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LGBT-RELATED EXPERIENCE:

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, National Office, LGBT & AIDS Project

Staff Attorney, Summer 2011- Present

Protect and advance civil rights for LGBT individuals and people living with HIV through impact litigation, policy and legislative advocacy, and public education. Represent individuals affected by discrimination in employment, schools, public accommodations, prisons, and other contexts. Part of *Henderson v. Thomas* trial team collectively nominated for 2013 Public Justice Trial Lawyer of the Year award, after obtaining liability judgment against state of Alabama for practices of segregating HIV-positive prisoners.

WEST VILLAGE TRANS LEGAL CLINIC, Name Change Project

Volunteer, Summer 2006 – Spring 2011; **Legal Coordinator**, Spring 2007 – Spring 2011

Volunteered for monthly non-representational clinic that assisted transgender New Yorkers in obtaining *pro se* legal name changes. As Legal Coordinator, scheduled and trained volunteers, monitored legal and other developments to keep clinic forms and procedures current, provided research and referrals in complex cases, collaborated with other advocates doing transgender name change work.

LESBIAN AND GAY LAW ASSOCIATION OF GREATER NEW YORK

Member, 2005 – present

Volunteered intermittently at walk-in legal clinics. Researched and interviewed judicial candidates for one year's Screening Panel. Mentor two recent law graduates through LeGaL Mentoring Program.

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL GLBT ALUMNI COMMITTEE

Member, Spring 2007- present

Interview student candidates for summer fellowships.

NATIONAL LGBT BAR ASSOCIATION

Member, 2005- present

Evaluated submissions for 2011 Michael Greenberg student writing competition.

NATIONAL ARCHIVE OF LGBT HISTORY, New York

Volunteer, Fall 2006 – Summer 2008

Assisted weekly with filing and data entry for archive housed at LGBT Community Services Center.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS, San Francisco

Law Clerk, Spring 2005

Drafted briefs and affidavits in LGBT rights litigation, with clients ranging from a transgender father who sought custody of his children to the Dykes on Bikes who sought to trademark their name. Explained legal options and offered referrals to individuals who contacted Legal Helpline with LGBT concerns; identified and forwarded potential cases to legal staff.

GAY & LESBIAN ADVOCATES & DEFENDERS, Boston

Hotline Volunteer, Fall 2002 – Spring 2004; **MassEquality Volunteer**, Fall 2003 – Spring 2004

Explained options and offered referrals to individuals who contacted Legal Information Hotline with LGBT- or HIV-related concerns. Identified and forwarded potential cases to impact litigation staff. Organized lobbying and voter identification activities following *Goodridge* decision.

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT, Environmental Law Division

Assistant Corporation Counsel, Fall 2005 – Fall 2008; **Senior Counsel**, Fall 2008 - Summer 2011
Represented City agencies in matters of environmental and land use law. Litigated in state and federal courts, as well as state and municipal administrative tribunals. Advised agencies regarding compliance questions, environmental aspects of property transactions, and proposed regulations and legislation. Co-taught *Green Cities*, a course offered by Harvard Law School in partnership with Law Department. Chaired Litigation Support Subcommittee of agency's Technology Advisory Committee. Received NYC Bar Association's Municipal Affairs Award in 2010. Part of *City v. ExxonMobil* (MTBE) trial team collectively nominated for 2010 Trial Lawyer of the Year award by Trial Lawyers for Public Justice.

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Acting Director, Office of Environmental Compliance Assessment, Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

In addition to Law Department duties, covered duties of agency's chief environmental lawyer during her leave of absence. Advised management on compliance options for construction, acquisition, and ongoing operation of asphalt and concrete production facilities, and on management of hazardous substances and universal waste. Supervised technical and legal staff.

GREENE HILL FOOD COOPERATIVE, Brooklyn

Governance Committee Member, Fall 2009- Present

Assisted start-up cooperative grocery store with permitting and parliamentary procedure. Member of Board of Directors from Fall 2010 to Fall 2012, now coordinator of Membership Relief Council that processes hardship applications.

WILLOW OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Menlo Park, California

Fifth Grade Teacher, Fall 2000 – Summer 2002

Taught classes of primarily English language learners in under-resourced Ravenswood City School District. Member of Teach for America 2000 Corps.

EDUCATION:

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., 2005 (*cum laude*)

BOALT HALL SCHOOL OF LAW, Harvard-Berkeley Exchange Program, 2004-5

Gary Bellow Student Public Service Award

HLS Lambda (LGBT student group), president

Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, Articles Editor

RICE UNIVERSITY, B.A. in History and Classics, 2000 (*magna cum laude*)

Rice Gay & Lesbian Alumni Association Scholarship

Rice Pride (LGBT student group), president

PUBLICATIONS:

Various entries on ACLU's Blog of Rights

In Brief, *A Hard Look at a Noble Hawk: Ninth Circuit Requires Explicit Response to Opposing Scientific Views in a Final EIS*, 32 *Ecology Law Quarterly* 715 (2005).

Book Note, *Gay Rights And American Law*, 39 *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* 275 (2004).

BAR ADMISSIONS:

New York State, SDNY, EDNY (all 2006); E.D. Mich. (2012); Supreme Court (2013).

INTERESTS: Running, vegetarian cooking, reading nonfiction, watching women's professional sports.