

WENDY M. SEIDEN
Associate Clinical Professor

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., *cum laude*, 1993

Executive Editorial Board, *Harvard Women's Law Journal*

Founder, Teen Violence Education Program

Wrote Curriculum, "You Have the Right Not to Be Abused"

Board Member, Children and Family Rights Project

Children's Issues Officer, Battered Women's Advocacy Project

Legal Services Center, Benefits & Immigration Clinical Workgroups

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, A.B., *summa cum laude*, 1989

Phi Beta Kappa, Awarded Junior Year

Universidad de Costa Rica, Visiting Student in fall, 1988

University of Michigan Harry S. Truman Public Service Award

UNIVERSIDAD DE SEVILLA, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, 1993-94

Derechos Humanos de Andalucia: Human Rights in Romani Communities

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Chapman University School of Law	Orange, California	2010 – Present
Associate Clinical Professor		

Teach the oral advocacy track of certified law students and supervise oral advocacy and written advocacy/immigration students enrolled in the three-credit Family Violence Clinic course. Oral advocacy students represent victims of family violence in restraining order hearings in the Orange County Superior Court, Family Law Division. Written advocacy students represent survivors of domestic violence in applications for immigration relief. Teach three-credit Client Interviewing and Counseling course. Supervise Directed Research papers. Serve on the Chapman University Faculty Senate. Chair the School of Law's Public Interest, Clinic, and Externship Committee.

University of Maryland School of Law	Baltimore, Maryland	2009-2010
Visiting Assistant Professor		

Directed and taught the Mediation Clinic, a year-long four-credit clinical offering in which law students learn the theory and practice of mediation. Taught evening Mediation Clinic seminar and supervised students as they learned reflective mediation practice by mediating a range of matters including District Court cases, EEOC employment matters, and Baltimore City public schools' truancy issues and assisted area public schools in the development and implementation of alternative dispute resolution programs.

University of Baltimore School of Law	Baltimore, Maryland	2006 – 2009
Clinical Fellow and Coordinator, Family Mediation Clinic		

Taught and supervised clinic students who represented low-income clients in child

custody mediations and served as mediators in custody and visitation disputes. Co-taught Family Mediation: Theory and Practice, a seminar covering substantive family law, lawyering skills, and alternative dispute resolution models. Piloted program with the UB Center for Families, Children & the Courts Truancy Court Program in which law students mediated cases involving adolescents and their extended families. Co-taught Family Law Clinic, supervising students who represented litigants in protective order, custody, and divorce cases.

Golden Gate University School of Law San Francisco, California 2003 - 2006
Adjunct Professor: Children and the Law

Taught Children and the Law seminar emphasizing Constitutional Law and Juvenile Procedure. Course included a court observation component. Supervised students in directed study.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Advocacy for Children, Youth & Families San Francisco, California 1998-2006

Solo legal practice and public policy office dedicated to children and family rights

Represented children and parents in child welfare proceedings, including representation at contested hearings, mediations, and trials. Represented parents and children in related custody, visitation, protective order, education, school discipline, delinquency, and immigration matters. Represented children in high-conflict custody disputes. Provided child welfare and domestic violence training and consultation to nonprofit organizations and government agencies. Supervised Berkeley Law students in clinical externships.

CPEDV Rural Project on Domestic Violence and Child Well-Being 2004 - 2006

Consultant. Facilitated training and technical assistance for rural counties in an effort to increase service providers' capacity to assist families impacted by both domestic violence and the child welfare system.

Judicial Council of California (AOC) San Francisco, California Spring, 2004
Juvenile Court Consultant with the Council's Center for Families, Children & the Courts.

Visited California Courts to review dependency and delinquency proceedings in order to assess counties' compliance with Title IV-e federal regulations for foster care. Trained judicial officers, court staff, probation officers, and child welfare supervisors in Title IV-e requirements and provided written assessments of counties' compliance with California's implementation of Title IV-e.

Legal Services for Children, Inc. San Francisco, California 1994 - 1998

Skadden Fellow, 1994-1996

Founded the **Teen Violence Project**, serving adolescent victims of relationship violence. Co-founded and represented residents of the **Teen Moms Shelter**, an emergency shelter for pregnant and parenting teenagers escaping violent relationships. Provided legal representation to monolingual Spanish-speaking clients and co-chaired Bay Area task force on special immigrant juvenile petitions. Represented foster children with disabilities in successful class action lawsuit against the San Francisco Department of Human Services. Represented children in Juvenile, Probate and Family Court proceedings as well as administrative hearings related to issues of immigration, legal guardianship, child custody, and education. Supervised students in clinical externships and summer internships.

PUBLICATIONS

Contributor on Child Welfare Mediation, JANE C. MURPHY AND ROBERT RUBINSON, FAMILY MEDIATION: THEORY AND PRACTICE, LexisNexis (2009).

Principal Author, Resolution and Report passed by the American Bar Association House of Delegates, February, 2009, Report on Child Victims of Crime Resolution (advocating for the appointment of attorneys for child victims and witnesses of crime in criminal and delinquency courts).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**Muskie School of Public Service and Battered Women's Justice Project,**

November, 2010

Presenter, "Child Custody, Visitation, and Domestic Violence: Women's and Children's Perspectives."

National Crime Victim Law Institute Annual Conference,

June, 2010

Presenter, "A Comparative Analysis of Rights of Child Victims of Crime." Portland, OR

ABA Annual Meeting

July, 2009

Panel Presentation, "How to Effectively Represent Child Victims in Criminal Cases." Chicago, IL

ABA Center for Children and the Law Conference

May, 2009

Presenter, "How to Advocate for Children in Criminal and Delinquency Courts." Washington, DC

National Alliance of Victims' Rights Attorneys

March, 2009

Teleconference Trainer, "Protecting Child Victims' Rights in Criminal and Delinquency Cases."

Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution

June 20, 2008

Panel Presentation, "Mediation of High Conflict Disputes: Understanding What's at Stake." Maryland

Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland / AOC Child Access Mediation Training

February, 2008

Co-taught 20-hour Child Access Mediation Training to volunteer mediators, Baltimore, MD

National Association of Counsel for Children, 30th National Conference

August, 2007

Presenter, "Custody Cases Involving Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault: The Role of the Child's Representative." Denver, CO

Maryland ADR and Child in Need of Assistance Statewide Conference

April 20, 2007

Plenary Panel Presentation, "What is the Role of the Child in Mediation?" Maryland

ABA / NITA National Civil Law Custody Institutes

2006 – 2007

Faculty, Tampa, FL and San Francisco, CA. Trained OVW Grant Recipients from across the country to represent victims-survivors of domestic violence in custody disputes. Demonstrated effective cross-examination of expert witness and presented on the role of child's counsel in contested custody cases.

Child Custody and Domestic Violence Institutes

2004-2006

Faculty in Baltimore, San Francisco, and Chicago national technical assistance institutes for DOJ OVW Grant recipients. Presented interactive workshops exploring strategies for working with children's representatives in custody and child welfare cases involving domestic violence.

ABA Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative

Fall, 2005

Expert reviewer for "Analysis of the Draft Code of Children for the Kyrgyz Republic."

California Family to Family Concerning Team Decision Making Conference

May, 2005

Plenary Panel Presenter for California's Annie E. Casey Family to Family TDM Coordinators.

"Partnership in Decision Making: Domestic Violence and Child Welfare."

San Francisco Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program

2001 - 2004

Trainer, providing quarterly interactive workshops to CASA volunteers on the dynamics and legal implications of domestic violence as it may occur in the context of child welfare cases.

San Francisco Volunteer Legal Services Program

Volunteer Trainer, "Representing Teenage Clients in Family Law Matters."

June, 2001

Volunteer Trainer, "Teen Clients and Dating Violence: Special Issues."

April, 2001

Teen Dating Violence in the Schools Program

San Francisco, California

1998 - 1999

Trainer, Grant-funded collaborative to teach laws of teenage dating violence to high school faculty.

San Francisco's Teen Pregnancy and Parenting Project (TAPP)

1995-2001

Trainer of agency staff on domestic violence, the child welfare system, and legal options for teens.

American Bar Association Annual Meeting's Presidential Showcase

1997

Presenter, "Breaking the Chain of Violence: Teaching Children about Nonviolent Relationships."

SELECTED ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Chapman University Faculty Senate

2011-Present

Chair, School of Law Public Interest, Clinics and Externships Committee

2011-Present

Chapman School of Law Honor Council and Public Interest Committee

2010-2011

Orange County Family Violence Council, By-Laws Committee

2011-Present

National Crime Victim Law Institute, Child Victim Curriculum Committee

2011-Present

Participate in drafting curriculum to teach representation of child victims of crime.

Legal Education Committee of the ABA's Alternative Dispute Resolution Section

2009-Present

Draft problems for the Representation in Mediation Student Competition.

Baltimore County Department of Social Services

2009-Present

Serve on Strategic Planning Committee and two subcommittees for Child and Family Services.

Victims' Committee of the ABA Criminal Justice Section

2008-Present

Serve as Expert Consultant on legal assistance to child victims and witnesses of crimes.

Community Mediation Program

2007-Present

Co-mediate citizen disputes for Baltimore City residents.

University Conflict Management Services Advisory Board

2008-2009

Member, University of Baltimore Conflict Management Advisory Board.

University of Maryland Community Justice Task Force

2006-2009

Member, Community Justice Model Building and Youth Involvement Committees.

U.S. DOJ Office on Violence Against Women, Peer Reviewer 2000 - 2008

Northern California Association of Children's Council Public Policy Committee
2004-2008

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (Formerly CAADV) 1995-2006
Active member of the Public Policy & Research Committee and the Child Witness Task Force.
Drafted legislative language, testified, and lobbied for and against numerous pieces of legislation.

California State Task Force on Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment
200 -2006
Founding Member and California Partnership to End Domestic Violence representative to interdisciplinary, intergovernmental state task force. Participated in the Differential Response Workgroup of the California Child Welfare Redesign Project.

San Francisco Sheriff's Office RSVP Survivor Restoration Advisory Committee
2002-2006
Advisory Committee of interdisciplinary restorative justice and empowerment project.

Northwest Regional Leadership Forum, Seattle, Washington April, 2002
Represented California Alliance Against Domestic Violence at regional forum designed to improve outcomes for children and families impacted by domestic violence and child maltreatment.

U.S. DOJ- and NCJFCJ-sponsored Child Custody and Visitation Focus Group
March, 1999
Participated in summit exploring child custody decisions in the context of domestic violence.

San Francisco Family Violence Council 1995-1999
Co-Chair, 1997-1998; Victim Services Chair, 1996-1997

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

State Bar of California, Admitted, 1994
State of Maryland Bar, Admitted, 2006, Inactive Status
American Bar Association, ADR Legal Education Committee
National Association of Counsel for Children
Orange County Bar Association, Family Law Section

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

Rotary Alumni International Service to Humanity Award, 2005
March of Dimes Volunteer Award, 1995 and 1997