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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY
Associate Dean of Equity in Curriculum and Teaching, 2021-present
Professor of Law, 2016 – present
Co-Director Center for Immigration Innovation, 2025-present
Associate Clinical Professor of Law, 2013 –2016
Assistant Clinic Professor of Law, 2008 –2013
Founder & Co-Director, Kathryn O. Greenberg Immigration Justice Clinic, 2008 – present
Directs a team of faculty and students representing individuals facing deportation and community-based and national advocacy organizations on law reform projects. As Associate Dean, oversees the implementation of package of anti-racist curriculum reforms.

National Immigration Habeas Institute, New York, NY
Founder and Co-Director, 2025 –present
Established the institute, in partnership with the National Immigration Litigation Association, to train and mentor immigration lawyers to litigation federal habeas corpus petitions.

Hofstra School of Law, Hempstead, NY
Assistant Clinical Professor of Law, 2007 –2008
Directed the Immigrant Defense Clinic. Clinic students provided deportation defense representation to immigrants with criminal convictions and represented immigrants in related criminal matters.

New York University School of Law, Lawyering Program, New York, NY
Acting Assistant Professor, 2005 –2007
Taught intensive first-year Lawyering seminar, a pedagogically innovative simulation-based course that trains students in a range of lawyering skills and legal analysis.

New York University School of Law, Immigrant Rights Clinic, New York, NY
Supervising Attorney, fall 2005 & spring 2007
Supervised students in NYU's Immigrant Rights Clinic, representing an individual clients facing deportation in immigration court and an organizational clients on law reform projects.

City College of New York, New York, NY
Adjunct Education Professor, 1997 –2001
Developed and instructed graduate education courses in constructivist mathematics.

EDUCATION

New York University School of Law, New York, NY
J.D. awarded *magna cum laude*, May 2001
Honors: *University Graduation Prize*, for achieving the number one rank in graduating class
Sommer Memorial Award, for outstanding scholarship, character, and service
Order of the Coif
Review of Law and Social Change, Staff Editor

Rutgers School of Law, Newark, NJ
Matriculated August 1998 – May 1999
Honors: *Saul Tischler Scholar*, for achieving the number one rank in first-year class
Arthur Kinoy Fellowship, for outstanding commitment to public interest work
Rutgers Law Review, offered position as a Staff Editor

City College of New York, New York, NY
Accrued 18 graduate credits in the "Math in the City Program," a National Science Foundation funded graduate program in constructivist mathematics.

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT
B.A. awarded in Government *with honors*, May 1994

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE & PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Mayor Zohron Mamdani, Transition Team
Immigration Committee Member, Fall 2025

Innocence Project, New York, NY
Board Member, 2023 – 2024.

Immigrant Defense Project, New York, NY
Advisory Board Member, 2013 – 2024

Center for Popular Democracy, Brooklyn, NY & Washington, DC
Board of Directors, Executive Committee Member, 2012 – 2021

Immigration Justice Corps, New York, NY
Acting Executive Director, 2014
Consultant, 2013
Developed the model for the nation's first legal fellowship program as a consultant and launched the program as its Acting Executive Director by leading a multi-million dollar funding raising effort, overseeing the hiring of over thirty individuals, and establishing the programmatic operations.

Katzmann Study Group on Immigration Representation, New York, NY
Member, 2009 – present
Steering Committee, 2011 – 2016
Appointed by Judge Robert A. Katzmann to develop strategies and policies to address the lack of access to quality legal representation for immigrants facing deportation.

New York Immigration Representation Study
Chair of Steering Committee, 2010 – 2012
Directing the first empirical study evaluating immigration representation crisis and developing though a joint venture of the Katzmann Study Group and the Vera Institute for Justice.

Immigration Freedom Fund & Bronx Freedom Fund, Bronx, NY
Cofounder and Board Member, 2008 – 2013
Developed and secured funding for a novel revolving bond fund for people in immigration detention and sit on the board of a fund that ides no-interest loans to help indigent individuals obtain pre-trial release and thereby allows them to fight their criminal cases and avoid the potentially devastating collateral consequences of pre-trial detention.

The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY
Soros Justice Fellow & Staff Attorney, 2002 –2005
Developed and ran an innovative in-house immigration project, integrating immigration expertise into the office's criminal practice. The project has become a permanent feature of The Bronx Defenders and has been replicated by others defender offices across the nation.

Immigrant Defense Project, New York State Defenders Association, New York, NY
Part-time Staff Attorney, 2002 –2004
Provided ongoing consultation and support to criminal attorneys, immigration attorneys, and affected individuals around the country seeking expert advice regarding the interplay between immigration and criminal law. Developed and instructed numerous trainings for criminal and immigration attorneys.

United States District Judge Frederic Block, EDNY, Brooklyn, NY
Law Clerk, 2001 –2002

SCHOLARSHIP

*Who Decides Who Gets Deported?, 7*8 FLA. L. REV. 87 (2026) (co-authored)

Rights of Immigration Detainees to Acute Medical Care, JAMA INTERNAL MEDICINE (Oct. 6, 2025) (co-authored)

Rethinking Immigration Enforcement, 73 FLA. L. REV. 1033 (2021)

Immigration Matters: Movements, Visions, and Strategies for a Progressive Future (The New Press, April 27, 2021), contributing chapter author

A New Paradigm for Humane and Effective Immigration Enforcement, Center for American Progress (Nov. 30, 2020)

After ICE: A New Humane & Effective Immigration Enforcement Paradigm, 55 WAKE FOREST L. REV. 89 (2020)

Abolish ICE ... and Then What?, 129 YALE L.J. FORUM 130 (2019)

Pardoning Immigrants, 93 N.Y.U. L. REV. 58 (2018) (co-authored)

Evaluation of the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project: Assessing the Impact of Legal Representation on Family and Community Unity, Vera Institute of Justice (Nov. 2017)

Prosecutorial Discretion Power at its Zenith: The Power to Protect Liberty, 97 B.U. L. REV. 489 (Mar. 2017)

Undocumented No More: The Power of State Citizenship, 67 STAN. L. REV. 869 (Apr. 2015)

Constitutional Venue, 66 FLA. L. REV. 1153 (May 2014)

Accessing Justice II: A Model for Providing Counsel to New York Immigrants in Removal Proceedings (Dec. 2012) (co-chaired study)

Accessing Justice: The Availability and Adequacy of Counsel in Removal Proceedings, 33 CARDOZO L. REV. 357 (Dec. 2011) (chaired study)

Secure Communities by the Numbers: An Analysis of Demographics and Due Process, Warren Institute of Law and Policy, U.C. Berkley (Oct. 2011)

Deportation is Different, 13 U. PENN. J. OF CONST. LAW 1299 (June 2011), excerpted in Global Issues in Immigration Law (West 2013).

Barriers to Representation for Detained Immigrants Facing Deportation: Varick Street Detention Facility, A Case Study, 78 FORDHAM L. REV. 101 (Nov. 2009).

Constitution on ICE: A Report on Immigration Home Raid Operations, Cardozo Immigration Justice Clinic (2009) (co-authored with students).

Protocol for the Development of a Public Defender Immigration Service Plan, New York State Defender Association & Immigrant Defense Project (2009).

Straddling the Criminal Civil Divide: A Bifurcated Approach to Understanding the Nature of

Immigration Removal Proceedings, 43 HARV. C.R.-C.L. L. REV. Vol. 289 (Summ. 2008), *reprinted in* IMMIGR. & NAT'LITY L. REV., Vol. 29 (2008).

A Judge's Guide to Immigration Law in Criminal Proceedings (ABA 2004). Authored chapter on pre-trial and trial phase immigration issues.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

NYC's Sanctuary Laws Help Defeat Crime, Opinion Editorial, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (Jan. 22, 2025)

Tribute to Judge Robert Katzmann, 75 N.Y.U. ANN. SURV. AM. L. 12, 12 (2020)

Trump Can't Stop the Sanctuary Movement, Opinion Editorial, N.Y. TIMES (Mar. 9, 2018)

Let Undocumented Immigrants Drive: Cuomo Can Act Right Now, Opinion Editorial, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (May 14, 2018)

Understanding What Makes Trump's Immigration Orders Truly Chilling, Opinion Editorial, N.Y. DAILY NEWS (Feb. 24, 2017)

Can Obama Pardon Millions of Immigrants?, Opinion Editorial, N.Y. TIMES (July 6, 2016)

4 Ways Cities and States Can Become Sanctuaries Now, Article, THE NATION (Dec. 5, 2016) (co-authored)

State Citizenship Is a National Solution to Immigration Reform, Room for Debate, N.Y. TIMES (Aug. 18, 2015)

Ending the Immigration Insanity, Opinion Editorial, HUFFINGTON POST (Nov. 24, 2014)

REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Asian Americans and the Great Writ: Habeas Corpus Yesterday abd Today, Featured Speaker, Fordham School of Law (Nov. 9, 2026)

National Immigration Habeas Institute Workshop, Organizer & Plenary Speaker*,* Cardozo School of Law (Oct. 16-17, 2025 & Nov. 9-10, 2026), UCLA School of Law (Jan. 29-30, 2026), Tulane School of Law (June 8-9, 2026), and Sturm College of Law (Sept. 28-29, 2026)

Crimmigration: Justice at the Crossroads, Featured Speaker, Federal Bar Council (Nov. 5, 2025)

The Future of Immigrant Rights, Panelist, Cardozo School of Law (Nov. 18, 2024)

Emerging Issues & Hot Topics: Laken Riley Act Deep Dive & Detained Immigrant Representation Impacts, Immigrant Justice Corps 10th Anaversary Conference, Moderator, Fordham School of Law (Nov. 13, 2024)

Exploring Opportunities to Leverage Devolved County Power to Support Refugee Integration, Organizer & Presenter, University of Nairobi Faculty of Law (July 13, 2023)

Looking Back and Looking Forward: Fifteen Years of Advancing Immigration Representation, Plenary Presentation, Fordham School of Law (Mar. 9, 2023)

A Tribute to Judge Robert Katzmann, Panelist, Federal Bar Council Inn of Court (Mar. 8, 2022)

Abolish ICE? What Does It Mean and What Is at Stake?, Plenary Panelist, The New School, Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility (Sept. 23, 2021)

In the Heights, Immigration Discussion, Moderator, Warner Brothers (May 17, 2021)

Restoring the Rule of Law Through a Fair, Humane and Workable Immigration System, Lecture, Bipartisan Policy Center (Dec. 16, 2020)

17th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference, Plenary Panelist*,* Migration Policy Institute (MPI)

& Georgetown University Law Center (Sept. 21, 2020)

Rethinking Immigration: Vision and Strategy for 2021 and Beyond, Plenary Panelist, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (May 1, 2020)

Dedication of the 75th Volume of the NYU Annual Survey of American Law to Chief Judge Robert A. Katzmann, Speaker, NYU School of Law, New York, NY (March 6, 2019)

A Decade of Advancing Immigrant Representation, Plenary Panelist, Fordham School of Law, New York, NY (May 8, 2018)

41st Annual Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Immigrant Advocacy in the Age of Trump, Workshop Co-Facilitator, AALS, Chicago, IL (May 1, 2018)

Redeeming the Pledge..."And Justice for All", Panelist, NYSBA, Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (Sept. 14, 2017).

Sixth Annual Law School Access to Justice Conference, Role of New York's Law Schools: Protecting Immigrants in Our Communities, Facilitator, St. John's University School of Law, New York, NY (May 18, 2017).

Seeking Sanctuary: Municipal Policy to Confront Mass Deportation and Criminalization, Panelist, NYC Council, Local Progress, Center for Popular Democracy, New York, NY (Mar. 28, 2017).

Protecting Immigrant Communities in the Age of Trump, Lecturer, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY (Feb. 13 2017).

Exploring Law School Thought Leadership and Impact on Access to Justice: Lessons from the United States, Keynote Address, Legal Education Foundation, London (Oct. 4, 2016).

Due Process and Access to Justice for Immigrants Conference, Plenary Speaker, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (Jan. 26, 2016).

Denver University Law Review Crimmigration Symposium, Speaker, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO (Feb. 6, 2015).

Realizing Justice: Expanding Access to Counsel for Immigrants in New York and Beyond, Symposium Organizer and Plenary Panel Moderator, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (Nov. 21, 2014).

15th Annual Legal Ethics and Professionalism Symposium, Don S. Browning Memorial Lecture and Keynote Address, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, GA (Nov. 14, 2014).

American Immigration Council Panel on Executive Immigration Power, Panelist, Fordham School of Law, New York, NY (Nov. 1, 2014).

Toward a Right to Appointed Counsel in Immigration Removal Proceedings, Presenter, Conference on Civil Right to Counsel, Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, ABA, New York, NY (Dec. 4, 2012).

Local Criminal Justice Actors in Immigration Enforcement, Plenary Session Speaker, Immigration Law Teachers Conference, Hofstra Law School, Hempstead, NY (June 1, 2012).

Innovative Approaches to Immigrant Representation: Exploring New Partnerships, Symposium Organizer and Plenary Panel Moderator, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (May 3, 2011).

Due Process in the Era of Mass Immigration Detention, Presenter, AALS Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA(Jan. 8, 2011).

FOIA Litigation: Law & Strategy, Lecturer, NYU School of Law, New York, NY (Jan. 29, 2010).

Debunking the Myths of Illegal Immigration, Moderator, Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY (Jan. 27, 2010).

Keeping Everyone Safe: Immigration and Law Enforcement on Long Island, Panelist, Touro School of Law, Central Islip, N.Y., (Dec. 2, 2009).

Overcoming Barriers to Immigrant Representation: Exploring Solutions, Plenary Session Speaker, Fordham School of Law, New York, N.Y., (Mar. 11, 2009).

The Long Line at the Golden Door, Panelist, Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY, (Mar. 3, 2009).

Providing Truly Effective Representation to Immigrant Defendants: Addressing the Immigration Consequences of Criminal Cases, Panelist, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association Annual Conference, Wash., D.C., (Nov. 20, 2008).

Immigration Enforcement and Local Policing, American Academy of Professional Law Enforcement*,* Featured Speaker, Westbury, NY, (Nov. 13, 2007).

Local Dimensions of Immigration: Challenges and Opportunities in Our Changing Communities, Lead Conference Organizer and Moderator, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, (Nov. 9, 2007).

New York – Hamburg integrationXchange, Immigration Panel, Panelist, German Consulate, New York, NY, (Oct. 31, 2007).

Civil Liberties and Race in U.S. Immigration Reform, Panelist, Columbia University School of Law, New York, NY, (Apr. 16, 2007).

The Trend Toward Local Enforcement of Immigration Laws, Lecturer, City University of New York School of Law, Queens, NY, (Mar. 22, 2007).

Current Issues in Deportation Defense, Presenter, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, New York, NY, (Nov. 1, 2005).

In-House Immigration Expert Training, Presenter, New York State Defender Association, Immigrant Defense Project, New York, NY, (Jun. 11-12, 2004).

Minimizing Immigration Consequences, Presenter, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, Seattle, WA, (Nov. 14, 2003).

Evaluating Criminal Records: The Collateral Consequences of Criminal Proceedings, Presenter, National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, Seattle, WA, (Nov. 13, 2003).

BAR ADMISSIONS

New York State ● Courts of Appeals for the Second, Fourth, Fifth and Ninth Circuits ● District Court for the Southern District of New York ● District Court for the Eastern District of New York