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***JURIS DOCTORATE FROM SALMON P. CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW***

***BACHELOR OF SCIENCE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI***

***LICENSED IN OHIO AND IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO***

### **CLINICAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- **Visiting Assistant Professor of Clinical Law for the Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order Clinic: University of Cincinnati College of Law: 2010-2011 Academic Year**
  - Conducted forty hours of intensive training to teach students the dynamics of domestic violence and how to obtain protection orders for individuals who experience domestic violence.
  - Teach students the state and local rules of procedure for filing and litigating domestic violence cases in courts located in Hamilton County Ohio.
  - Teach students the necessary civil litigation skills.
  - Teach students about the interplay of legal and economic issues that may arise in domestic violence cases and how to assist clients with resolving those issues.
  - Teach students about the ethical considerations as well as professionalism in the courtroom.
  - Supervise the Legal Aid attorney who devotes 60% of his time to the clinic and will also work with the students. I meet with this attorney on a weekly basis to discuss student progress and the individual needs of each student.
  - Teach students all aspects of practice, from initial interview through trial. The process includes case assessment, analysis, and discussion of application of doctrinal learning to real life practice.
  - Individual supervision with students on a weekly basis to discuss their clinic experience, upcoming cases, and to provide an opportunity for self-reflection.
  - Teach weekly seminar on substantive and procedural law, advanced trial skills, case rounds, and self-care.
- **Supervising Attorney: University of Cincinnati Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order Clinic: January 2009- April 2010**
  - Worked closely with the clinic director and the other supervising attorney as part of the clinical supervising team.
  - Co-led the training and teaching of second and third year law students participating in the University of Cincinnati's Domestic Violence Civil Protection Order Clinic.
  - Co-facilitated the training and teaching of third year law students in litigation skills, interviewing, introducing evidence, direct and cross examinations, and opening and closing statements.
  - Supervised third year law students in court. (Under Ohio rules only third year students are permitted to practice in court.)
  - Supervised second and third year law students in all aspects of clinical practice, from initial interview through trial (trial supervision was for third students). The process includes case assessment, analysis, and discussion of application of doctrinal learning to real life practice.

- Oversaw the administrative work of clinic students such as record and time keeping.
- Worked as a team with the other clinic supervisors to plan student work, discuss student progress, individualize student supervision, and discuss clinic teaching related to the cases that the students are handling.

#### **ATTORNEY AT THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF GREATER CINCINNATI: AUGUST 2007- JUNE 2010**

- **Family Law Litigation Experience**
  - Represented individuals going through a divorce in custody and property trials, settlement conferences, depositions, and final hearings.
  - Composed court documents to initiate divorce, dissolution, and custody actions including parenting and separation agreements and divorce decrees.
  - Represented unmarried individuals with children in juvenile court with issues involving custody and visitation.
  - Represented individuals in child support and medical support cases.
- **Domestic Violence Law Litigation Experience**
  - Litigated on behalf of individuals who have experienced domestic violence to help them obtain civil protection orders.
  - Advocated on behalf of individuals who have experienced domestic violence and needed public assistance to leave the relationship by ensuring that the Department of Job and Family Services followed the Ohio guidelines as it applied to victims of domestic violence.
  - Assisted individuals with safety planning and made referrals to other agencies that could also provide support to such individuals.
- **Public Benefits Experience**
  - Represented and assisted individuals with obtaining state or federal assistance such as cash and food assistance, medical coverage, and social security benefits.
  - Represented individuals in Ohio unemployment compensation cases.
  - Represented individuals and families in hearings against the local and state Department of Job and Family Services.
  - Assisted in the development of a protocol for the firm for enforcing compliance with hearing decisions.
- **Other Legal Experience**
  - Represented individuals in cases involving stalking civil protection orders.
  - Represented individuals in expungement cases and one pardon case.
  - Assistant to the Executive Director of Legal Aid and the Ombudsman for the Water in Basement Program. Advised homeowners who experienced sewage backups in their basement of their rights under the 2004 Global Consent Decree and assisted with drafting the annual report for submission to the United States District Court Southern District of Ohio.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- **University of Cincinnati College of Law Program for Armenian Lawyers: July 23, 2010**
  - Presented an overview of Ohio domestic violence laws to ten Armenian lawyers.

- Explained the different protection orders available in Ohio and the procedures for obtaining protection orders.
- Met with four of the lawyers to discuss laws that protect violence against family members in Armenia versus Ohio.
- **Volunteer Lawyers Program Continuing Legal Education: May 19, 2010**
  - Offered “Domestic Violence/Civil Protection Orders” CLE presentation.
  - Presented an overview of representing individuals in domestic violence situations to volunteer lawyers.
  - Presented how to obtain civil protection orders in Hamilton County courts.
  - Gave an overview of the revised civil protection order statute as it pertains to obtaining protection orders against juveniles.
- **Women Helping Women: March 15, 2010**
  - Presented “The Legal Aspects of Domestic Violence” to advocates at Women Helping Women.
  - Demonstrated how to obtain stalking, civil, and criminal protection orders.
  - Informed the advocates of what legal issues individuals and families leaving domestic violence situations may encounter.
- **Cincinnati Bar Association Continuing Legal Education: November 11, 2009**
  - Presenter for “Domestic Violence: Civil Protection Orders” at the Cincinnati Bar Association.
  - Presented to attorneys of diverse experience and practices the dynamics of domestic violence, representing individuals and families that have experienced domestic violence, legal issues that those who have experienced domestic face, and how to obtain criminal, civil, and stalking protection orders in Hamilton County.
- **Women Helping Women: February 26, 2009**
  - Presented “What Legal Aid Can do For Victims of Domestic Violence” to advocates at Women Helping Women.
  - Presented an overview of what types of assistance domestic violence survivors can receive at Legal Aid.
  - Informed the advocates of the different types of protection orders as well as how the orders are obtained.