

KATE A. MOGULESCU

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EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, New Haven, Connecticut

Juris Doctor, June 2003

Awards: 2003 C. LaRue Munson Prize for Excellence in Clinical Casework

Activities: Director, 2002 Rebellious Lawyering Conference
OutLaws, an organization for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender law students

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT BINGHAMTON, Binghamton, New York

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Spanish, *summa cum laude*, December 1999

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society

EXPERIENCE

LEGAL AID SOCIETY, CRIMINAL DEFENSE PRACTICE, New York, NY

March 2011 – present

Project Director, Trafficking Victims Legal Defense & Advocacy Project. Founded innovative public defense project that seeks to identify and assist victims of human trafficking facing prosecution in New York State courts. Identified project need, developed concept paper and proposal, and procured grant funding to launch a two-year pilot project. Supervise an interdisciplinary project team, provide training and technical assistance, and develop protocols and best practices to identify victims of human trafficking caught in the criminal justice system. Create model for replication by public defender offices in other jurisdictions. Collaborate with various governmental and non-profit agencies working to end human trafficking and exploitation.

September 2003 – February 2011

Staff Attorney. Represented indigent clients in New York County Criminal and Supreme Court, administrative hearings, and other proceedings related to misdemeanor and felony criminal charges. Prepared motions, performed bail and sentencing advocacy, conducted investigations, evidentiary hearings and trial litigation.

CITY COLLEGE, CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, New York, NY

January 2010 – December 2010

Adjunct Professor. Taught upper level undergraduate criminal justice course as part of Skadden Arps Honors Program in Legal Studies. Developed syllabus and curriculum, supervised student research work, and hosted guest speakers. Provided mentoring, and participated in ongoing career development lecture series.

PACE LAW SCHOOL, White Plains, NY

August 2008 – August 2009

Visiting Associate Professor of Law. Instructed Barbara C. Salkin Criminal Justice Clinic and Seminar. Developed and taught curriculum focused on criminal defense practice and lawyering skills. Supervised third-year law students representing defendants charged with misdemeanors in Bronx Supreme Court. Wrote and compiled materials, led seminar, and guided students' oral advocacy, legal writing, and trial skills.

JEROME N. FRANK LEGAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

2001 - 2003

Law Student Intern, Community Legal Services Clinic. Provided legal services in benefits, predatory lending and other civil cases. Performed outreach in community health centers and shelters. Represented tenants in eviction proceedings in housing court and low-income homeowners in cases of mortgage and loan fraud.

PUBLICATIONS

The Public Defender as Anti-Trafficking Advocate, An Unlikely Role: How Current New York City Arrest & Prosecution Policies Systematically Criminalize Victims of Sex Trafficking, 15 C.U.N.Y. L. Rev. __ (forthcoming 2012).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE USA, YOUNG PROFESSIONALS FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, Panelist, "Stop Human Trafficking," December 2, 2010.

CREATING CHANGE, THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LGBT EQUALITY, Presenter, "Life After Lawrence v. Texas: Ongoing LGBT Issues in the Criminal Justice System," February 4, 2011.

FREEDOM NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE: THE FUTURE OF FREEDOM: SHAPING TOMORROW'S ANTI-TRAFFICKING MOVEMENT, Presenter, "Prostitution, Sex Work and Human Trafficking: Best Practices for a Complex Issue," March 9, 2011.

QUEENS COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT, Trainer, "Defending Prostitution Cases: Best Practices for Identifying Victims of Trafficking in Criminal Court," July 13, 2011.

RED HOOK COMMUNITY COURT, Trainer, "Prostitution, Trafficking & Trauma," August 17, 2011.

NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL, Invited Speaker, "Oversight: Combating Sex Trafficking in NYC: Examining Law Enforcement Efforts – Prevention and Prosecution," October 19, 2011.

CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, Panelist, "Sex Work, Trafficking and the Difference: What You Can't Learn from Media," November 3, 2011.

NEW YORK STATE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN THE COURTS, Panelist, "Sex Trafficking in NYC: Identifying Victims of Trafficking in Civil & Criminal Courts," November 7, 2011.

KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, Trainer, "Vacating Prior Convictions for Trafficking Survivors Under New York Law," November 17, 2011.

END DEMAND ILLINOIS, Trainer, "Litigating Illinois' Justice for Victims of Sex Trafficking Crimes Act," January 12, 2012.

NASSAU ACADEMY OF LAW, Panelist, "Human Trafficking and Exploitation on Long Island," February 29, 2012.

NEW YORK CITY BAR ASSOCIATION, Panelist, "Vacating Prostitution-Related Convictions for Victims of Sex Trafficking," March 29, 2012.

COOK COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, Trainer, "Litigating Illinois' Justice for Victims of Sex Trafficking Crimes Act," April 17, 2012.

CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS SOCIAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE, Panelist, "Principles and Approaches to Social Justice Lawyering," June 6, 2012.

CADWALADER, WICKERSHAM & TAFT, Panelist, "Human Trafficking: 21st Century Slavery in America," June 18, 2012.

NATIONAL COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Panelist, "Hidden Victims: Innovative Responses to Female Defendants in Prostitution Diversion, Drug Court and Mental Health Courts," July 23, 2012.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION CRIMINAL JUSTICE SECTION, Panelist, "Youth Sex Trafficking Victims: First Response & After," August 3, 2012.

NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT CONFERENCE, Panelist, "Turning a Good Idea into an Effective Law," August 22, 2012.

FEERICK CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, Panelist, "New York State's Campaign Against Sex Trafficking: What's Next?" October 5, 2012.

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY CODES COMMITTEE, Invited Participant, "Roundtable: An Examination of the Adequacy of Outreach & Social Services for Human Trafficking Victims," October 16, 2012.

SUFFOLK COUNTY JUDICIAL COMMITTEE ON WOMEN IN THE COURTS, Presenter, "Human Sex Trafficking: The Legal, Clinical and Human Consequences," October 17, 2012.

BRONX WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION & GENDER FAIRNESS COMMITTEE FOR THE TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, Invited Speaker, "Sex Trafficking in New York City: Identifying Victims of Sex Trafficking in our Court Systems & Practice Areas," October 24, 2012.

NATIONAL LEGAL AID & DEFENDER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Panelist, "Best Practices for Public Defenders and Civil Legal Service Providers Representing & Advocating for Survivors of Human Trafficking," December 7, 2012.