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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

October 2008 – Present

**Associate Clinical Professor of Law
Assistant Director, Legal Clinic
University of Akron School of Law**

Clinics Taught

Reentry Clinic

Clemency Project

The Clemency Project prepares pardon petitions to the Ohio governor. The clinic assists clients who are ineligible to have their convictions sealed by the court.

Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) Clinic

The CQE clinic is a walk-in clinic staffed by volunteer law students. It assists with the online

May 2016: 18-month \$100,000 Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program Grant from Department of Housing and Urban Development
Yearly: \$25,000 grant from City of Akron
Yearly: \$30,000 grant from Summit County Department of Job and Family Services

Civil Practice Clinic. The clinic assists low-income clients with housing issues. The clinic is a multidisciplinary clinic staffed by law students and social work students. The clinic is a collaborative effort with the local legal aid

March 1999 -
October 2008

**Staff Attorney, Housing Unit
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.**

Represented clients in housing cases and expungement cases. Representation included appearances at court and administrative agencies. Conducted community presentations on a variety of legal topics.

Major Projects:

Represented clients in state direct appeals and in state post-conviction cases. Reviewed transcripts, identified issues, prepared strategy and drafted motions, appellate briefs and post-conviction petitions.

September 1986 -
December 1986

**Adjunct Professor
University of Akron School of Law**

Instructed approximately thirty students in Legal research, analysis and writing in Basic Legal Communications. Taught approximately twenty students' appellate brief writing and oral argument skills in Intermediate Legal Communications.

NOTABLE CASES

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW

In Re R.L.B., 2018-Ohio-3660

State v. Boykin, 138 Ohio St.3d 97
(2013)

COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES, INC.

Coker v. Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Summit App. No. 20350, (July 5, 2001)

OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

United States Supreme Court

Successfully briefed and argued *Ohio v. Huertas*
498 U.S. 336 (1991) - resulted in State's appeal
being dismissed as improvidently allowed.

Ohio Supreme Court

State v. Jeffrey Lundgren, 73 Ohio St. 3d 474
(1995)

State v. Derrick Evans, 63 Ohio St. 3d 231 (1992)

State v. Von Clark Davis, 63 Ohio St. 3d 44 (1992)

PUBLICATIONS

Ohio's Certificate of Qualification: Four Years Later, Ohio Lawyer Magazine, September/October 2017, p. 26

Available

https://issuu.com/ohiostatebarassociation/docs/ol_sep-oct_web

Can We Forgive Those Who Batter? Proposing an End to the Collateral Consequences of Civil Domestic Violence Cases, 100 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 527 (2016).

Battling Collateral Consequences: The Long Road to Redemption

Criminal Law Bulletin, Vol. 49, No. 3, 2013, p. 383

Not Eligible for Expungement? Executive Clemency May Be Option

Law You Can Use Column

Ohio State Bar Foundation

Available

<http://www.ohioabar.org/Members/Pages/LawYouCanUseDetail.aspx?itemID=514>

Understanding How Criminal Records Are Sealed

Law You Can Use Column

Ohio State Bar Foundation

Available

<https://www.ohioabar.org/ForPublic/Resources/LawYouCanUse/Pages/Understanding-How-Criminal-Records-Are-Sealed.aspx> .

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

May 2018

Hiring Employees with Criminal Convictions: Certificates of Qualification for Employment (CQE), Court Sealings and Pardons
2018 Akron Area SHRM Legislative Conference

February 2018

Second Chance Laws in Ohio: Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE), Sealing and Expungement
Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association
Winter Conference

October 2016

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment
Officials (NAHRO) Conference

*The Ohio CQE Project: Crossing Law School
Boundaries to Address a Pressing Community Need*
Midwest Clinicians' Conference

August 2016

*Incorporating Lab and Other Practical Components
into Substantive Courses*
SEALS Conference

May 2016

*One Big Happy Family: How Clinicians and Doctrinal
Faculty Can Create Projects that Address Community
Needs*
AALS Clinical Conference

Ohio's Statewide CQE Project
AALS Clinical Conference
Poster Presentation

October 2015

*Summit County Response to Human Trafficking:
Expungement*
Summit Collaborative Against Human Trafficking

September 2015

First, The Basics
Housing Policy Summit: Rethinking Reentry

*Remedies to Help Those with Criminal Convictions:
Sealing's, CQEs and Pardons*
Summit on Making Northeast Ohio Communities
Safer

June 2015

Reentry: Giving Deserving Citizens a Second Chance
Kenyon College John W. Adams Summer Scholars
Program in Socio-legal Studies: Race, Crime and
Social Justice

April 2014

*What We Can Learn about Clemency From
The States*
Panel Presentation given at *Mercy in the Criminal
Justice System, Clemency and Post-Conviction
Strategies* Conference

New York University Law School's Center on the
Administration of Criminal Law's 6th Annual
Conference

- March 2013 *SB 337, HB 86, and the Civil Impacts of Criminal
Convictions: What Defense Attorneys, Prosecutors
and Judges Need to Know*
Community Legal Aid Services CLE
- February 2013 *Pro Bono Issues in Law School*
Cleveland Bar Association
- October 2012 *Collaborations*
NAPBPro Virtual Conference
- November 2011 *I Finally Listened: Birth of the Clemency
Project*

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Akron Bar Association

Former Member, Board of Trustees

Committee Memberships: Diversity, Common Pleas, Municipal and Appellate
Courts and Access to Justice

Akron Bar Foundation Board of Governors

Ohio State Bar Association

Former member and chair, Ohio Supreme Court Rule 20 Commission on the Appointment
of Counsel for Indigent Defendants in Capital Cases

SCHOOL OF LAW ACTIVITIES

Academic and Disciplinary Committee

Community Services Committee

Self-Study Committee

Appointments Committee

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Internal Review Board

AWARDS

2018 Law and Leadership Institute Award

2018 Thomas G. Byers Memorial Award, Outstanding Faculty Practical Publication

2015 Akron Bar Association Liberty Bell Award

2014 University of Akron Law Alumni Association Faculty Practical Publication Award

MEDIA COVERAGE

January 2018: <https://soundcloud.com/wakr-newstalksports/renters-rights-ua-school-of-laws-joann-sahl>

October 2017: <http://www.akronlegalnews.com/editorial/18879>

January 2017: