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## EDUCATION

### **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAW SCHOOL J.D. 1980**

Chicago, Illinois

*University of Chicago Law Review*, associate editor

Mandel Legal Aid Clinic, student attorney

### **HARVARD (RADCLIFFE) COLLEGE A.B. 1975, cum laude**

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Social Studies, honors interdisciplinary program,

with emphasis on American history and literature

## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP

### **JUDGE JAMES L. OAKES**

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

Law Clerk

June 1980

- July 1981

## PROFESSIONAL LEGAL EXPERIENCE

### **UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE SCHOOL OF LAW**

Visiting Professor, 1987-1989

Assistant Professor, 1989-1995

Associate Professor, 1995-2007

Professor, 2007-present

Director of Legal Skills Program, 1987-1994

Subjects: Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II, Supreme Court Seminar,

Property, Child and Family, Adoption Law Seminar

Committee service includes: Search Committees (Law Dean (chair),

University Library Director), Admissions, Appointments (chair), Bar Passage Task Force,

Clinical Education, Dean's Advisory, Dean's Scholars (chair),

Educational Technology (chair), Law School Self-Study, Student Life (chair),

University Faculty Senate, University Middle States Self-Study (faculty chapter chair),

Faculty Development

July 1987

- present

### **UNIVERSITY OF BALTIMORE/UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

Faculty Member, Summer Abroad Program in Comparative Law

University of Aberdeen, Scotland

Subject: Comparative Family Law (team taught with Scottish faculty)

Summer 1998

January 1985           **JONES SCHOOL OF LAW**  
- June 1986           Montgomery, Alabama  
**AUBURN UNIVERSITY AT MONTGOMERY**

Adjunct faculty  
Subjects: Constitutional Law, Legal Methods, undergraduate Labor Law

Fall 1985               **MIND (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH)**  
London, England  
Lawyer volunteer for British national advocacy organization

November 1982       **FREE-LANCE EDITORIAL AND LEGAL WORK**  
- August 1986       Montgomery, Alabama  
Edited and wrote briefs, other legal documents, and non-legal material

September 1981      **LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION OF ALABAMA**  
- October 1982      Staff Attorney, managed Pike County and Crenshaw County offices

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Journal Articles**

*Adoption Consents: Legal Incentives for Best Practices*, 10 *Adoption Quarterly* 85 (2006).

*Legal Representation of Birth Parents and Adoptive Parents*, 9 *Adoption Quarterly* 73 (2006).

*Time to Decide? The Laws Governing Mothers' Consents to the Adoption of Their Newborn Infants*, 72 *Tenn. L. Rev.* 509 (2005)

*The Strange History of Adult Adoptee Access to Original Birth Records*, 5 *Adoption Quarterly* 63 (2001).

*The Idea of Adoption: An Inquiry into the History of Adult Adoptee Access to Birth Records*, 53 *Rutgers L. Rev.* 367-437 (2001).

(Excerpted in Naomi Cahn and Joan Heifetz Hollinger, eds., *Families By Law: An Adoption Reader* (N.Y.U. Press, 2004).) (Available in full on the Web site of the American Adoption Congress, [www.americanadoptioncongress.org](http://www.americanadoptioncongress.org).)

*Stories Out of School: Teaching the Case of Brown v. Voss*, 16 *Cardozo L. Rev.* 1445 (1995).  
(The subject of an extensive note in the widely used property law casebook, Jesse Dukeminier and James E. Krier, *Property* 839-41 (5<sup>th</sup> ed. 2002).)

*The Art of Line Drawing: Public Aid to Religiously Affiliated Child Care*, 69 *Ind. L.J.* 39 (1993).

## Other Publications

*Adoption*, Encyclopedia of Privacy (William G. Staples, ed., 2007).

*Birth Certificates*, Encyclopedia of Privacy (William G. Staples, ed., 2007).

*Mothers' Consents to Adoptions: "Best Practices" and State Laws*, Family Law: Balancing Interests and Pursuing Priorities (Lynn D. Wardle & Camille S. Williams, eds., 2007).

*Adoption With Contact Law Awaits Governor's Signature*, The Daily Record (Baltimore, Maryland), Apr. 22, 2005, Commentary section.

*Book Review: Adoption in America, Edited by Wayne E. Carp*, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, 35(1) (MIT Press, Summer 2004).

*Adult Adoptee Access to Original Birth Certificates*, Nota Bene, Fall 2002, 16.

*How Adoption in America Grew Secret*, Op-Ed, Wash. Post, Oct. 21, 2001, at B5.

(Reprinted in 19 Decree 11 (Fall 2002); Adoptive Families, January/February 2002, 17; and CUB Communicator, Winter 2001/2002, 26.)

*How Adoption in America Grew Secret*, Op-Ed, Wash. Post, Oct. 21, 2001, at B5. (Reprinted in 19 Decree 11 (Fall 2002); Adoptive Families, January/February 2002, 17; and CUB Communicator, Winter 2001/2002, 26.)

*Careful! Once You Start Teaching, You May Get Hooked*, 9 The Second Draft 7 (March 1994).

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2010 – present	Member, Advisory Council, American Adoption Congress
April 2010	Speaker on Plenary Panel <i>Secrecy and Policy</i> , Adoption: Secret Histories, Public Policies, M.I.T., Cambridge, Massachusetts
April 2009	Workshop presenter, <i>Law Reform Advocates, Birth Mothers</i> , Joint Convention of American Adoption Congress and Adoption Network Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio
May 2009	Legislative testimony, Rhode Island State Legislature, Senate Senate Health & Human Services Committee, Senate Bill 779 (access to adoption records), Providence, Rhode Island
2007 – present	Member, ACLU of Maryland Committee on Litigation and Legal Priorities

June 2008 Speaker on panel, *Birthmothers: Invisibility to Activism? Or Continuing Subordination?*, National Women's Studies Association, Cincinnati, Ohio

April 2008 Speaker on panel, *The Regulation of Adoption: Protecting Children and Families*, a conference for federal and state regulators, American University Washington College of Law

December 2007 Co-chair and participant, meeting on adoption law reform legislative priorities, Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, New York City

October 2007 Speaker on a panel on *Adoptee Access to Records, History, and Searches*, Adoption Ethics and Accountability," sponsored by the Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute and Ethica, Inc., Arlington, Virginia

February 2007 Speaker on panel, *UNmarried . . . With Children: Evaluating Legal Constraints and Social Judgments*, symposium at American University's Washington College of Law, Washington, D.C.

October 2006 - present Task force on adoption law reform, Evan B. Donaldson Adoption Institute, New York, New York

February 2006 Speaker on panel, *Preview of a Changing Supreme Court*, University of Baltimore School of Law

February 2006 Legislative testimony (oral and written), Maine State Legislature, Joint Judiciary Committee, L.D. 1805 (access to adoption records); Augusta, Maine

January 2006 Speaker and panel moderator, *Adoption: The Spiritual Journey for the Human Family* (conference sponsored by Spence-Chapin Adoption Services, American Adoption Congress, and Concerned United Birthparents), New York City

June 2005 Legislative testimony (oral and written), New Jersey State Legislature, Senate Health, Human Services, and Senior Citizens Committee, Senate Bill 1093 (access to adoption records); Trenton, New Jersey

April 2005 Speaker, day and evening sessions on how to prepare for the Bar Exam,

University of Baltimore School of Law

- May 2004 Speaker, *Locating Lost People, Past and Present*, Maryland Library Association 2004 Conference; Ocean City, Maryland
- April 2004 Legislative testimony (oral and written), New Hampshire State Legislature, House of Representatives Children and Family Law Committee, Senate Bill 335 (access to adoption records); Concord, New Hampshire
- April 2004 Workshop presenter, *The Laws Governing Birth Mothers' Consent*, American Adoption Congress Convention; Kansas City, Missouri
- March 2004 Legislative testimony (oral), Maryland General Assembly, House of Delegates Appropriations Committee, House Bill 1140 (state employees' labor and employment rights); Annapolis, Maryland
- March 2004 Legislative testimony (oral and written), Maryland General Assembly, House of Delegates Judiciary Committee, House Bill 882 (parental rights termination and adoption statutes); Annapolis, Maryland
- November 2003 Speaker, Family Law Association, *The History of Adoption Records Law*, University of Baltimore School of Law
- Spring 2003 Consultant to Maryland College of Art on adoption law history, and discussant for film series, in connection with *Everlasting*, a multimedia sound and video installation; Baltimore, Maryland
- May 2003 Speaker, *Shedding Light on Secrecy and Openness in Adoption* symposium; Richmond, Virginia
- April 2002 Workshop presenter, *The Real History of Birth Records Laws?*, American Adoption Congress convention; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania,
- 2001-present Consultant to state adoption law reform advocates (including California, Maine, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Virginia)
- 1998-2001 Committee member, American Bar Association Standing Committee on the Law Library of Congress; Washington, D.C.
- 1998 Consultant to Children's Defense Fund on Establishment Clause issues; Washington, D.C.
- 1996-2007 Committee member, American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland,

### Case Review Committee

- October 1996  
September 1997 Two-day program for Maryland judges on writing opinions, Maryland Judicial Institute; Annapolis, Maryland
- June 1996 Speaker, *The Idea of Adoption and the Uniform Adoption Act*, International Society of Family Law, North American Regional Conference; Quebec City, Quebec, Canada
- September 1995 Workshop on writing administrative law decisions, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Care Financing Administration, Provider Reimbursement Review Board; Baltimore, Maryland
- 1992-1998 Committee member, Maryland State Bar Litigation Section, Appellate Practice Committee
- 1992-1996 Legal and editorial consultant, National Organization for Women Legal Education and Defense Fund, New York City
- 1988-present Legal and editorial consulting, Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law; Washington, D.C. (formerly Mental Health Law Project)
- 1987-1988 Council member, Maryland Department of Human Resources, Interagency Child Care Council (drafting new child care regulations)

### AWARD

- 2004 “Angel in Adoption” Award, Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute of the U.S. Congress

<b>OTHER EMPLOYMENT</b>
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May 1976  
- June 1977 CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES  
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
Researcher and writer for consulting firm that specialized in  
microeconomic and econometric analysis

THE REAL PAPER and THE BOSTON PHOENIX  
Boston, Massachusetts  
Free-lance writer on the arts

August 1975                    DANVERS HERALD  
- April 1976                    (prize-winning suburban weekly newspaper)  
Danvers, Massachusetts  
Assistant editor, reporter, and photographer

<b>COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES</b>
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1998-2004	Committee member, Parent Advisory Committee for Math, Science, and Computer Science Magnet, Montgomery Blair High School, Montgomery County, Maryland
1999-2003	Volunteer (organizational consulting, fundraising, graphic design), D.C. Youth Orchestra Program, Washington, D.C.
1989-1997	Board member, Woodside Child Care Center, Silver Spring, Maryland (President, 1995-1997)
1988-1991	Board member, Temple Israel Pre-School, JCC of Greater Washington