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## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

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**WIDENER UNIVERSITY, COMMONWEALTH LAW SCHOOL**, Harrisburg, PA  
*Associate Professor of Law* (July 2025-Present)

**UA LITTLE ROCK, WILLIAM H. BOWEN SCHOOL OF LAW**, Little Rock, AR  
*Assistant Professor of Law* (August 2022-June 2025)  
*Assistant Professor of Clinical Education* (June 2020-August 2022)  
*Director, Veterans Legal Services Clinic* (June 2020-June 2025)

Designed, directed, and taught 6-credit clinic focused on the representation of veterans in disability benefits appeals and reconsideration of discharge status. Focus included trauma-informed advocacy, through the lens of veterans' benefits adjudications. Engaged in community outreach regarding representation of veterans and legal challenges facing veterans. Managed clinic operations and docket, including student selection, case selection, and policy formulation. Supervised law student fellows participating in Veterans Treatment Court observation project in conjunction with the school's Center for Racial Justice and Criminal Justice Reform.

*Coach, Jessup International Moot Court Team* (August 2021-May 2025)  
Started Jessup Moot Court program at Bowen. Coached teams of law students during year-long moot court competition focusing on current issues in international law. Advised students on substantive international law as well as appellate advocacy skills.

*Recipient, UALR William H. Bowen School of Law Faculty Excellence Award in Social Justice* (April 2024)

*Recipient, Latin American Law Students Association Bowen Community Award* (March 2023)

*Other Courses Taught: Professional Responsibility* (Summer 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024, and Spring 2025), *Moot Court Competition: International Law* (Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, and Fall 2024), *Advanced Veterans Legal Services Clinic* (Spring 2022-Spring 2025)

**VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY CHARLES WIDGER SCHOOL OF LAW**, Villanova, PA  
*Visiting Assistant Professor & Director, Clinic for Asylum, Refugee & Emigrant Services (CARES)* (July 2018 – May 2020)

Taught law students enrolled in semester-long, 8-credit clinic focusing on the representation of asylum-seekers. Each semester, supervised law students representing asylum-seekers in proceedings before the Philadelphia Immigration Court and Newark Asylum Office, and clinical teaching fellow. Designed and taught seminar classes on

asylum law and policy, client-centered lawyering skills, and various aspects of the lawyer-client relationship. Conducted weekly supervision meetings with students, utilizing contemporary clinical methodology to engage students in discussion of case strategy and various aspects of client representation. Managed clinic operations and docket, including student selection, case selection, and policy formulation.

**SETON HALL UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, Newark, NJ  
Center for Social Justice (July 2017 – June 2018)

*Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor*

Co-taught and advised law students in the Immigrants' Rights and International Human Rights clinic in the representation of asylum-seekers, survivors of domestic violence, and human trafficking survivors in proceedings before the immigration courts, U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services, and the U.S. Department of State. Co-taught seminar classes on immigration law and policy, international human rights law, and client-centered lawyering skills.

*Co-Coach, Jessup International Moot Court Team* (September 2017- April 2018)

Co-advised law students who advanced to the quarter-final stage of their regional competition, during year-long moot court competition. Students analyzed current issues in international law, including nuclear disarmament obligations, the validity of interstate arbitral awards, and the law of naval warfare.

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER**, Washington, D.C.  
Center for Applied Legal Studies (July 2015 – June 2017)

*Clinical Teaching Fellow and Supervising Attorney*

Co-taught and co-managed law students in a 10-credit, one-semester asylum law clinic (taught in both Fall and Spring) and supervised students representing asylum-seekers in immigration court. Co-taught and designed seminar classes on substantive asylum law, professional responsibility, and trial advocacy skills. Evaluated and provided regular feedback on students' legal writing and oral advocacy skills.

**SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, St. Louis, MO  
Adjunct Professor (2012-2015)

*Courses:*

*International Courts & Tribunals* (Fall 2014)

Designed and taught seminar course examining public international law and procedures of international tribunals, with primary focus on the jurisprudence of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Incorporated experiential aspect through simulation requiring students to conduct research, draft written arguments, and deliver oral pleadings on a fictional dispute before the ICJ.

*Jessup International Moot Court Team* (Coach, Fall 2012-Spring 2015)

Supervised team of 5 law students during year-long moot court competition on current issues in international law. During fall semester, met with students 1-2

times per week to advise and lead discussions on substantive international law as well as appellate advocacy skills, including legal research and brief-writing. During spring semester, conducted moot court practice sessions 3-5 times per week to help students develop their oral advocacy skills in preparation for regional competition.

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## **LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

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### **LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MISSOURI, St. Louis, MO**

Staff Attorney, Immigration Law Project (Aug. 2008 – June 2015)

Represented clients in various immigration contexts, including family-based petitions, relief under the Trafficking Victims and Violence Protection Act and VAWA, removal defense, and naturalization proceedings. Practiced immigration law before U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services and U.S. Department of State, Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), and federal court. Drafted pleadings at various stages of immigration-related litigation, including briefs to the Board of Immigration Appeals and U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Conducted community education and outreach regarding U.S. immigration law, the rights of immigrant survivors of crime, and trauma-informed advocacy.

### **WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, MO**

Co-Coach, International Moot Court Teams (2011-2012)

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## **SERVICE**

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Affiliated Faculty, Center for Racial Justice & Criminal Justice Reform, William H. Bowen School of Law (Spring 2024-June 2025)

Faculty Advisor, Bowen Student Veterans Organization (Fall 2021-May 2025)

Member, Law School Assessment Committee (2020-2025)

Member, Law School Diversity & Excellence Committee (2020-2024)

Member, UALR Faculty Professional Development Committee (2023-2024)

Member, UALR Truth, Racial Healing, & Transformation Team (Spring 2022) & Participant, American Association of Colleges & Universities 2022 Institute on Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (June 2022)

Member, Law School Strategic Planning Committee (2021-2022)

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## **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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### **FRIENDS OF FISHER HOUSE ARKANSAS**

- Board member (January 2024-January 2025)

#### **NATIONAL LAW SCHOOLS VETERANS CLINIC CONSORTIUM**

- Member since July 2020
- Advocacy Committee Member (2021-2025)
  - Co-wrote amicus brief in *Lynch v. McDonough*, U.S. Supreme Court No. 21-A467 (filed June 16, 2022)
  - Co-wrote amicus brief in *Bufkin and Thornton v. McDonough*, U.S. Supreme Court No. 23-713 (filed July 2, 2024)
  - Co-wrote amicus brief in *Champagne v. Collins*, No. 23-1047 (Fed. Cir. March 24, 2025)
- Scholarship Committee Member (2024-2025)
- Education Committee Member (2023-2024)

#### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF VETERANS ADVOCATES**

- Member, January 2021-Present

#### **AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION (AILA) (2008-2020)**

- Philadelphia Chapter New Members Committee Chair (2019-2020)
- Philadelphia Chapter New Members Committee Co-Chair (2018-2019)
- D.C. Chapter Pro Bono Committee (2016-2017)
- D.C. Chapter Conference Planning Committee (2016)
- Missouri-Kansas Chapter Chair (2014-2015)
- VAWA, U, and T National Committee Member (2014-2015)
- Missouri Kansas Chapter Chair-Elect (2013-2014)
- Missouri-Kansas Chapter Secretary (2012-2013)

#### **VILLANOVA INTERDISCIPLINARY IMMIGRATION STUDIES TRAINING FOR ADVOCATES (VIISTA)**

(<https://www1.villanova.edu/university/professional-studies/academics/professional-education/viista.html>), Faculty Design Team Member (June 2019 – June 2020)

Worked in interdisciplinary group of faculty and lawyers to help design Modules 2 & 3 of online certificate program, created by Professor Michele Pistone, that trains students to become immigrant advocates.

#### **MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING (POST) CERTIFIED INSTRUCTOR, *Legal Protections for Foreign-Born Victims of Crime***

Developed and taught training for law enforcement officers covering human trafficking and other issues relating to the rights of immigrant crime victims; certified in Fall 2013

#### **CENTER FOR SURVIVORS OF TORTURE AND WAR TRAUMA, St. Louis, MO**

Board Secretary and Fund Development Committee Chair (2011-2013)

Board Member (2010-2013)

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## **EDUCATION**

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**WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, St. Louis, MO, J.D. May 2008**

*Honors and Activities: Washington University Journal of Law and Policy* (Associate Editor); International Academy of Trial Lawyers (Spring 2008); Jessup International Moot Court Team (2007-2008); Niagara International Moot Court Team (2006-2007).

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, Notre Dame, IN, B.A., English: May 2005, *cum laude*; Minor: European Studies

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## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Invited Presenter, Arkansas Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (Apr. 30, 2025)

*Presentation: Veteran Status, VA Eligibility, & Intersections with Criminal Law*

Organizer, Moderator, & Presenter, UALR Bowen Veterans Legal Services Clinic Symposium: *Honoring Service, Pursuing Justice: Empowering Underrepresented Veterans* (Nov. 15, 2024)

*Presentation: "Compelling Circumstances" & Historically Marginalized Populations*

Presenter, Arkansas Office of the Attorney General, Arkansas National Guard Legal Assistance Program, UALR William H. Bowen Veterans Legal Services Clinic, and Arkansas Department of the Military: Legal Resources for Veterans CLE (Nov. 13, 2024)

*Presentation: Introduction to Discharge Status Upgrades & Why They are Important*

Invited Presenter, Arkansas Bar Association Mid-Year Conference, Elder Law Track (Feb. 9, 2024)

*Presentation: Navigating the VA Appeals Process*

Invited Presenter, Arkansas Access to Justice, Veterans Legal Assistance CLE (Nov. 30, 2023)

*Presentation: Navigating the VA Claims Process*

Organizer & Moderator, UALR Veterans Legal Services Clinic Symposium, *Operation Homefront: Giving Back to Those Who Have Served* (Oct. 27, 2023)

Invited Panelist, South Dakota Law Review Symposium on Rural Lawyers (Sep. 22, 2023)

*Panel: Professional Responsibility Issues Affecting Rural Lawyers*

Co-Organizer & Presenter, UALR Veterans Legal Services Clinic CLE on Discharge Upgrades (March 29, 2023)

Speaker, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, College of Business, Professional Update 2022 CLE (May 13, 2022)

*Presentation: Discharge Upgrades for Veterans*

Speaker, Center For Arkansas Legal Services CLE, *Discharge Upgrades: Nuts & Bolts* (Nov. 4, 2022)

Participant, Crawford County Veterans Resource Fair (Spring 2022, Spring 2023, & Spring 2024)

Speaker, National Lawyers Guild, Arkansas Chapter Conference (March 12, 2022)  
*Presentation: Veterans' Discharge Upgrades & Historically Disenfranchised Communities*

Speaker, Arkansas Bar Association, Mid-Year Virtual Conference (Nov. 12, 2021)  
*Presentation: Serving Veterans: Navigating the Non-Service Connected Pension Claims Process*

Organizer and Moderator, UALR Bowen Veterans Legal Services Clinic Symposium, *Scaling the Wall: Partners, Tools, and Resources for Serving Veteran Clients* (Nov. 5, 2021)

Participant, NYU Clinical Law Review Writers' Workshop (October 2, 2021)  
*Work-in-Progress Presentation: Removing "Moral Turpitude" from the VA's Character of Discharge Determinations*

Invited Speaker, Arkansas Veterans Commission Quarterly Meeting (July 28, 2021)

Panelist, American Association of Law Schools, 2021 Conference on Clinical Legal Education (April 28, 2021)  
*Concurrent Session: Believe It or Not: Teaching Credibility & Corroboration Across Clinics*

Speaker, Arkansas Attorney General, Arkansas Army National Guard, and UALR Bowen, Veterans Legal Services Clinic Joint CLE, Help for Civilian Attorneys Representing Military-Connected Clients (Feb. 11, 2021)  
*Presentation: Basics of Service-Connected Disability Compensation*

Speaker, Pulaski County Bar Association Veterans Day CLE (Nov. 13, 2020)  
*Presentation: Introduction to Discharge Status Upgrades for Veterans with PTS*

Invited Presenter, Arkansas Veterans Commission Quarterly Meeting (July 21, 2020)

Speaker, *Upholding the Right to Seek Asylum*, Philadelphia Ethical Society (Nov. 10, 2019)

Speaker, *The Awakening: Children's Rights Denied*, Villanova University, Center for Peace and Justice Education (August 28, 2019)

5th Biennial Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, Provo, UT (June 2019)  
*Work-in-Progress Presentation: Refugee Vulnerability at the U.S.-Mexico Border & Its Implications for the U.S. Duty to Prevent Trafficking*

Speaker, Villanova University, Office of Mission and Ministry, Annual Curriculum Development Workshop: Catholic Social Teaching and Issues of Justice (May 2019)  
*Presentation: Children and Families Separated at the Border*

Panelist, American Association of Law Schools, 2019 Conference on Clinical Legal Education  
*Concurrent Session: Tools for Addressing Implicit Bias with the Next Gen* (May 2019)

Panelist, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Philadelphia Chapter Pro Bono Training, Drexel Law School (Feb. 1, 2019)

*Presentation:* Let's Start at the Very Beginning - An Explanation of the Statutory and Regulatory Framework of Asylum and an Overview of Important Case Law

Panelist, 2018 New York Asylum and Immigration Conference, New York Law School (February 23, 2018)

*Presentation:* Introduction to Asylum Law

AILA Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV (June 2016)

*Presentation:* Where to Place Your Bet: VAWA, U, and T Visas in Removal Proceedings

AILA Fundamentals of Immigration Law Conference, Miami, FL (August 2015)

*Presentation:* Humanitarian Relief

2015 Eastern Missouri-Southern Illinois Rescue and Restore Regional Conference to Combat Human Trafficking, St. Louis, MO (June 2015)

*Presentation:* Visas & Vulnerabilities

AILA Missouri-Kansas Chapter Conference, St. Louis, MO (March 2015)

*Presentation:* Basics: Humanitarian Relief

Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence Conference, Columbia, MO (November 2014)

*Presentation:* Protecting Immigrant Survivors: Legal Rights and Remedies Under Missouri and Federal Law

*Human Trafficking: A Challenge to Action*, University of Missouri-St. Louis (November 2013)

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## **PUBLICATIONS & WORK-IN-PROGRESS**

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*Bad Paper & the Problems with Moral Turpitude in the VA Context*, 90 MO. L. REV. (2025)

*Preventing Trafficking by Protecting Refugees*, 2023 UTAH L. REV. 659 (2023)

*What Constitutes Exceptional? The Intersection of Circumstances Warranting Reopening of Removal Proceedings After Entry of an In Absentia Order of Removal and Due Process Rights of Noncitizens*, 27 WASH. U. J. L. & POL'Y 219 (2008)

*The Intersection of Domestic Violence and Immigration Law: State and Federal Responses to Immigrant Domestic Violence Survivors*, 59(2) THE ST. LOUIS BAR JOURNAL 18 (Fall 2012) (co-authored with Kim Allen Murray, Robert Boedeker, and Kenneth Schmitt)

Work-in-progress: *Fast-Track Injustice*

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**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**

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Missouri (since 2008)

Arkansas (since 2023)

U.S. Supreme Court (since June 2023)

U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims (since 2020)

VA-Accredited (since 2020)

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