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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

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**University of Wyoming College of Law, Laramie, WY**

*Assistant Professor of Law*

August 2024

*Director, Civil Legal Services Clinic*

August 2024

Courses: Civil Legal Services Clinic, Professional Responsibility

**Rutgers Law School, Camden, NJ**

*Visiting Assistant Professor*

July 2022 – June 2024

*Director, Housing Advocacy Clinic*

July 2023 – June 2024

Courses: Housing Advocacy Clinic

Awards: Rutgers University Outstanding Service Award (Team Award, 2023)

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**OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

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**The Legal Aid Society**

May 2016 – June 2022

Civil Law Reform Unit, New York, NY

*Staff Attorney*

March 2020 – June 2022

Litigated claims related to source of income discrimination and state-wide tenant protections in New York State and federal courts. Engaged in legislative and policy advocacy for the passage and implementation of tenant protection measures at the New York State Legislature and the New York State Office of Court Administration. Provided technical assistance on the rights of residents of rental housing during the COVID-19 pandemic, including leading trainings and drafting practice memoranda for practitioners and other stakeholders on state and national eviction moratoria, rental assistance programs, and other issues related to tenants' rights. Delivered testimony to the New York City Council regarding the impact of the pandemic and corresponding shut-down measures on tenants in under-resourced communities.

**Housing Justice Unit-Group Advocacy, Brooklyn, NY**

*Staff Attorney*

May 2016 – February 2020

Represented tenant groups in New York courts in affirmative litigation brought to enforce tenants' rights to repairs and services. Provided legal advice and representation to tenants on issues of eviction defense, rent regulation, landlord harassment, and other housing matters. Engaged in motion practice and representation at trial. Collaborated with tenants and residents, and community partners, to develop and lead trainings and organize long-term tenant groups to address common concerns through collective action.

**New York Legal Assistance Group, Storm Response Unit, New York, NY**

*Staff Attorney*

August 2014 – May 2016

Provided direct legal services and administrative advocacy to New York residents affected by Superstorm Sandy within multiple civil practice areas on matters related to eligibility for disaster assistance benefits and recoupments, flood insurance claim disputes, and tenants' rights in storm-impacted housing. Worked with the grant program and City agencies to develop a legal counseling protocol for tenants displaced due to storm recovery construction. Represented tenants in holdover and nonpayment eviction proceedings, at pre- and post-judgment stages and at trial.

## EDUCATION

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### **Brooklyn Law School**, Juris Doctor, June 2012

Honors: Richardson Scholarship; Centennial Grant; Merit Scholarship; Gold Public Service Award.  
Activities: Art Law Society; National Lawyers Guild; Legal Association for Women.  
Internships: South Brooklyn Legal Services, HIV/AIDS Unit, Brooklyn, NY  
ACLU Voting Rights Project, Atlanta, GA  
Brennan Center for Justice, Democracy Program, New York, NY

### **State University of New York, at Binghamton**, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, December 2008

Activities: *Arc of a Cry* literary magazine; Binghamton Food Not Bombs.

## TEACHING & RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Clinical Teaching, Housing Law, Property, Poverty Law, Public Interest Law, Professional Responsibility.

## WRITTEN WORKS

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*Rent Deposit Requirements: A Civil Court Poll Tax*, 48 N.Y.U. Review of Law and Social Change (forthcoming 2024)

This article examines the historical underpinnings of and justifications for judicial rent deposit requirements, which predicate a tenant's ability to raise a habitability-related defense at trial on the tenant's ability to deposit with the court all funds allegedly owed to the plaintiff and argues that the requirements are functionally similar to a poll tax in placing an economic restraint on access to a democratic institution. It discusses the ways in which rent deposit requirements satisfy the underlying goals of eviction courts while undermining contemporary justice reform initiatives and the legitimacy of the courts. It proposes solutions for managing court dockets while allowing open access to the court.

*Illegal Lockouts: A Know-Your-Rights Guide for New Jersey Tenants* (2023)

## AMICUS BRIEF & LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

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Brief of Proposed Intervenor converted to Amici Curiae Brief, Housing Court Answers and Make the Road New York, in Opposition to Plaintiffs' Application for Preliminary Injunction, *Chrysafis v. Marks*, No. 21-cv-2516 (E.D.N.Y.) (authored)

Brief of Amici Curiae, Legal Services of NYC and the Legal Aid Society, in Opposition to Petitioner-Appellant's Appeal of Overcharge Order, In the Matter of the Application of 88-05 171 LLC v. NYS Division of Housing and Community Renewal, App Case No. 2020-00915 (N.Y. App. Div. 2d) (co-authored, sec. I, The Award of Compensatory Damages to Respondent Did Not Violate the U.S. Constitution)

Comments on *Housing Our Neighbors: A First Look at the Mayor's Housing Plan*, New York City Council, Committee on Housing and Buildings (July 2022) (co-authored, sec. IV, Emergency Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, sec. VIII, Health and Safety)

Testimony in Support of Intro. 1912-2020 (act to cease the execution of money judgments during the COVID-19 pandemic) and Intro. 1936-2020 (act to amend the definition of tenant harassment to include threats based on a person's impact by COVID-19), New York City Council, Committee on Housing and Buildings (Apr. 2020) (authored and delivered)

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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Living and Breathing Camden: On Housing and Environmental Justice

Invited Panelist, Racial Justice Summit 2024, Rutgers University (Sept. 2024)

Combatting Housing Discrimination

Moderator, Housing Justice Summit, Seton Hall University School of Law (Oct. 2023)

The Trick with Trauma: Building A Trauma-Centered Practice into Clinical Legal Education

Panelist, Mid-Atlantic Clinical Conference, George Washington University School of Law (Feb. 2023)

Introduction to the New Jersey Tenant Movement

New Jersey Housing Justice Fellowship Corp. (Oct. 2022)

Housing Justice & Community Lawyering

Community Summit Speaker Series, National Lawyers Guild, Rutgers Law School-Newark (Feb. 2021)

COVID-19 State and Federal Eviction Moratoria

Practicing Law Institute, New York, NY (Nov. 2020)

Legal Aid Society, New York, NY (Dec. 2020)

Community Voices Heard (Feb. 2021)

Introduction to New York City Housing Law

Brooklyn Health Consortium, NYU Langone Hospital, Brooklyn, NY (Sept. 2018)

Community Voices Heard, Brooklyn, NY (Jan. 2021)

Defending Against Major Capital Improvement Rent Increases

288-295 Maple Tenants Association, Brooklyn, NY (March 2018)

New York State Senator Zellnor Myrie, Brooklyn, NY (April 2018)

New York State Assemblymember Nick Perry, Brooklyn, NY (June 2019)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS**

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Clinical Legal Education Association, Member

National Lawyers Guild, New York City Chapter

Brooklyn Tenant Lawyers Network, Gender Justice Committee (founding member)

Association of Legal Aid Attorneys, UAW Local 2325, Alternate Middle Attorney Representative (2019-2021)

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

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State of New York (2013)

State of New Jersey (2022)

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2021)

United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2021)