docket and Women's Rights, NPR Radio Discussion Moderated by Lynn Yeakel (October 1996)

Failed Adoptions and Children's Rights, CBS This Morning with Paula Zahn and Harry Smith (October 1995)

The Role of Gender in Custody Disputes, WHYY, National Public Radio (March 1995)

The Best Interest of the Child, WHYY, National Public Radio (October 1994)

The Child's Right to a Best Interest Hearing, Channel 10 TV, Philadelphia (October 1993)

A Matter of Choice, CLS/Public TV, Philadelphia (July 1993)

The Changing American Family, Radio Times, WHYY Public Radio (October 1992)

PRACTICE OF LAW

Debevoise & Plimpton, New York, NY

Litigation Associate 1985-1988

Class actions, constitutional and securities litigation, intellectual property, international banking, commercial and white collar criminal cases

1988 to Present

Various pro bono cases, amicus briefs, guardian ad litem and "next friend" appointments, in cases relating to adoption, custody, foster care, and children's rights

BAR ADMISSIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States
Admitted 1996

New York State Courts
Admitted 1986, First Appellate Division

Federal Courts
Admitted 1987, Eastern District of New York
Admitted 1986, Southern District of New York

New York State Bar Association
Member 1986 to present

American Bar Association
Member 1986 to present
Family Law Subcommittee 1994-1995
Section on Individual Rights and Responsibilities
Vice Chair, Committee on the Rights of Children 2002-2006
Delegate, UN Special Session on Children, New York, May 2002

National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA)
Certificate in Trial Advocacy 1987

National Association of Counsel for Children
Member 2002 to present

SELECTED PRO BONO SERVICE

RESEARCH AND LAW REFORM

Founding Co-Director, Institute for Child and Adolescent
Research and Evaluation (ICARE) at University of Florida
2002-2008

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Joint State Government Commission Advisory
Committee on Adoption Law
Member of Advisory Committee and of Subcommittee on
Adoption of Children with Special Needs 1999-2000

Florida Supreme Court Task Force on Unmet Legal Needs of Children
Workshop on Unified Family Courts
Co-Organizer October 2002

CONSTITUTIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Museum of Constitutional Government
at Federal Hall, Wall St., NY, NY
Inaugurated for Bicentennial 1989
Member founding advisory and working group convened by National Park Service to
create a museum of the Constitution serving the New York metropolitan area.

Constitution Works
Advisor and consultant 1986 to present for development
of interactive curricula on the Constitution.

Constitution Works of Philadelphia
Founding member and Advisor 1991 to 2001
Working with law student volunteers and professional historians to replicate
the program in Philadelphia.

PULSE -- A Cooperative Effort of Temple and Penn Law Schools
Bringing law students as teachers into public school classrooms
Advisory Council 1994 to 2001

LEGAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

Florida Association of Counsel for Children
Founding Board Member
2007-present

First Star
Washington, D.C.
Member, Advisory Committee 2003 to 2007
Bi-Partisan Congressional Working Group on Children

St. Mary's Family Respite Center
West Philadelphia Church-Based Drop-in Center
Serving HIV Affected Children and Families
Founding Board Member 1992-1994

Philadelphia Children's Network

Research and demonstration projects on strengthening families,
coordinating judicial and government systems,
and fostering responsive programs for children
1992 to present, National Advisory Panel
1992 Conference on Responsible Fathering
1993 Conference on Family Literacy

National Center for Fathers and Families
University of Pennsylvania
Developing research and public policy agenda
on issues of family policy including establishment of paternity,
child support, and fostering father involvement in family life
1994 to 2001, Advisory Board

Support Center for Child Advocates
Philadelphia PA
Providing legal training, social work and technical support
to attorneys representing children pro bono
in cases involving abuse and neglect,
providing direct representation to child victims of sexual abuse,
working to develop kinship and other foster care initiatives,
promoting policy reform to improve dependency courts, permanency planning,
foster care, family preservation, and adoption programs
Board Member 1993 to 1995

Maternity Care Coalition of Philadelphia
Outreach and medical/legal/political advocacy
for pregnant women and their families
Policy and Advocacy Committee 1989 to 1995

Hear My Voice: Protecting Our Nation's Children
Grass roots organization of citizens monitoring cases involving children's rights
and advocating for child-centered reforms in adoption, custody and welfare law
National Advisory Panel, 1994 to present

SELECTED PRO BONO LITIGATION

Janice M. v. Margaret K. and Mason v. Dwinnell
Co-authored two Briefs Amicus Curiae for National Association of Social Workers in
support of co-parent in dissolution of same sex relationship.

Lofton v. Florida Department of Children and Families

Co-authored amicus brief on behalf of the Child Welfare league of America to U.S. Supreme Court in opposition to a categorical ban on adoptions by gay and lesbian adults of children in the State of Florida.

Roper v. Simmons

Co-authored amicus brief on behalf of 52 child advocacy organizations arguing that execution of individuals for crimes committed before they were 18 years old constitutes cruel and unusual punishment.

State v. Lionel Tate

Co-authored amicus brief arguing against life without parole for a child of twelve charged with felony murder for crushing his six year old cousin while doing wrestling moves

People v. Eldridge

Co-authored expert report recommending application of battered child defense to case involving teen aged brothers who used deadly force against a violent and abusive father.

Troxel v. Granville

Authored amicus brief to U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the Center for Children's Policy Practice and Research arguing that grandparents are an important resource to children at risk of placement in foster care or other family disruptions.

Brian B. v. Commonwealth

Co- Authored Amicus Brief on behalf of coalition of juvenile justice professionals and academics arguing that depriving juveniles incarcerated as adults of access to education is unconstitutionally irrational and arbitrary.

In re Bridget

Adoption case raising Indian Child Welfare Act, Due Process, Equal Protection and 10th Amendment Issues. Consultant to child advocate opposing cert. petition to Supreme Court.

In re Kamiel

Guardian ad Litem for child in federal interpleader action involving insurer's practice of denying and delaying disbursement of proceeds of insurance policies when the insured died of AIDS.

Doe v. Kirchner (In re Baby Richard)

Adoption case raising issues of substantive due process rights of adoptive families
Co-counsel for John and Jane Doe on briefs to United States Supreme Court

DeBoer v. Schmidt (In re Baby Jessica)

Adoption case raising issues of child's due process rights
Co-authored Brief Amicus Curiae in Support of Jessica's
Stay Application to United States Supreme Court

submitted by coalition of “Seventeen Concerned Academics”
from faculties of Harvard, Yale, Columbia, NYU,
Penn, Stanford, Duke, and other institutions

Czudak et al v. City of New York
Class action challenging unconstitutional conditions in
Bellevue Shelter for Homeless Men
Counsel to plaintiffs, a class of over 1,000 shelter residents,
in filing, discovery, and settlement negotiations

PERSONAL

Married since 1967 to international business lawyer and expert on food safety Charles F. Woodhouse II. Mother of Jessica B. Woodhouse and Kenneth C. Woodhouse and grandmother of Sacha Wolfe Lasser. Fluent in Italian, working knowledge of French.