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CURRENT:

Practice Professor of Law

(Associate Practice Professor 1993-1999;
Practice Professor 1999 – Present)

BAR MEMBERSHIP:

New York State (1966); Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1968).
United States Supreme Court
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania
United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION - LEGAL EDUCATION:

Lawyering, Litigation, and Clinical Supervision (Including Professional Responsibility)
Family Law – Child Welfare
Employment Discrimination Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - LEGAL EDUCATION:

Field Center for Children=s Policy, Practice, and Research, Law School Representative, and
Faculty Co-Director
American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education and Admission to the Bar
Clinical Legal Education Association
Association of American Law Schools, Section on Clinical Education, Committee on
Interdisciplinary Legal Education (Co-Chair, 2007-2009)
Global Alliance for Justice Education

TEACHING AND LECTURING:

University of Pennsylvania Law School:
Interdisciplinary Child Advocacy Clinic
Civil Practice Clinic
Law & Lawyering in the Workplace
Employment Discrimination Law

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:

Attorney at Law

Cohen, Shapiro, Polisher, (1968-1993)
Shiekman and Cohen

Co-Chair, Labor and Employment Law Dept.;
Chair, Ethics Committee

For the last fifteen years of my tenure with Cohen Shapiro, my practice focused increasingly on counseling clients and representing them in negotiation and litigation concerning a full range of employment related problems. During my career at Cohen, Shapiro, I tried numerous cases, civil and criminal, jury and non-jury, in both Federal and state courts. In addition, I chaired the firm's Ethics Committee during my last four years at the firm.

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION - LAW:

Child Welfare Law
Litigation, Civil and Criminal, Federal and State Courts
Federal Constitutional Law
Legal Ethics and Professionalism
Labor Law, with particular concentration on Employment Discrimination Law
Family Law

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - LAW:

Member, Pennsylvania Supreme Court, Juvenile Court Procedural Rules Committee

Member, Court Improvement Project, Philadelphia Juvenile Dependency Court

Member, Advocates Roundtable (Discussion and action planning group of representatives of organizations involved with Philadelphia's Juvenile Court system)

American Bar Association:

Section of Family Law
Section of Litigation; Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children
Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities
Section of Labor and Employment Law; Committee on Development of Law with Respect to Equal Employment Opportunity

Pennsylvania Bar Association

Philadelphia Bar Association

Member, American Arbitration Association, Panel of Neutrals for Commercial Litigation

Listed in two categories, "Individual Rights" and "Employment Law," S. Naifeh and G.W. Smith, "The Best Lawyers In America" 1989-1990 ed. and 1991-1992 ed., (Woodward/White, New York, N.Y.).

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Member, Lower Merion Board of School Directors (1991 - 1999)

Volunteer Lawyer, American Civil Liberties Union

Member, Board of Advisors, Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS and REPORTS:

"Introduction to Empirical Research for Clinicians and Public Interest Lawyers" Organized and chaired a two-day workshop, sponsored by the University of Pennsylvania Law School's Gittis Center for Clinical Legal Studies, and the Association of American Law Schools, Bellow Scholars Group, October, 2009.

"Empirical Research for Justice" Presented to the Fifth World Conference of the Global Alliance for Justice Education, December, 2008, Manila, The Philippines.

"Identifying the Red Flags of Child Neglect to Facilitate Evidence Based, Focused Responses", Preliminary results presented to Bellow Scholars Group, AALS Clinical Section Meeting, Tucson, AZ., May, 2008.

"Sexual Harassment in the Law of the American Workplace," with Jeffrey I. Pasek, Esquire, and Jei Feng Liu, JD., SJD, 20 Journal of China Women's University (April 2008, No. 2). (Chinese language)

Selected as 2007 "Bellow Scholar," by the Association of American Law Schools, Section of Clinical Legal Education, Committee on Lawyering in the Public Interest, for research project, "Identifying the Red Flags of Child Neglect to Facilitate Evidence Based, Focused Responses."

TEACHING LAW AND EDUCATING LAWYERS: Closing the Gap Through Multidisciplinary Experiential Education, International Journal of Clinical Legal Education (Winter, 2006, 96-133).

ROBERT FROST, YOGI BERRA and THE FUTURE OF CHILD ADVOCACY CLINICS,

Presentation to the Celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Child Advocacy Clinic at the James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, Tucson, October, 2007.

CONNECTING WITH OUR COMMUNITIES, presentation to New Clinicians Conference, Clinical Legal Education Association, New Orleans, LA., May 2007.

COLLABORATING TOWARDS JUSTICE (with Erin Talati, MD, JD) presented to The Global Alliance for Justice 4th World Congress, Cordoba, Argentina (November, 2006).

PRELIMINARY REPORT TO THE COURT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT ON THE EFFICACY OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCES IN DEPENDENCY CASES IN PHILADELPHIA FAMILY COURT (with Christy Green, MSW and Andrew Bonnes, JD Candidate, Univ. of Pennsylvania), May 2006.

SUMMIT ON CHILD MALTREATMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA, Pennsylvania Department of Health; Invited participant and presenter, Harrisburg, PA., May 2006.

BRIDGES TO EXCELLENCE: Building and Sustaining Multidisciplinary Collaboratives for Children, University of Florida College of Law; Invited workshop participant March 2006.

COURT ORDERED MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATIONS IN DEPENDENCY CASES, Report to Court Improvement Project, (with Patricia Cochran, Esquire, Jonathan Houlon, Esquire, and Sabrina Schwager, JD Candidate, University of Pennsylvania), December 2005.

ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH RECORDS OF OTHERS, Report to Court Improvement Project, (with Patricia Cochran, Esquire, Jonathan Houlon, Esquire, and Sabrina Schwager, JD Candidate, University of Pennsylvania), December 2005.

KIDS IN CARE: Where We Are and Where We Need to Go, Organized and Chaired panel discussion for Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice, and Research Quarterly Breakfast Meeting, Philadelphia, PA., November 2005.

Faculty Senate Integrating Knowledge: A Homecoming Symposium on Youth and Aging, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA., November 2005.

WHY THE SILK ROAD TO GLOBALIZED LEGAL EDUCATION RUNS THROUGH THE LIMBIC SYSTEM, presented to the Second Annual Conference, International Consortium on Legal Education, Yeditepe University, Side, Turkey, July 2005.

Small Group Leader, New Clinicians Conference, Clinical Legal Education Association, Chicago, Ill., April 2005.

"CLINICIANS IN THE COURTROOM: What Every Clinician Needs to Know About Testifying in Court," with Cindy Christian, M.D., Director, Child Abuse and Referral Clinic, Children's Hospital of

Philadelphia, and Mimi Rose, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel School District of Philadelphia, organized and presented to Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice, and Research, Quarterly Breakfast Meeting, Philadelphia, PA., February 2005.

AUSING OUR BRAINS: What Cognitive Science and Social Psychology Teach Us About Teaching Law Students to Make Ethical, Professionally Responsible, Choices," presentation to University of Illinois Law School, Faculty Colloquium, February, 2005.

"USING OUR BRAINS: What Cognitive Science and Social Psychology Teach Us About Teaching Law Students to Make Ethical, Professionally Responsible, Choices," presentation to "Learning In Law Initiative," Conference of the UK Centre for Legal Education, University of Warwick, Warwick, UK, January 2005).

"THE INTERDISCIPLINARY CHILD ADVOCACY CLINIC: What are Thoughtful, Committed Social Work and Medical Professionals Like You Doing Hanging Out With Those Law School Sharks; and What Do They Want From You, Anyway?" presentation to the University of Pennsylvania School of Social Work Graduate Student and Faculty Colloquium, December, 2004.

AUSING OUR BRAINS: What Cognitive Science and Social Psychology Teach Us About Teaching Law Students to Make Ethical, Professionally Responsible, Choices" 23 Quinnipiac Law Review, 643 (2004).

"TEACHING JUSTICE: Reaching Our Students' Hearts and Minds Through Their Limbic System," presented at the Third World Congress of the Global Alliance for Justice Education, (Krakow, Poland, July, 2004).

"EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE," organized and moderated discussion for Field center for Children's Policy, Practice, and Research, Quarterly Breakfast Meeting, May, 2004.

AUSING OUR BRAINS: What Cognitive Science Teaches About Teaching Law Students to Make Ethical, Professionally Responsible Choices" presentation to, Touro College, Jacob D. Fuchsberg Law Center, Faculty Colloquium, March, 2004.

"DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: THE JOURNEY OF A DREAMER AND ACTIVIST," Presentation to Medford Leas Retirement Community, January, 2004.

"EMERGING LEGAL ISSUES IN CHILD WELFARE," organized and moderated discussion for Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice, and Research Quarterly Breakfast Meeting, December, 2003.

"TAKING THE STAND: Doctors as Witnesses in Court," presented to Department of Pediatrics Residents and Fellows at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, February, 2003.

AUSING OUR BRAINS: What Cognitive Science Tells Us About Teaching Problem Solving and Professional Responsibility,@ presented to the UCLA Law School/Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Fifth International Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Lake Arrowhead, California, and November, 2001.

LAW & LAWYERING IN THE WORKPLACE: Building Better Lawyers By Teaching Students to Exercise Critical Judgment as Creative Problem Solvers, 32 Akron L. Rev. 107 (1999).

ALEGAL INTERVIEWING@ and ALEGAL INTERVIEWING: A Video Workshop,@ (Teaching Video and 110 page manual, National Institute for Trial Advocacy, Notre Dame, Ind., 1999.

Panel Member, aBuilding Better Lawyers: Innovative Approaches to Teaching Judgment and Problem Solving.@ American Bar Association, Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA., August 8, 1999.

Small Group Leader, New Clinicians Conference, Clinical Legal Education Association, Lake Tahoe, CA, May 6, 1999.

Round Table Participant, aDeveloping Problem-Solving Skills For Lawyers: Rethinking the Role of Law School Education.@ United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C., April 16, 1999.

ALAW & LAWYERING IN THE WORKPLACE: Building Better Lawyers,@ Presented at the UCLA Law School/Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Fourth International Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Lake Arrowhead, California, October, 1997.

CROSS SYSTEMS PROFESSIONALISM AND PROBLEM SOLVING: a Seminar for Medical Students and Law Students, University of Pennsylvania, April 3, 1998. (With Professor, Dr. William Kissick, George Seckel Pepper Professor of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Chairman, Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics.

"A Ten-Step Program To Break The Sexual Harassment Habit In The Work Place," Penn Law Journal Vol.XXX, p. 30 (July, 1995).

"Recent Developments in the Law Affecting Evidence Issues in Employment Discrimination Litigation," First Annual Employment Law Institute, Pennsylvania Bar Institute (1995).

"Bringing Claims Supplemental to Those Under Title VII In Pennsylvania," with Mignon D. Klein, Alise R. Panitch and Otto W. Immel. Presented to Plaintiffs' Employment Law Panel, United States District Court For The Eastern District of Pennsylvania (December 11, 1992).

"Monetary Remedies For Victims of Employment Discrimination," with Otto W. Immel. Presented to Pennsylvania Bar Institute Seminar: The Civil Rights Act of 1991, Impact & Update; (December 4, 1992).

"Dodging The Bullet, A Plaintiff's Perspective on Summary Judgment in Employment Discrimination Cases," with Alise R. Panitch and Denise C. McCool. Presented to the Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity Law of the Labor and Employment Law Section, American Bar Association (August 10, 1992).

"Damages in Wrongful Discharge Cases," in "Wrongful Discharge -- How to Try the Case," Pennsylvania Bar Institute (1986).

Employment Discrimination, with Jeffrey I. Pasek, Esquire, Pennsylvania Bar Institute, (1983).

Statistics: The Name of the Game in EEO Cases, with Jeffrey I. Pasek, Esquire, Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce (1980).

EDUCATION:

J.D. (1965), University of Pennsylvania Law School

B.S. Economics (1962), University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business and Finance

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Born, January 24, 1942

Married, two children