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## Teaching Experience

Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, Philadelphia, PA.

*Associate Professor.* July 2014 – Present.

*Assistant Professor.* July 2009 – June 2014.

*Visiting Assistant Professor.* July 2008 – June 2009.

Courses: Appellate Advocacy; Introduction to Public Interest Law; Legal Research & Writing I; Legal Research & Writing II; Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and the Law.

*Adjunct Clinical Instructor.* September 2004 – June 2008.

Created and taught “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Law,” an external clinical course that instructs law students in the effective representation of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) clients.

## Scholarship

*The Next Phase: Positioning the Post-Obergefell LGBT Rights Movement to Bridge the Gap Between Formal and Lived Equality*, 13 STAN. J. C.R. & C.L. 255 (2017).

*A Union Unlike Any Other: Obergefell and the Doctrine of Marital Superiority*, 104 GEO. L.J. ONLINE 124 (2015) (with D.S. Cohen).

*Getting Queer Priorities Straight: How Direct Legal Services Can Democratize Issue Prioritization in the LGBT Rights Movement*, 17 U. PENN. J. LAW AND SOCIAL CHANGE 107 (2014).

*“We’re Not Running a Charity Here”: Rethinking Public Interest Lawyers’ Relationships with Bottom-Line-Driven Pro Bono Programs*, 29 BUFF. PUB. INT. L. J. 37 (2011).

## Practice Experience

Equality Advocates Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

*Legal Director.* September 2005 – June 2008.

Directed Equality Advocates’ legal department. Coordinated statewide LGBT-rights litigation strategy. Supervised two attorneys, one intake manager and more than twelve law students each year. Oversaw telephone intake hotline. Maintained own caseload. Engaged in extensive public speaking on topics related to the civil rights of the LGBT community. Cultivated and maintained relationships with *pro bono*

attorneys. Planned strategically for new fellowship opportunities, recruited potential fellows, and developed proposals.

*Staff Attorney.* September 2003 – August 2005.

Represented clients in administrative proceedings, trial and appellate litigation in a wide variety of legal issues, including: relationship recognition; police misconduct; family law; estate planning; and employment matters. Continued to direct Pennsylvania Anti-Violence Project.

*Equal Justice Works Fellow.* September 2001 – August 2003.

Awarded two-year Equal Justice Works fellowship to launch and direct the Pennsylvania Anti-Violence Project. Advocated for LGBT victims of domestic violence and hate crimes, and youth victims of school-based harassment. Represented clients, created and presented public education programs, and supervised student interns performing client intake and legal research.

**New Jersey Superior Court, Appellate Division,** Trenton, NJ.

*Law Clerk to the Honorable Harold B. Wells, III, J.A.D.* September 2000 – August 2001.

## **Expert Witness Experience**

*Whitewood, et al, v. Wolf, et al* (M.D. Pa.): consulting expert to plaintiffs' counsel ACLU of Pennsylvania in suit that successfully challenged the constitutionality of Pennsylvania's prohibition on same-sex marriage.

## **Awards**

National LGBT Bar Association, 40 Best LGBT Lawyers Under the Age of 40. September 2012.

## **Education**

**Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law,** Philadelphia, PA.

*Juris Doctor,* May 2000.

Awards & Achievements:

Beth Cross Graduation Award, May 2000.

**Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey,** New Brunswick, NJ.

*Bachelor of Arts,* American Studies, May 1995.

## **Bar Admissions**

United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, 2007.

United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 2003.

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 2001.

## **Law School and University Service**

*Member,* Law School Faculty Colloquium Committee, July 2017 – Present.

*Member,* University Faculty Senate Committee on Faculty LGBTQ Issues, October 2016 – Present.

Member, Law School Executive Committee, July 2016 ~ June 2018.  
Member, University Provost's Inclusivity Workgroup, October 2013 - July 2014.  
Member, Law School Strategic Planning Committee, 2012 - 2014.  
LRW Coordinator, June 2012 - June 2013.  
Faculty Advisor, Temple Law Student Disciplinary Advocacy Service, August 2011 - Present.  
Chair/Co-Chair, Law School Faculty Public Interest Committee, August 2010 - Present.  
Member, Law School Ad-Hoc Committee on Gender Identity, 2010 - 2011.  
Faculty Advisor, OUTLAW Law Students Group, 2009 - Present.  
Member, Law School Curriculum Committee, 2009 - 2010.  
Member, Law School Graduation Prizes Committee, 2009 - 2010, 2014 - 2015.  
Member, Law School Upper Level Curriculum Initiative Committee, 2009 - 2010.  
Member, Law School Judicial Clerkship Clinical Committee, 2011, 2013.

## **Professional Activities**

Commissioner, Philadelphia Mayor's Commission on LGBT Affairs, 2017 - Present.  
Member, The Legal Writing Institute, 2010 - Present.  
Board of Directors, Mazzoni Center, 2010 - 2014.  
Member, Legal Advisory Board, Mazzoni Center, 2009 - Present.  
Member, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Committee, ABA, 2008 - Present.  
Member, LGBT Committee, Interbranch Commission for Racial, Gender and Ethnic Fairness, 2007 - Present.  
Member, National Center for Lesbian Rights National Family Law Advisory Council, 2005 - Present.  
Board of Directors, National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, 2003 - 2005.  
Nominating Committee Chair, City of Philadelphia Police Department LGBT Liaison Committee, 2003 - 2005.  
Co-Chair, Philadelphia Bar Association Committee on the Legal Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men, 2002 - 2004.

## **Presentations & Conferences (Selected)**

**Law and Society Association**, New Orleans, LA.

*Chair and Discussant*, "Intended Consequences? The Effects of Legal Reform in Matters of Sex."

*Panelist*, "Formal Institutions as Instruments of Social Movements."

LSA Annual Meeting. June 2, 2016.

**Delaware Valley, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia Feminist Law Teachers**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Co-Presenter*, "Obergefell and the Doctrine of Marital Superiority,"

Feminist Law Teachers 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual CLE Conference. November 21, 2015.

**Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, MA.

*Keynote Speaker*, LGBTQ Advocacy in Impoverished Communities Conference. November 14, 2015.

**National LGBT Bar Association**, Chicago, IL.

*Facilitator*, "Teaching Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and the Law: A Roundtable Discussion,"

Lavender Law Conference. August 5, 2015.

**The Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar Faculty*, Direct Legal Services Panel. June 4, 2015.

**Association of American Law Schools**, Washington, D.C.

*Panelist*, “The Future of the LGBT Rights Movement,” AALS Midyear Meeting. June 7, 2014.

**Pennsylvania Bar Institute**, Mechanicsburg, PA.

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar Faculty*, “Legal Issues Confronting LGBT Clients.” May 20, 2014.

**National Lawyers Guild**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Panelist*, “Questioning the Pro Bono Model,” NLG Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference. April 12, 2014.

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Speaker*, “Getting Queer Priorities Straight: How Direct Legal Services Can Democratize Issue Prioritization in the LGBT Rights Movement.” (Joint program of U. Penn. Journal of Law and Social Change, the American Constitution Society, and Penn Lambda.) November 21, 2013.

**Pennsylvania Bar Institute**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar Course Faculty*, “Frontiers in LGBT Family Law: Marriage and Beyond.” October 10, 2013.

**National LGBT Bar Association**, San Francisco, CA.

*Facilitator*, “Teaching Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and the Law: A Roundtable Discussion.”

*Moderator*, “Queering Legal Services: Making Equality Gains Accessible to All”

Lavender Law Conference. August 2013.

**The Philadelphia Trans-Health Conference**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar Faculty*, “Client vs. Movement - How Do We Choose?” June 14, 2013.

**Mazzoni Center**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar Faculty*, “Rights and Challenges for LGBT Clients.” February 27, 2013.

**Legal Writing Institute / New York Law School**, New York, NY.

*LWI One-Day Workshop Presenter*, “There’s Nothing ‘Soft’ About Professional Development, Cultural Competency, Ethics and Social Justice.” December 7, 2012.

**Philadelphia Bar Association**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar Moderator*, “Marriage (In)Equality: Update on the Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Couples and the Future of the Defense of Marriage Act.” November 29, 2012.

**Legal Writing Institute / Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, DC.

*Capital Area Legal Writing Conference Presenter*, “Diversity in the LRW Classroom.” March 10, 2012.

**Legal Writing Institute / Brooklyn Law School**, Brooklyn, NY.

*Workshop Presenter*, LWI One-Day Workshops. December 2, 2011.

**National LGBT Bar Association**, Los Angeles, CA.

*Panelist*, Junior Scholars Panel, Lavender Law Conference. September 2011.

*Moderator*, Intimate Partner Violence Panel, Lavender Law Conference. September 2011.

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Faculty Respondent*, GASWorks (Gender and Sexuality Works-in-Progress) Seminar Series. December 3, 2010.

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Faculty Respondent*, “Future/NO Future: Graduate Student Conference, Gender and Sexuality Studies.” September 16-17, 2010.

**Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Forum Moderator*, “Queering Borders: Issues in LGBT Immigration.” November 19, 2009.

**Pennsylvania Bar Institute**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar Faculty*, “The New Jersey Civil Union Law.” June 12, 2007.

**National Sexual Assault Law Institute**, Boston, MA.

*Course Material Author and Presenter*, “The Fifth National Sexual Assault Law Institute - Why Race, Ethnicity and Sexual Orientation Matter: Representing Sexual Assault Victims From Underserved Communities.” June 2, 2006.

**Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Symposium Presenter*, “Law and Adolescence: The Legal Status, Rights, and Responsibilities of Adolescents in the Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Criminal Justice Systems.” March 18, 2006.

**Pennsylvania Bar Institute**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar Course Material Author and Faculty*, “Domestic Violence: Protection from Abuse.” March 16, 2006.

**Widener University School of Law**, Wilmington, DE.

*Symposium Presenter*, “Battered Again? Revictimizing Victims of Domestic Violence.” April 1, 2005.

**Pennsylvania Bar Institute**, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, PA.

*Continuing Legal Education Seminar Course Material Author and Faculty*, “Understanding and Representing Transgender Clients.” July 8, 2004 and December 12, 2004.

**National Gay & Lesbian Law Association**, Philadelphia, PA.

*Panelist, Host Committee Member*, Lavender Law Conference. October 2002.