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ACADEMIC AND ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYMENT

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW
New York, NY

Professor of Law
Director of Lawyering and Legal Writing

1985 – Present

Academic and Teaching Responsibilities

- Lawyering and Legal Writing
- Advanced Workshop in Research and Writing
- Advanced Writing and Editing
- Statutory Interpretation
- Remedies and the Law
- Foundations of Law
- Introduction to U.S. Law (LL.M. Program)
- Introduction to U.S. Law – Online LL.M. Program
- Advanced Workshop in Research and Writing - Online LL.M. Program
- Summer Law Programs (Introduction to U.S. Law to international law students and attorneys; Introduction to U.S. Business Law to international attorneys; NYS Bar Writing)

Administrative and Service Responsibilities

- First Year Lawyering, Writing, Research and Appellate Advocacy program. Create course and curriculum; write and produce common course syllabus and faculty manual; teach course; hire, train and supervise over forty adjunct faculty members and over fifty upper-level student Teaching Assistants
- Advanced Workshop in Research and Writing program for international graduate LL.M. students. Create, write, and produce course syllabus and faculty manual; hire, train, and supervise adjunct faculty and upper-level Teaching Assistants
- Remedies and the Law. Created second year course that reviews, builds on and reinforces first year doctrinal subject knowledge with reading, analytic and writing skills development specifically related to damages and remedies in selected topics of Contracts, Torts and Property; teach course; hire and supervise seminar section course faculty; produce all course materials and supervise all aspects of the course. Course includes select doctrinal review and discrete problems, interweaving doctrinal understanding with its application to support second year students in further developing the connection between doctrinal understanding and analytic writing skills; provides numerous formative

assessments with individual written and oral feedback to target application of learning, analytic understanding, test taking skill development, and bar exam question genre facility.

- The Lawyering and Legal Writing Center at Cardozo. Provide leadership, supervision, training, and professional development to writing faculty through one-on-one instruction and Master Classes on teaching methods, including interactive teaching using simulation exercises; integration of lawyering skills into case reading, analysis, synthesis and writing; and integration of ethics and diversity issues into assignments and exercises.
 - Lawyering Faculty Master Classes. Create, administer, and teach workshops in course instruction, assignment development, interactive teaching, effective and ethical legal research and AI instruction and use
 - Bar Support. Created, administer, and teach Remedies and the Law course. Created, administer, and co-teach writing components of Legal Analytic Methods course and February and July Supplementary Bar Support Programs. Hire, train, and supervise writing faculty. Faculty Bar Committee
 - Writing Program for May Entry students in case reading and analysis, organization, note-taking, outlining, exam preparation and writing
 - Research Methodologies and Ethics lectures to all incoming JD and LL.M. students; Topics include Academic Integrity, Plagiarism, Ethical and Responsible Legal Research Skills; Ethical, Effective and Responsible use of Artificial Intelligence platforms
 - Academic Support. Provide and direct other faculty on academic support in writing, research, note-taking, outlining, and examination preparation and writing workshops and individual support to students; Coordinate with and support Student Services director, staff and programs; Academic Support course; Supplementary Skills courses
 - Core Course Doctrinal Review sessions in main bar examination subjects for LL.M. students

Additional Responsibilities. Supervise students and LLW faculty working with students writing law journal Notes; Develop policies in coordination with Office of Career Services for student writing samples; Review student writing samples; Supervise students preparing submissions for Writing Competitions; Work with the Moot Court Honor Society on application and evaluation policies and procedures; Coordinate Judicial Talks to first year students on judicial advocacy as part of first year course requirements and in support of law school clerkship development; Program on Spanish for Lawyers; Grammar Workshops; On-line Legal Writing and Research Resources; Legal Writing Resource Guide on writing, research, legal process, the court system, plagiarism, ethics, and diversity, equity, and inclusion

- Coordinate U.S. Patent Electronic Research course for visiting Chinese patent attorneys and scholars

- Moot Court Board Honor Society training on brief writing
- Ongoing Program Assessment and Development for Lawyering and Legal Writing program, Advanced Workshop in Research and Writing, Academic Support Program, Bar Support Programs
- Provide support and materials to other law school lawyering, research, writing and written and oral advocacy programs and on upper-level writing and academic support courses and programs
- Participate in national and New York metropolitan area Task Forces, Convocations, and Working Groups in areas including Artificial Intelligence use in the first year Legal Writing, Legal Research, and Advocacy Curriculum; Developing and Teaching Online LL.M. Programs; Mentoring new LLW faculty and administrators; Managing Adjunct-Taught Lawyering and Legal Writing Programs.

Other

- Chair, Admissions Committee; Read applicant files, consult, and engage in extensive individual interviewing of applicants from under-represented groups; Admissions recruitment including mock law school classes at select colleges
- Law School Committees. Member, Educational Policy Committee, Bar Task Force, Artificial Intelligence Working Group; Various years: Academic Standards Committees; Academic Support Advisory Working Group; Building Committee; Public Interest; Public Interest Summer Stipend; Dean's Working Group on Diversity; Student-Faculty Relations Committee; Student Life Committee; Working Group on Student Mental Health; Students of Concern Committee; Honors and Awards Committee; Working Group on Lawyering Skills; Externship Coordinator Hiring, Academic Support Director, Librarian Hiring, Diversity and Inclusion Director Hiring Committees; Faculty Advisor Externship and Internship Programs
- Summer Institute Program; Center for Law and Health; Program in Real Estate Law; Founding Editor, *Real Estate Law Reporter*; Co-Editor, *Cardozo Studies in Law and Literature*; Alumni relations; Judicial Clerkship program; Faculty Advisor, Public Interest Law Students' Association; Judge school, national and international Moot Court competitions; Cardozo Youth Advocates Law Day; Law Journal Faculty Advisor, Cardozo Journal of Conflict Resolution; Panel moderator and speaker Public Interest Law Professional Opportunities; Panelist, Cardozo Programs for Admitted Students; Mock Law School class presenter at admitted students' days and to feeder colleges for Admissions; Presenter, Workshops for Academic Success for First Year Students; Assist faculty in editing books, chapters, articles and op-ed pieces; Orientation programming including providing workshops, lectures, on panels, and with small groups
- Ongoing Bar Exam support review, study, advocacy, and passage assessment
- Vice President, NY Metropolitan Area Directors of Legal Writing
- Member, Lawyering and Legal Writing Director and Faculty National Working Group

YESHIVA UNIVERSITY
Rabbi Isaac Elchanon Rabbinic Seminary
New York, NY

Professor 1998 – 2020

- Created and teach Advanced Writing Program of three levels of courses for Honors rabbinic students
- Develop curriculum; responsible for ongoing program development; assist in hiring, training and supervision of additional writing faculty; provide extensive instruction and editing for student, alumnae and faculty scholarly work for publication

FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
New York, NY 2014 - 2022

Faculty, Writing Program

- Established and teach Writing Program for non-lawyer court staff, administrators, managers, and supervisors; and Writing Program for Court lawyer staff and law clerks
- Instruction in writing and editing memoranda, reports, notifications, electronic communications, and other court document writing

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Albany, New York

Administrative Law Judge 1988 -1989

- Adjudicated individually and as a member of a panel, physician and nurse decertification and other cases relating to matters within the licensing and general jurisdiction of the Department of Health

GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES
Boston, Massachusetts

Lead Counsel 1981 - 1985

Senior Attorney / Counsel 1980 – 1981

- Represented Plaintiff Class of over 55,000 public housing residents of the City of Boston in the case of *Armando Perez et al v. Boston Housing Authority*, 400 NE 2d 1231 (1980) in successful effort to remediate substandard conditions and

- severe operating and management deficiencies of the Boston Housing Authority
- All aspects of class action administration, litigation, community organizing and development, and legislative and regulatory agency advocacy
- Managing Attorney 1982 -1984
 - Hired and supervised lawyer staff of eighteen; procedures and systems for providing legal services; supervised senior staff legal work; lawyering skills training; community development and relations
 - Maintained law reform litigation case load
- Senior Attorney 1981 -1982
 - Developed and led housing law reform litigation and city-wide housing initiatives
- Staff Attorney 1978 – 1981
 - All aspects of civil litigation in large neighborhood office – provided legal services and community advocacy in the areas of housing, public benefits, health care and housing and public benefits discrimination

PUBLICATIONS

“Law School Success in Writing and Writing for Examinations,” Chapter for Kaplan Publications book for students entering law school, 2011.

“It’s Not Your Father’s Legal Writing Program,” *Cardozo Life*, Winter 2004, 27.

"Applied Law and Literature in Two Traditions," 10 *Cardozo Studies in Law and Literature* 125 (1998).

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Presenter and Discussion Facilitator, Legal Writing Directors’ Program in Artificial Intelligence Use in First Year Legal Research and Writing Programs 2026

Effective Law School Learning Skills Programs (Outlining, Exam Preparation, Studying and Writing Workshop Program for First Year Students, Recurring annually, Cardozo School of Law 2026

Presented, “Selected Topics in U. S. Law,” Manhattan College Advanced Placement Summer Institute, Global Engagement and Operations School of Continuing & Professional Studies 2022

Presenter, “Effective Large- and Small-Group Research Instruction in the 1L Year with Limited Staffing Resources,” Empire State Legal Writing Conference 2021

Law class and law school orientation presentation to City College of New York (CUNY) Skadden Honors Program Fellows 2021

Moderator, Practicing Housing Law in New York, Cardozo School of Law	2020
Director and Presenter, Writing Program for Associates - Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton	2018, 2019
Presenter, “Academic Support in the Upper-Level Course Curriculum: Remedies in the Law,” Academic Support Workshop, Brooklyn Law School	2018
Panelist, Public Law Advocacy Program, Cardozo School of Law	2018
Recipient, Monrad Paulsen Award, Cardozo School of Law	2017
Visiting Faculty, Haim Striks School of Law, Israel	2016
Point of Light Award, Yeshiva University	2016
Mock Law School Classes to College Students; Select institutions: Brandeis University; Colgate University, Vassar College; Baruch and John Jay Colleges (CUNY), Manhattan College	2011 - Present
Faculty, International Summer Academic Seminar Program for Common and Civil Law Country Law Students; International Summer Seminar Program for Business Attorneys	2011 – Present
Visiting Faculty, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain	2010-2011
Mentor, NYC Public Middle and High School Students in Generation Citizen Civics Education Program	2011 - 2015
Editor, “Responding to ‘Hate Speech’ with Art, Education, and the Imminent Danger Test,” Chapter by Peter Molnar in <i>The Content and Context of Hate Speech – Rethinking Regulation and Responses</i> , Michael Herz and Peter Molnar, Editors, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2012	2011-2012
Recipient, Cardozo Public Service Award	2011
Program Committee Member, Chilmark Community Center	2003-2015
Chilmark Town Affairs Council	2010-2018
Pembroke Associates Council, Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women, Brown University	2004 – Present
Vice President	2010 - 2011
Communications Chair	2004 - Present
Mentor, Launchpad Women’s Leadership Program, Brown University	2008-2013

Trustee, Teachers and Writers Collaborative, NY	2008-2012
Board of Directors; Treasurer	2012-2014
Consultant, Legal and Community Organizing, Housing Litigation and Advocacy, Hunts Point Alliance for Children	2009-2011
Alumni Editor and Advisor, Senior College Essays, Bronx High School of Science	2004-2008
Employment Committee Board, Enterprise Institute Foundation	1998-2007
Consultant, Wexner Foundation International Fellows Program	2004-2005
Writing Competition Judge, Wexner Legacy Heritage Foundation	2012-Present
Consultant, Open Society Institute, Program on Law and Society, Academic Working Group: Project on Community Lawyering in the Legal Academy	2002-2005
Principal for a Day, New York City Department of Education, PENCIL Program	2002-2005
Editor, <i>A Practical Guide to Rabbinic Counseling</i> , by Yisrael N. Levitz and Abraham J. Twerski, Feldheim Publishers, Jerusalem and New York	2005
Editor, <i>Flames of Faith: An Introduction to Chassidic Thought</i> , by Zev Reichman	2003
Consultant, Anesthesiology Department Medical Faculty, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Writing Program	2002-2003
Lorman Continuing Legal Education Seminar in Writing for Attorneys, Paralegals and Legal Administrators in New York	2001
Legal Writing Continuing Legal Education Writing Program for Staff Attorneys United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit	2001
Writing Workshop for Practicing Rabbis, LEAD Rabbinic Fellowship Program	1999
Writing Program for Summer Law Associates, Fried Frank, Harris, Shriver and Jacobson	1996

EDUCATION

JD Boston University School of Law
MA Political Science; AB History Brown University

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

State of New York
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

