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**EDUCATION:** **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, Massachusetts.  
Master of Laws (L.L.M.), 1998.

**Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, Massachusetts.  
Juris Doctor, *magna cum laude*, 1989.  
Director of Trial Operations, Harvard Defenders.

**Franklin and Marshall College**, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.  
Bachelor of Arts, *magna cum laude*, 1985.  
*Phi Beta Kappa*, *Mu Upsilon Sigma* (music honor society), *Pi Gamma Mu* (social sciences honor society).

**WORK  
EXPERIENCE:**

March 2020 to Present **Klinedinst, P.C.**, San Diego, California.  
Represent clients in defense of legal malpractice, state bar discipline, judicial performance, and other civil litigation matters.

November 2019 to February 2020 **Law Office of Steven Berenson**, San Diego, California.  
Freelance legal practice in a wide range of areas.

August 2019 to November 2019 **Antonyan Miranda**, San Diego, California.  
**Senior Associate Attorney**  
Private Family Law practice.

June 2002 to July 2019 **Thomas Jefferson School of Law**, San Diego, California.  
**Professor of Law. Director, Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic.**  
Courses taught include Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic, Professional Responsibility, Family Law, Elder Law, Remedies, and Legal Research and Writing. Chairperson and member of many important faculty committees. Faculty advisor to school's Family Law Society and Student Veterans Association.

August 1998 to May 2002 **Shepard Broad Law Center**, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.  
**Associate Professor of Law.**  
Courses taught include Professional Responsibility, Children and Family Law Clinic, Elder Law, and Lawyering Skills and Values I and II. Faculty Advisor

to school's chapter of the American Trial Lawyers Association.

January 1996 to  
December 1997      **Harvard Law School**, Cambridge, Massachusetts.  
**Teaching Fellow in the Lawyering Program.**  
Taught two sections each year in first-year elective, non-litigation lawyering skills course, while pursuing L.L.M. degree.

September 1990 to  
December 1995      **Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General**, Boston, Massachusetts.  
**Assistant Attorney General**, Government and Public Protection Bureaus.  
September 1990 to August 1993 - represented state governmental entities in all aspects of litigation in federal and state courts at all levels. August 1993 to December 1995 - conducted investigations and initiated large-scale enforcement proceedings under state consumer protection act.

January 1993 to  
April 1993      **National Association of Attorneys General**, Washington, D.C.  
**Supreme Court Fellow.**  
Worked with state attorneys general on matters pending before the United States Supreme Court by providing research assistance, logistical support and moot court arguments. Edited and contributed to Supreme Court and State Constitutional Law Bulletins. Published research monograph.

September 1989 to  
August 1990      **Massachusetts Appeals Court**, Boston, Massachusetts.  
**Law Clerk** to the Honorable Justice Edith W. Fine.

**OTHER  
EXPERIENCE:**

November 2019 to  
Present      **San Diego County Bar Association, Legal Ethics Committee**  
Draft ethics opinions, staff legal ethics hotline, write articles on legal ethics topics.

Summer 2014 to  
Present      **San Diego Superior Court**, San Diego, CA.  
**Pro Tem Judge.**  
Serve as a temporary judge hearing matters in Small Claims and Traffic Court Departments.

Fall 2006 to  
Present      **San Diego Bar Association Fee Arbitration Program**, San Diego, CA.  
**Volunteer Fee Dispute Arbitrator.**

Spring 2016 to  
Present      **American Bar Association, Military Pro Bono Network**, Washington, DC.  
Pro bono attorney for active duty service members needing legal representation.

Fall 2002 to  
2006      **San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program**, San Diego, California.  
Represented indigent clients in family law matters.

Fall 1999 to Spring 2002 **Broward Lawyers Care**, Ft. Lauderdale Florida.  
Represented indigent clients in family law matters.

Summer 1995 **Practicing Attorney Supervisor**, Northeastern University Law School.  
Supervised students working in domestic violence clinical program based at Boston City Hospital emergency room.

Winter 1994 **Partnership Among Lawyers and Students**, Boston, Massachusetts.  
Taught monthly classes about law to junior high school students in urban public school in conjunction with bar association program.

**PUBLISHED WRITINGS:**

Books: Judicial Ethics and Conduct (2019, The Center for Computer Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI)).

Family Law: Doctrine and Practice (2017, Carolina Academic Press).

Family Law Litigation (2017, Carolina Academic Press).

Articles: The Real Social Security Disability Fraud(s), 9 DePaul Journal for Social Justice 93 (2016).

A Legal Conversation With Professor Steven Berenson, 9 Univ. of Mass. L. Rev. 444 (2014).

From the Ashes of the Lawyer-Statesman Rises the Lawyer-Democrat: Practical Wisdom From the Ground Up, 2014 J. of the Prof. Law. 17.

Economic Windfalls and Child Support: How Should Gifts, Inheritances, and Prizes be Counted?, 47 Suffolk L. Rev. 701 (2014).

Preparing Law Students for Advocacy in Poor People’s Courts, 43 New Mexico L. Rev. 363 (2013).

The Elkins Legislation: Will California Change Family Law Again?, 15 Chapman L. Rev. 443 (2012).

Homeless Veterans and Child Support, 45 Family L.Q. 173 (2011).

Should Cohabitation Matter in Family Law?, 13 J. L. & Fam. Studies 289 (2011).

Home Court Advantage Revisited: Interstate Modification of Child Support

Orders Under UIFSA and FFCCSOA, 45 Gonzaga L. Rev. 479 (2009/10) (reprinted in Minnesota Family Law Journal).

Empowerment, Innovation, and Service: Law School Programs Provide Access to Justice and Instill a Commitment to Serve, 48 Fam. Ct. Rev. 672 (2010) (co-authored piece).

Legal Services for Struggling Veterans: Then and Now, 30 Hamline J. Public L. & Pol'y 101 (2009).

Government Lawyer as Cause Lawyer: A Study of Three High Profile Government Lawsuits, 86 Denver L. Rev. 457 (2009).

Passion Is No Ordinary Word, 71 Alb. L. Rev. 165 (2008) (reviewing Russell G. Pearce, Brian Danitz, & Romelia S. Leach, Revitalizing the Lawyer-Poet: What Lawyers Can Learn from Rock and Roll (2006)).

Educating Millennial Law Students for Public Obligation, 1 Charlotte L. Rev. 51 (2008).

A Primer for New Civil Law Clinic Students: The History and Development of Legal Aid and Clinical Legal Education in America and Common Issues That Have Arisen, 38 McGeorge L. Rev. 603 (2007) (reprinted in Legal Education: New Horizons (P.L. Jayanthi Reddy, ed. 2008)).

Institutional Professionalism for Lawyers: Realizing the Virtues of Civic Professionalism, 109 W. Va. L. Rev. 67 (2006) (reviewing William M. Sullivan, Work and Integrity (2d ed. 2005)).

Hard Bargaining on Behalf of the Government Tortfeasor: A Study in Government Lawyer Ethics, 56 Case W. Res. L. Rev. 345 (2005).

A Cloak for the Bare: In Support of Allowing Prospective Malpractice Liability Waivers in Certain Pro Bono Cases, 29 J. Legal Prof. 1 (2004-05).

What Should Law School Conduct Codes Do?, 38 Akron L. Rev. 803 (2005).

The Duty Defined: Specific Obligations that Follow from Civil Government Lawyers' General Duty to Serve the Public Interest, 42 Brandeis L. J. 13 (2003).

Is it Time for Lawyer Profiles?, 70 Fordham L. Rev. 645 (2001).

A Family Law Residency Program?: A Modest Proposal in Response to the Challenge Presented by Self-Represented Litigants in Family Court, 33 Rutgers L. J. 105 (2001) (reprinted in Resolving Family Conflicts (Jana B.

Singer & Jane C. Murphy, eds. 2008).

Public Lawyers, Private Values: Can, Should, and Will Government Attorneys Serve the Public Interest?, 41 B. C. L. Rev. 789 (2000).

Politics and Plurality in a Lawyer's Choice of Clients: The Case of Stropnick v. Nathanson, 35 San Diego L. Rev.1 (1998).

Can We Talk?: Impediments to Intergenerational Dialogue and Practice in Law School Elder Law Clinics, 6 Elder L. J. 185 (1998).

Book Reviews:

Book Review of Raymond F. Gregory, Age Discrimination in the American Workplace: Old at a Young Age, 27 The Legal Studies Forum 479 (2003).

Book Review of John C. Anderson, Why Lawyers Derail Justice, 23 The Legal Studies Forum 585 (1999).

Book Review of We Dissent (Michael Avery Ed.), 50 Am. J. Legal History 101 (2008-10).

Other

Publications:

California Should Adopt the Uniform Bar Exam and the Model Rules of Professional Conduct, The Daily Journal, May 13, 2015, at 1.

Family Law Chapter, Servicemember and Veterans Rights (LexisNexis 2011) (with Lindsey Olson).

Not All Political Lies are Crimes, The Daily Journal, June 14, 2011, at 1.

The Movement Toward Veterans Courts, 44 Clearinghouse Rev. 37 (May-June 2010).

Issues Raised by Military Service in the Context of Family Law Cases, 43 Clearinghouse Rev. 220 (Sept.-Oct. 2009) (with Angela Anderson).

Lawyers Club of San Diego, Report of the Balance Campaign: Creating Workplace Solutions for Women Attorneys, 28 Thomas Jeff. L. Rev. 449 (2006).

AALS Annual Meeting, Joint Program of the Clinical and Aging and the Law Sections: Interviewing and Counseling in Context: Older Clients, 8 T.M. Cooley J. Prac. & Clinical L. 179 (2005) (transcript of proceedings).

Hiding Behind Attorney Neutrality, San Diego Union Tribune, July 22, 2005, at B9.

Remarks on Behalf of the New Inductees to the Florida Bar, Fourth District Court of Appeal, October 4, 1999, 24 Nova L. Rev. xi (1999).

Retroactivity in Habeas Corpus Cases Since *Teage v. Lane* (National Association of Attorneys General 1993).

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Orange County Bar Association, Family Law Section and Veterans and Military Committee, Veterans and Family Law Issues (Orange, CA, April 2017).

ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, Anti-Poverty Community Roundtable, (San Diego, February 2016)

PATH (People Assisting the Homeless), Veterans Alumni Club Dinner (San Diego, October 2015)

Hot Topics in Legal Ethics, MCLE Class, Thomas Jefferson School of Law (San Diego, October 2015)

Marine Corps Defense Services Organization, Camp Pendleton (San Diego, May 2015)

Fair Housing Issues for Veterans, 22nd Annual Fair Housing Laws & Litigation Conference (San Diego, CA, February 2015)

Fair Housing Issues for Veterans, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Laws & Litigation Conference (San Diego, CA, February 2013)

ABA Health Law Section, Emerging Issues in Healthcare Law, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Network Workshop (San Diego, CA, February 2012)

Helping Members of the Military: Using Collaboration to Address the Complex Needs of Service Members and Veterans – Beyond the Bench 21 (sponsored by the California Administrative Office of Courts) (San Francisco, CA, December 2011)

Helping the Military Member: Representation of Active Duty Service Members Under the SCRA, Collaboration for Homelessness Prevention and Outreach to Homeless Veterans – AB 1058 Child Support Training Conference (San Diego, CA, September 2011)

Rules Reform: Recent and Proposed Changes to the ABA Model Rules and California Rules of Professional Conduct (Foothills Bar Association, January 2011, Thomas Jefferson School of Law October 2010)

Veterans' Clinics Affinity Group, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (Cleveland, OH, May 2009)

Domestic Violence Issues for Returning Veterans, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Women and the Law Conference (Thomas Jefferson School of Law, February 2009)

Fair Housing Issues for Veterans, 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair Housing Laws & Litigation Conference (San Diego, CA, February 2009)

Government Lawyer as Cause Lawyer, Works-In-Progress Presentation, AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education (Tucson, AZ, May 2008)

A Progressive View of the Role of the City Attorney, American Constitution Society (San Diego, CA, January 2008)

Legal Ethics Goes to the Movies, North County Bar Association, (Vista, CA, Jan. 2008)

Can't We All Get Along? Civility in Litigation (with Prof. Jeff Joseph), Thomas Jefferson School of Law (San Diego, CA, April 2007)

Community Collaborations in Clinical Legal Education, Mountain West Regional Clinical Conference (Univ. Nevada-Las Vegas, Nov. 2006).

Leaping from the Peer: Peer Review in Action, Legal Writing Institute Biennial Conference (Atlanta, Ga., June 2006)

Hot Topics in Legal Ethics, Thomas Jefferson School of Law (San Diego, May 2006)

American Trucking Association Litigation Center, Forum for Motor Carrier General Counsels: Avoiding Ethical Blowouts (San Diego, July 2005).

AALS Annual Meeting, Joint Program of the Clinical and Aging and the Law Sections: Interviewing and Counseling in Context: Older Clients (San Francisco, January 2005).

Thomas Jefferson School of Law, 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion: Ethics in High Profile Cases (San Diego, October 2004).

U.C. Hastings Public Law Research Institute and the California League of Cities: Public Lawyers and the Public Interest: Do Local Government Lawyers

Have Special Ethical Obligations? (San Francisco, September 2002).

State of Israel Bonds, Annual Accountants and Attorneys Program, Legal Ethics (Ft. Lauderdale, June 2001).

State of Israel Bonds, Annual Accountants and Attorneys Program, Legal Ethics (Ft. Lauderdale, June 2000).

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**MEMBERSHIPS:** California, Florida, Massachusetts, U.S. Supreme Court, First Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S.D.C. Massachusetts, U.S.D.C. S.D. CA., U.S. Bankruptcy Court, S.D.CA, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.