

**ABRAMS, JAMIE R.**  
**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**University of Louisville Louis D. Brandeis School of Law, Louisville, KY**

*Professor of Law*, July 2012 – Present

*Associate Dean for Intellectual Life*, July 2018 – July 2020

*Co-Founder and Co-Director of Human Rights Advocacy Program*, 2014 – 2017

- Teach Torts I & II, Family Law, Legislation, and Women and the Law courses
- Co-director and co-founder of the Human Rights Advocacy Program overseeing student fellows conducting policy research and programming examining language access, educational access, health care access, and media rhetoric relating to the immigrant/non-citizen/refugee community (2014-2017)
- Advise student groups such as the Women’s Law Caucus and Parents Attending Law School
- Serve on committees such as Diversity, Experiential Learning, and Strategic Planning

**Visitor Appointments:**

- **University of Baltimore School of Law**, Baltimore, MD; Taught Family Law, Torts/Introduction to Lawyering Skills (2020-2021)
- **Georgetown University Law Center**, Washington, DC; Taught Legal Practice: Writing and Analysis; Law Fellow Seminar, Family Law II: Parent, Child, and State (2017–2018)
- **University of Turku School of Law**, Turku, Finland; Taught State Regulation of the Family (November 2014, March 2020)
- **University of Leeds School of Law**, Leeds, England; Visiting Scholar (June 2016)

**Teaching Awards and Recognitions:**

- Teacher of the Year Award Recipient (Louisville Law School Alumni Award, 2016)
- Graduation Hooding Professor (student-selected recognition, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015)
- Presidential Exemplary Multicultural Law Teaching Award Recipient (University of Louisville Award, 2014)
- LGBT Faculty Ally award nominee (University of Louisville, 2014)
- “Faculty Favorite” recognition (University of Louisville, numerous semesters)

**Hofstra University, Maurice A. Deane School of Law, Hempstead, NY**

*Visiting Faculty*, August 2010 – June 2012

- Taught Family Law, Legal Writing, and Appellate Advocacy courses

**American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC**

*Instructor; Research Coordinator*, August 2007 – July 2010

- Taught Sex-Based Discrimination, Legal Rhetoric I, Legal Rhetoric II
- Implemented an integrated curriculum grant by designing and spearheading an experimental learning simulation for all 1L courses
- Co-Recipient of the “Innovations in Teaching Award” for integrated curriculum project
- Designed a legal writing curriculum for Lawyer Re-Entry Program assisting experienced women attorneys returning to the job market
- Coordinated WCL’s legal research curriculum and assessment materials for 500+ 1Ls

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**LEGAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

**Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, Washington, DC**

*Litigation Associate, May 2004 – July 2007*

- Managed nationwide class action and individual claims involving accounting malpractice and breach of contract claims in federal and state courts
- Briefed issues of implied congressional intent under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and constitutional standing before the DC Circuit Court of Appeals
- Drafted summons responses and correspondence with state regulators, developed global legal defense strategy, monitored legislative developments, and conducted witness interviews for a large accounting firm
- Represented *pro bono* domestic violence survivors litigating civil protection orders and immigrant women seeking U visas, battered spouse waivers, VAWA relief, and asylum

**Beveridge & Diamond, P.C., Washington, DC**

*Litigation Associate, Summer 2001, September 2002 – May 2004*

- Defended clients involved in a criminal and civil investigation into corporate accounting practices, a high-ranking government employee charged with official misconduct, and a Fortune 100 company undergoing an environmental compliance internal investigation
- Represented corporate clients and task forces holding pesticide registrations and data rights by submitting written petitions and assisting with negotiations to defend data rights

**EDUCATION**

**Columbia University Law School, New York, NY**

*LL.M, James Kent Scholar (highest academic honors), May 2011*

- Course work emphasis in gender and sexuality law; writing projects focused on the tort claims of birthing women and the constitutional implications of masculinized citizenship

**American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC**

*J.D., Summa Cum Laude, May 2002*

- Top 3% of graduating class
- Mussey-Gillett Fellowship for academic merit and community involvement
- Dean's Highest-Grade Certificate in Torts
- *American University International Law Review* – Notes and Comments Editor
- Research assistant to Professor James Salzman and contributions acknowledged in HUNTER, SALZMAN, ZAELEKE, INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY (2d. ed. 2002)

**Indiana University, Bloomington, IN**

*B.A. in Criminal Justice and Political Science, Cum Laude, May 1999*

- Phi Beta Kappa; Golden Key National Honor Society; Blue Key National Honor Society; and Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honor Society
- Student Body Vice President (elected)
- Faculty Award for scholastic excellence; McKaig Stanton Award for student leadership

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**LEGAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**BOOKS**

- TORT LAW SIMULATIONS: BRIDGE TO PRACTICE SERIES (2020).
- FAMILY LAW SIMULATIONS: BRIDGE TO PRACTICE SERIES (forthcoming 2021).

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

- Feminist Pedagogy in Law Schools, in THE OXFORD HANDBOOK OF FEMINISM AND LAW IN THE UNITED STATES (Oxford University Press, Eds. Martha Chamallas, Verna Williams, and Deborah Brakke forthcoming 2020).
- *Commentary on Tarasoff v. California Board of Regents*, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS – TORTS (Martha Chamallas and Lucinda Findley eds., forthcoming 2020).
- *Commentary on Simeone v. Simeone*, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS – FAMILY LAW (R. Rebouché ed., 2020).
- *Is Domestic Violence Politicized Too Narrowly?* THE POLITICIZATION OF SAFETY (Jane Stoever ed., N.Y.U. Press 2019).
- KENTUCKY TORTS PRACTICE SERIES (Supp. 2018) (Supp. 2017) (Supp. 2016) (Supp. 2015).
- *Historical Commentary on Rostker v. Goldberg*, in FEMINIST JUDGMENTS (K. Stanchi, L. Berger, and B. Crawford eds., 2016).
- *Migrating and Mutating Masculinities in Institutional Law Reforms*, in EXPLORING MASCULINITIES: FEMINIST LEGAL THEORY REFLECTIONS, 145 (M. Fineman & M. Thomson eds., 2013).

**LAW REVIEWS AND JOURNALS**

- *The Language of Harm: What the Nassar Victim Impact Statements Reveal About Abuse and Accountability*, \_\_\_ UNIV. PITTSBURGH L. REV. \_\_\_ (forthcoming 2020) (co-author Amanda Potts).
- *Why the Legal Strategy of Exploiting Immigrant Families Should Worry Us All*, 14 HARVARD LAW & POL’Y REV. 101 (2020).
- *The Myth of Enforcing Borders Versus Enforcing Dominant Masculinities*, 56 Cal. Western L. Rev. 69 (2020) (Border Myths Symposium).
- *Citizen Soldiers and the Foundational Fusion of Masculinity, Citizenship, and Military Service*, 11 ConLawNOW 75 (2020) (co-authored with Nickole Durbin).
- *The Deconstructed Issue-Spotting Exam*, 68 J. LEGAL EDUC. 194 (Winter 2019).
- *The #MeToo Movement: A Feminist Invitation to Critique the Crisis Framing of Sexual Assault Responses*, 52 U. RICHMOND L. REV. 749 (2018).
- *Experiential Learning in the Era of Donald Trump*, 55 DUQUESNE L. REV. 75 (2017).
- *The Polarization of Reproductive Decision-Making and Parental Decision-Making*, 44 FLORIDA STATE L. REV. 1 (2017).
- *The Feminist Case for Acknowledging Women’s Acts of Violence*, 27 YALE J. LAW & FEMINISM 101 (2016).
- *Debunking the Myth of Universal Male Privilege*, 49 MICHIGAN J. L. REFORM 303 (2016) (lead article).
- *The Illusion of Autonomy in Women’s Medical Decision-Making*, 42 FLORIDA STATE L. REV. 17 (2015).

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- *Reframing the Socratic Method*, 64 J. LEGAL EDUC. 562 (2015).
- *Distorted and Diminished Tort Claims for Women*, 34 CARDOZO L. REV. 1955 (2013).
- *Enforcing Masculinities at the Borders*, 13 NEVADA L. J. 101 (2013).
- *From Barbarity to Regularity: A Comparative Case Study of “Unnecesarean” Malpractice Claims*, 63 SOUTH CAROLINA L. REV. 191 (2011).
- *Examining Entrenched Masculinities Within the Republican Government Tradition*, 114 WEST VIRGINIA L. REV. 165 (2011).
- *The Dual Purposes of the U Visa Thwarted in a Legislative Duel*, 19 ST. LOUIS UNIV. PUB. L. REV. 373 (2010).
- *A Synergistic Pedagogical Approach to First-Year Teaching*, 48 DUQ. L. REV. 423 (2010).
- *The Collateral Consequences of Masculinizing Violence*, 16 WILLIAM & MARY J. WOMEN & L. 703 (2010).
- *Banding Together: Reflections on the Role of the Women’s Bar Association of the District of Columbia and the Washington College of Law in Promoting Women’s Rights*, 4 MOD. AMER. 2 (Fall 2008) (co-author Daniela Kraiem).
- *Legal Protections for an Invisible Population: An Eligibility and Impact Analysis of U Visa Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence*, 4 MOD. AMER. 1 (Spring 2008).

**AMICUS BRIEFS**

- Signatory to “Brief for Constitutional Law Scholars as *Amici Curiae* in Support of Plaintiffs-Appellees and Affirmance” in *Preterm-Cleveland, et. al. v. Amy Acton*, No. 19-3329 (6th Cir. 2020).
- Signatory to “Brief for Amici Curiae Constitutional Law Scholars in *Little Rock Family Planning Services, et al v. Rutledge, et al.*, 19-2690 (8th Cir. 2020)” arguing that abortion bans in Mississippi and Arkansas are contrary to controlling Supreme Court precedent.
- Signatory to “Brief for Amici Curiae Family Law Professors in Support of Appellees in *Dvash-Banks v. U.S. Dep’t of State* (2019)” explaining that family law rules governing legal parentage in the United States are not solely based on biological relationships.
- Signatory to “Brief for Amici Curiae Torts Scholars in *June Medical Services LLC. (2019)*” arguing that factual causation principles were misapplied.
- Signatory to “Brief of *Amicus Curiae* by Thirty-Two Family Law Professors in Support of Petitioner” in *V.L. v. E.L.* before the United States Supreme Court arguing that Alabama’s refusal to recognize a Georgia adoption of a same sex couple undermines the finality of adoption judgments and jeopardizes the stability of adoptive families.
- Signatory to “Brief of Maryland Family Law Professors and Additional Family Law Professors as *Amicus Curiae*” in *Conover v. Conover* in the Maryland Court of Appeals (2015) arguing for the recognition of the parental status of a child born to a woman’s same sex partner from an anonymous donor.
- Co-author and supervisor of amicus brief filed in *Courier-Journal v. Cabinet for Health and Family Services* challenging the Cabinet’s compliance with child abuse fatality and near-fatality transparency requirements.
- Researching and drafting support provided in 6th Circuit marriage appeal of *Bourke v. Beshear* (KY); *DeBoer v. Snyder* (MI); *Tanco v. Haslam* (TN) (2014). Brief filed with family law scholars arguing that marriage equality is consistent with longstanding family law doctrine accepting non-biological forms of parentage and abandoning sex-based distinctions.

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- Signatory to amicus brief filed in *Hollingsworth v. Perry*, 133 S. Ct. 2652 (2013) with other family law and constitutional scholars arguing that the Court should also strike down the ban on same sex marriage because marriage is a fundamental right.
- Signatory to amicus brief in *Morgan v. Getter*, Case No. 2013-SC-000196-DE (2013). Brief filed with other KY professors of family law and children’s law arguing for an advocate-as-attorney interpretation of Guardian Ad Litem roles.

**WHITE PAPERS**

- *Noncitizen and Refugee Services in Kentucky*, Brandeis Human Rights Advocacy Program (2015).
- *Creating Pathways to Success for All*, Chair of Reporter’s Committee for the WBA Initiative on the Advancement and Retention of Women of Color (May 2008).
- *Creating Pathways to Success*, Reporter’s Committee for the WBA Initiative on the Advancement and Retention of Women (2006), available at <http://www.wbadc.org>.

**ENCYCLOPEDIAS**

- Contributor to MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE IN AMERICA: ISSUES, TRENDS, AND CONTROVERSIES, Entry on Child Support Calculations (ABC-CLIO forthcoming 2020) (co-author Nickole Durbin).
- Contributor to ENCYCLOPEDIA OF IMMIGRANT HEALTH, Entry on U Visa (Springer Science+Business Media 2012).

**LEGAL NEWS**

- *The Complexities of Effective Legal Responses to Intimate Partner Violence During Pregnancy*, LOUISVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION BAR BRIEFS (July 2018).
- *Modern Challenges for Military Families Require New Legal Solutions*, LOUISVILLE BAR ASSOCIATION BAR BRIEFS (July 2013).
- *The Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009 “Benefits” Women and Families*, WBA RAISING THE BAR (Spring 2009).

**COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

- Board Member of Traveling Players Ensemble Theater (2020-present).
- Board Member of the Kentucky Equal Justice Center (2013-2017).
- Secretary of the Women’s Bar Association of the District of Columbia (2009-2010).
- Awarded the WBA of the District of Columbia’s 2008 *Mussey-Gillett Shining Star Award* for co-authoring two white papers on the retention and advancement of women lawyers (2008).

**PRESENTATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP**

Paper Presentation of “*The Language of Harm: What the Nassar Victim Impact Statements Reveal About Abuse and Accountability*”

- Law & Society Annual Meeting, May 2020 (Denver, CO)
- Faculty Workshop, March 4, 2020 (University of Maryland Carey School of Law)
- Capital Area Family Law Scholars, Feb. 17, 2020 (Scholarly Workshop Hosted at Howard Law School)

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Paper Presentations of “*The #MeToo Movement: A Feminist Invitation to Critique the Crisis Framing of Sexual Assault Responses*”

- Applied Legal Storytelling Conference, July 2019 (University of Colorado).
- Law, Culture & Humanities Conference, March 2018 (Georgetown University Law Center).
- Legal Practice Scholars Workshop, November 2017 (Georgetown University Law Center).

Paper Presentations of “*Why the Legal Strategy of Exploiting Immigrant Families Should Worry Us All*”

- Law & Society Annual Meeting, May 2019 (Washington, DC)
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2019 (Chicago, IL).
- American Constitution Society Fourth Annual Constitutional Law Scholars Forum, March 2019 (Orlando, FL).
- American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, New Voices in Immigration Law Panel, January 2019 (New Orleans, LA).
- Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 2018 (Cardozo School of Law).

Paper Presentation of *From “Remember the Alamo” to “I Stand with Planned Parenthood”*

- Detroit Mercy School of Law Symposium on “Women and the Law,” March 2019 (Detroit, MI).

Paper Presentation of “*The Myth of Enforcing Borders Versus Enforcing Dominant Masculinities*”

- California Western Law Review Symposium on “Border Myths,” March 2019 (San Diego, CA).
- Rochester Institute of Technology Symposium on “The Uses and Abuses of History in the Trump Era,” March 2019 (Rochester, NY).

Paper Presentations of “*The Polarization of Reproductive and Parental Decision-Making*”

- American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting, January 2019 (New Orleans, LA).
- Family Law Scholars and Teachers Conference, June 2016 (Tulane University School of Law).
- International Society for Family Law North American Regional Conference, May 2016 (Moran, WY).

Paper Presentations of “*Experiential Learning in the Era of Donald Trump*”

- Society of American Law Teachers Conference: Legal Education for a Changing Society, October 2018 (Penn State Law).
- Duquesne University School of Law Fifth Colonial Frontier Legal Writing Conference: *Drafting Statutes and Rules: Pedagogy, Practice, and Politics*, December 2016 (Pittsburgh, PA).

Paper Presentations of “*The Feminist Case for Acknowledging Women’s Acts of Violence*”

- Law and Society Annual Meeting, June 2016 (New Orleans, LA).

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- Third Annual Junior TAU Workshop for Junior Scholars in Law, October 2015 (Tel Aviv University, Israel).
- From Scolds to Trolls: Social and Legal Responses to Visible and Audible Women, September 2015 (University of Lancaster, UK).
- Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers, June 2015 (Florida A&M University, Orlando, FL).

Paper Presentations of “*Debunking the Myth of Universal Male Privilege*”

- AALS Midyear Meeting on Next Generation Issues of Sex, Gender, and the Law, June 2015 (Orlando, FL).
- Law and Society Annual Meeting, June 2015 (Seattle, WA).
- Sixth Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference: Applied Feminism and Families, March 8, 2013 (University of Baltimore School of Law).

Paper Presentations of “*The Illusion of Autonomy in Women’s Medical Decision-Making*”

- Law and Society Annual Meeting, June 2014 (Minneapolis, MN).
- Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers, May 2014 (University of Minneapolis, MN).
- Midwest Political Science Association, April 2014 (Chicago, IL).
- Beyond Roe: Reproductive Justice in a Changing World, October 2013 (Rutgers-Camden School of Law).
- SEALS New Scholars Forum, August 2013 (Palm Beach, FL).
- Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers, June 2013 (Brooklyn Law School).
- Law and Society Annual Meeting, May 2013 (Boston, MA).

Paper Presentations of “*Enforcing Masculinities at the Borders*”

- Lavender Law Junior Scholars Forum, August 2013 (San Francisco, CA).
- Midwest Political Science Association, April 2013 (Chicago, IL).

Paper Presentations of “*Distorted and Diminished Tort Remedies for Birthing Women*”

- University of Kentucky Faculty Workshop, February 2013 (Lexington, KY).
- London Women’s Leadership Symposium, December 2012 (Oxford-Cambridge Club; London, England).
- Emerging Family Law Scholars, May 2012 (Fordham University School of Law).
- Law and Society Conference, June 2012 (Honolulu, Hawaii).
- New York Family Law Scholars, July 2011 (Cardozo Law School).
- Midwest Family Law Consortium, June 2011 (Michigan State Law School).

Paper Presentations of “*Enlisting the Nineteenth Amendment as a Modern Weapon for Political Equality*”

- Multidimensional Masculinities Colloquium, February 2011 (UNLV Boyd School of Law).

Paper Presentations of “*From ‘Barbarity’ to Regularity: A Case Study on the Unnecesarean Epidemic*”

- Northeast Regional Junior Faculty Workshop, February 2011 (Albany Law School).

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Paper Presentations of “*The Collateral Consequences of Masculinizing Violence*”

- LatCrit XIV Conference, October 2009 (American University Washington College of Law).
- Feminism, Law and Masculinity Feminist Legal Theory Workshop, September 2009 (Emory University School of Law).

Paper Presentations of “*The Dual Purposes of the U Visa Thwarted in a Legislative Duel*”

- Chapter Two: Once Upon a Legal Story, July 2009 (Lewis & Clark Law School).

Presentations About Legal Education Pedagogy

- Online Teaching Plenary, Family Law Teachers and Scholars, June 2020 (Brooklyn Law School, virtual).
- *The Deconstructed Issue-Spotting Exam*, AALS Annual Meeting, January 2020 (Washington, DC).
- *The Deconstructed Issue-Spotting Exam*, LWI One-Day Workshop, December 2018 (University of Louisville Brandeis School of Law).
- *The Deconstructed Issue-Spotting Exam*, Family Law Scholars and Teachers, June 2018 (Cardozo School of Law) (Teaching Plenary).
- *Reframing the Socratic Method*, AALS Mid-Year Family Law Meeting, June 2015 (Orlando, FL) (Teaching Plenary).
- *The Socratic Method Revisited*, LegalEd: Igniting Law Teaching, March 2014 (American University Washington College of Law).
- *Back to the Future: Using Historical Client Research to Train Family Law Practitioners*, Emerging Family Law Scholars and Teachers, June 2013 (Brooklyn Law School) (Teaching Plenary).
- *Integrated Inequality*, SALT Conference on Teaching Social Justice, Expanding Access to Justice: The Role of Legal Education and the Legal Profession, October 2012 (University of Maryland School of Law).
- *Integrating Skills and Substance in the First-Year*, Engendering Hope in the Legal Writing Classroom: Pedagogy, Curriculum, and Attitude, December 2009 (Duquesne University School of Law).
- *Shattering the Glass Wall Separating Skills and Substance*, Roundtable on Teaching Gender Inequality in Law School, Law and Society Annual Meeting, May 2009 (Denver, CO).
- *Building Coalitions to Extend and Strengthen the Bridge: The Relevance of Professional Development Diversity Initiatives to Legal Writing Instruction*, Writing and Legal Writing Teachers, Instructors, and Professors of Color and/or Progressive Orientation Conference, May 2008 (Howard University School of Law).

Select Presentations to Agencies and Community Organizations

- #PrepDAPP (Diverse Attorney Pipeline Program) Exam Writing Workshop (Summer 2020).
- “Reproductive Healthcare Access: Local and National Threats and Opportunities,” February 2020 (Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan, DC).
- “Reversing Roe” Screening Discussant, November 2018 (University of Louisville, KY).
- Back to the Future: The Impact of *Obergefell* on Family Law, April 2016 (University of Louisville, KY).



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- “Vessel” Screening Discussant, January 2016 (Louisville, KY).
- “Vessel” Screening Discussant, March 2016 (University of Louisville, KY).
- Cultural Competencies on Trial, November 2014 (University of Louisville; Louisville, KY).
- Marriage Equality in Kentucky, Kentucky Chapter of American Inn of Courts, March 2014 (Louisville, KY).
- Masculinities at War, Kentucky Domestic Violence Association Conference, December 2013 (Louisville, KY).
- Advancement of Women in Federal Government, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Workgroup, April 28, 2010 (EEOC; Washington, DC) (Co-Presenter).