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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University 2025–Present

Associate Clinical Professor of Law — Bet Tzedek Civil Litigation Clinic

Direct clinical instruction in civil litigation, supervising law students in live-client representation. Design and teach seminar coursework integrating disability rights theory with practical litigation skills.

New York University School of Law Spring 2023

Adjunct Professor of Law

Taught advanced coursework in disability rights law, drawing on extensive practitioner and scholarly expertise.

Brooklyn Law School 2019–2025

Assistant Professor of Clinical Law — Director, Disability and Civil Rights Clinic

Founded and directed a clinical program providing direct legal representation to individuals with disabilities in civil rights matters. Supervised student attorneys in federal and state litigation, administrative proceedings, and policy advocacy.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Disability Rights New York 2014–2019

Staff Attorney — Protection and Advocacy System for New York State

Represented individuals with disabilities in complex civil rights litigation under the ADA, Section 504, and related federal and state statutes. Conducted systemic investigations of institutional conditions, drafted federal court pleadings, and negotiated settlement agreements securing significant policy reforms. Authored amicus curiae briefs in federal appellate proceedings.

Australian Government Solicitor, Canberra, Australia 2011–2013

Lawyer

Served as counsel to Australian Government agencies in the nation's leading provider of Commonwealth legal services. Advised on administrative law, constitutional matters, and regulatory compliance. Drafted legal opinions, ministerial briefings, and litigation strategy documents.

EDUCATION

Columbia Law School, New York, NY May 2014

Master of Laws (LL.M.)

James Kent Scholar (*magna cum laude*)

Thesis: "User Generated Content and Copyright Law Reform"

University of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia 2011

Bachelor of Laws (Honors) & Bachelor of Arts (Honors)

PUBLICATIONS

Surveilling Disability, Harming Integration, 124 Colum. L. Rev. 297 (2024).

Menstruation: An Ableist Narrative, 41 Colum. J. Gender & L. 180 (2021).

The ADA Constrained: How Federal Courts Dilute the Reach of the ADA in Prison Cases, 71 Syracuse L. Rev. 791 (2021) (Special Symposium Edition).

AMICUS BRIEFS

Brief of Disability Rights Organizations and Civil Rights Law Firms as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of Appellant, *Janet Crane v. Utah Department of Corrections*, No. 20-4032 (10th Cir.).

Brief of Disability Service Experts as *Amicus Curiae* in Support of Appellant, *Markelle Seth v. District of Columbia*, No. 19-7057 (D.C. Cir. 2019).

Giving Voice in Court: Cushioning Adversarialism for Witnesses with Intellectual Disabilities, 21 Current Issues Crim. Just. 481 (2009–2010). Nominated for Australia and New Zealand Society of Criminology Student Prize (2010).

SELECTED ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Pandemic Disability Reparations

- Brooklyn Law School Faculty Workshop (January 2025)
- Cardozo Law Faculty Workshop (May 2025)
- NYU Clinical Law Review Workshop, NYU School of Law (October 2025)

Surveilling Disability, Harming Integration

- NYU Clinical Law Review Workshop, NYU School of Law (October 2, 2021)
- NYU Stephen Ellman Workshop (January 21, 2022)
- Disability Law Works in Progress, AALS Disability Law Section (July 15, 2021)
- Junior Faculty Workshop, Brooklyn Law School (July 28, 2021; May 2023)
- Decarceration Law Professors: Virtual Works in Progress Workshop (June 21, 2022)

The ADA Constrained

- Decarceration Works in Progress, Virtual Workshop (June 15, 2020)
- Junior Faculty Workshop, Brooklyn Law School (August 2020)

Additional Presentations

- Bringing Awareness and Potential Solutions and Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Individuals with Disabilities Post-Incarceration, Brooklyn Law School (April 8, 2024) — Organizer & Moderator
- How the Public Education System Punishes and Disciplines Disability, Brooklyn Law School (April 1, 2024) — Organizer & Moderator
- Policing and Surveillance of People with Disabilities, AALS Annual Meeting (January 2024) — Invited Panelist
- ACLU's Women's History Month Panel, Brooklyn Law School (March 2024) — Invited Panelist
- The Nuts and Bolts of Guardianship in New York, Chinese-American Planning Council, Inc. (March 23, 2024) — Co-Presenter with Hon. Karen Lin
- Guardianship, Supported Decision-Making and Alternatives, Ramapo for Children (January 2024) — Co-Presenter
- Gender Dysphoria Under the ADA: Examining the Implications, Brooklyn Law School (November 6, 2023) — Organizer & Moderator
- AI's Constitutional Moment, Symposium at Washburn Law School (November 2023) — Invited Panelist
- Governing Bodies: Bodily Autonomy and the Law, 2022 Detroit Mercy Law Review Symposium (March 4, 2022) — Invited Panelist
- An Expanded Role for the ADA in a Post-Pandemic World, 2022 Jacobus tenBroek Symposium (March 2022) — Panelist
- Confronting and Teaching About Ableism in Your Clinical Pedagogy as a Best Practice, 2022 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (June 2022) — Panelist
- The History of Ableism in the US and Its Impact on Immigration Law, Mobilities: A Conference on Disability and Migration (April 29, 2022) — Presenter
- Terminating Your Guardianship, Deciding Your Path: Navigating Guardianship and Supported-Decision Making, 2022 YAI New York City Autism Conference (April 29, 2022)

- A Guardianship System in Need of Reform, New York State Bar Association (December 8, 2021) — Presenter
- Incorporating Disability Justice into Legal Practice/Advocacy, Autistic Women and Non-Binary Network (December 9, 2021) — Invited Panelist
- Tackling Ableism in the Law, Queens Legal Services (December 16, 2021) — Presenter
- South Asian Law Professors, South Asian Law Students Association (October 2021) — Panelist
- #FreeBritney Podcast, New Frontiers, The Frontier Psychiatrists (August 2021) — Legal Expert Panelist
- The Clinic's Role in Building Resilience: Preparing Students for Failure, AALS Clinical Conference (April 2021) — Selected Presenter
- Americans with Disabilities Act Symposium, Syracuse University College of Law (April 2021) — Invited Panelist
- Are You There, Law? It's Me, Menstruation, Columbia Law School (April 2021) — Invited Panelist
- Prison, Invisibility and Resistance, Center for Criminal Justice, Brooklyn Law School (January 2020) — Moderator
- Sexuality and Disability, Brooklyn Law School (February 2020) — Invited Panelist
- Supported Decision-Making for Self-Advocates, AHRC, Nassau, N.Y. (2019) — Presenter
- Transportation as a Related Service, New York State Special Education Taskforce, Albany, N.Y. (2017) — Presenter

SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES

Featured in The New York Times, NPR, Business Insider, The Intercept, and WCNY.

- “A Bipartisan Bill Seeks to ‘Free Britney’ and Others Who Ask a Judge to Replace Their Guardian or Conservator,” *The New York Times*, July 20, 2021.
- “A Republican and Democrat Have Come Together to #FreeBritney,” *NPR*, July 21, 2021.
- “Guardian Abuse Is Nothing New for Vulnerable People of Color. How Britney Spears’ Case Amplifies the Fight for Their Rights,” *Business Insider*, August 14, 2021.
- “The ADA Today,” *Connect: NY*, WCNY, June 2020 (televised interview).

COMMITTEE SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

Association of American Law Schools (AALS)

- Minority Groups Committee (2025)

Brooklyn Law School

- Chair, Accommodations Committee (2022–2025)
- Member, Long Range Planning Committee (2023–2024)
- Member, Academic Standards Committee (Fall 2024)

Disability Rights Bar Association

- Board Member (2020–2023)

New York City Bar Association

- Member, Mass Incarceration Taskforce (2020–2023)
- Member, Disability Law Committee (2023–2024)

Rights Behind Bars

- Advisory Board Member (2020–Present)

BAR ADMISSIONS

- New York
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York

- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York