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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

October 2008 – Present

**Associate Clinical Professor of Law  
Assistant Director, Legal Clinic  
University of Akron School of Law**

Clinics Taught

Reentry Clinic

Clemency Project

The Clemency Project prepares pardon petitions to the Ohio governor. The clinic assists clients who are ineligible to have their convictions sealed by the court.

Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE) Clinic

The CQE clinic is a walk-in clinic staffed by volunteer law students. It assists with the online

May 2016: 18-month \$100,000 Juvenile Reentry Assistance Program Grant from Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Yearly: \$25,000 grant from City of Akron  
Yearly: \$30,000 grant from Summit County Department of Job and Family Services

Civil Practice Clinic. The clinic assists low-income clients with housing issues. The clinic is a multidisciplinary clinic staffed by law students and social work students. The clinic is a collaborative effort with the local legal aid

March 1999 -  
October 2008

**Staff Attorney, Housing Unit  
Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.**

Represented clients in housing cases and expungement cases. Representation included appearances at court and administrative agencies. Conducted community presentations on a variety of legal topics.

Major Projects:



Represented clients in state direct appeals and in state post-conviction cases. Reviewed transcripts, identified issues, prepared strategy and drafted motions, appellate briefs and post-conviction petitions.

September 1986 -  
December 1986

**Adjunct Professor**  
**University of Akron School of Law**

Instructed approximately thirty students in Legal research, analysis and writing in Basic Legal Communications. Taught approximately twenty students' appellate brief writing and oral argument skills in Intermediate Legal Communications.

**NOTABLE CASES**

UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW

*In Re R.L.B.*, 2018-Ohio-3660

*State v. Boykin*, 138 Ohio St.3d 97  
(2013)

COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES, INC.

*Coker v. Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority*  
Summit App. No. 20350, (July 5, 2001)

OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

**United States Supreme Court**

Successfully briefed and argued *Ohio v. Huertas*  
498 U.S. 336 (1991) - resulted in State's appeal  
being dismissed as improvidently allowed.

**Ohio Supreme Court**

*State v. Jeffrey Lundgren*, 73 Ohio St. 3d 474  
(1995)

*State v. Derrick Evans*, 63 Ohio St. 3d 231 (1992)

*State v. Von Clark Davis*, 63 Ohio St. 3d 44 (1992)



## PUBLICATIONS

*Ohio's Certificate of Qualification: Four Years Later*, Ohio Lawyer Magazine, September/October 2017, p. 26

Available

[https://issuu.com/ohiostatebarassociation/docs/ol\\_sep-oct\\_web](https://issuu.com/ohiostatebarassociation/docs/ol_sep-oct_web)

*Can We Forgive Those Who Batter? Proposing an End to the Collateral Consequences of Civil Domestic Violence Cases*, 100 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 527 (2016).

*Battling Collateral Consequences: The Long Road to Redemption*

Criminal Law Bulletin, Vol. 49, No. 3, 2013, p. 383

*Not Eligible for Expungement? Executive Clemency May Be Option*

Law You Can Use Column

Ohio State Bar Foundation

Available

<http://www.ohioabar.org/Members/Pages/LawYouCanUseDetail.aspx?itemID=514>

*Understanding How Criminal Records Are Sealed*

Law You Can Use Column

Ohio State Bar Foundation

Available

<https://www.ohioabar.org/ForPublic/Resources/LawYouCanUse/Pages/Understanding-How-Criminal-Records-Are-Sealed.aspx> .

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

May 2018

*Hiring Employees with Criminal Convictions: Certificates of Qualification for Employment (CQE), Court Sealings and Pardons*  
2018 Akron Area SHRM Legislative Conference

February 2018

*Second Chance Laws in Ohio: Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE), Sealing and Expungement*  
Ohio Courts of Appeals Judges Association  
Winter Conference

October 2016

National Association of Housing and Redevelopment  
Officials (NAHRO) Conference

*The Ohio CQE Project: Crossing Law School  
Boundaries to Address a Pressing Community Need*  
Midwest Clinicians' Conference

August 2016

*Incorporating Lab and Other Practical Components  
into Substantive Courses*  
SEALS Conference

May 2016

*One Big Happy Family: How Clinicians and Doctrinal  
Faculty Can Create Projects that Address Community  
Needs*  
AALS Clinical Conference

*Ohio's Statewide CQE Project*  
AALS Clinical Conference  
Poster Presentation

October 2015

*Summit County Response to Human Trafficking:  
Expungement*  
Summit Collaborative Against Human Trafficking

September 2015

*First, The Basics*  
Housing Policy Summit: Rethinking Reentry

*Remedies to Help Those with Criminal Convictions:  
Sealing's, CQEs and Pardons*  
Summit on Making Northeast Ohio Communities  
Safer

June 2015

*Reentry: Giving Deserving Citizens a Second Chance*  
Kenyon College John W. Adams Summer Scholars  
Program in Socio-legal Studies: Race, Crime and  
Social Justice

April 2014

*What We Can Learn about Clemency From  
The States*  
Panel Presentation given at *Mercy in the Criminal  
Justice System, Clemency and Post-Conviction  
Strategies* Conference



New York University Law School's Center on the  
Administration of Criminal Law's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Conference

- March 2013 *SB 337, HB 86, and the Civil Impacts of Criminal Convictions: What Defense Attorneys, Prosecutors and Judges Need to Know*  
Community Legal Aid Services CLE
- February 2013 *Pro Bono Issues in Law School*  
Cleveland Bar Association
- October 2012 *Collaborations*  
NAPBPro Virtual Conference
- November 2011 *I Finally Listened: Birth of the Clemency Project*

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## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Akron Bar Association

Former Member, Board of Trustees

Committee Memberships: Diversity, Common Pleas, Municipal and Appellate  
Courts and Access to Justice

Akron Bar Foundation Board of Governors

Ohio State Bar Association

Former member and chair, Ohio Supreme Court Rule 20 Commission on the Appointment  
of Counsel for Indigent Defendants in Capital Cases

## SCHOOL OF LAW ACTIVITIES

Academic and Disciplinary Committee

Community Services Committee

Self-Study Committee

Appointments Committee

## UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Internal Review Board

## AWARDS

2018 Law and Leadership Institute Award

2018 Thomas G. Byers Memorial Award, Outstanding Faculty Practical Publication

2015 Akron Bar Association Liberty Bell Award

2014 University of Akron Law Alumni Association Faculty Practical Publication Award

## MEDIA COVERAGE

January 2018: <https://soundcloud.com/wakr-newstalksports/renters-rights-ua-school-of-laws-joann-sahl>

October 2017: <http://www.akronlegalnews.com/editorial/18879>

January 2017: