

CURRICULUM VITAE
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ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW

Associate Dean of Clinical and Experiential Education	June 1, 2011 to Present
Director, Office of Clinical Legal Education	June 1, 2011 to Present
Professor of Law	August 2002 to Present
Associate Professor	August 1995 to July 2002
Assistant Professor	August 1993 to July 1995
Visiting Assistant Professor	October 1989 to July 1993
Community Development Law Clinic Director	October 1989 to Present
- Supervision of students on cases involving community economic development and affordable housing development. Representation of clients in matters of corporate, real estate, business, contract and tax law.	
- Teaching of weekly seminars on substantive areas of law related to casework, economic justice, and lawyering skills.	

Other courses: Not-for-Profit Organizations Law; Animal Law; Introduction to Legal Practice

Acting Director	Spring semester, 2002
Office of Clinical Legal Education	July 1993 to July 1994

EDUCATION

- State University of New York at Buffalo
Faculty of Law and Jurisprudence
Juris Doctor Degree - June 1, 1980
- Eisenhower College (of Rochester Institute of Technology)
Seneca Falls, New York
Bachelor of Arts Degree - January 1977
Magna Cum Laude

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

LEGAL SERVICES OF CENTRAL NEW YORK, INC. July 1984 to October 1989

Syracuse, New York 13202

Housing Attorney and Housing Unit Coordinator

Legal Services of Central New York (continued)

Low-Income Housing Development

- Representation of tenants' associations in funding and forming limited equity cooperatives
- Work with neighborhood preservation companies and housing organizations in housing development and community education
- Legal counsel to local Coalition for Effective Code Enforcement (Chairperson from April 1989 to October 1990)

Litigation

- Representation of tenants being evicted from private and public/subsidized housing
- Plaintiff representation in actions based on due process rights of tenants in government-subsidized housing (federal and state), the warranty of habitability and illegal evictions

Education

- Participated as trainer in half-day and full-day workshops held by the Greater Upstate Law Project
- Community workshops and symposia on tenants' rights and landlord/tenant law

HERSHA AND ALLAN LAW OFFICES

September 1983 to April 1984

Camillus, New York 13031

Associate attorney for Robert Allan, Esq.

- Worked in general practice

FRIENDS OF ANIMALS, INC.

November 1980 to July 1983

Legal Counsel; Vice President, National Organization; Director, New York Chapter

- Federal and state litigation under national wildlife and environmental laws and state animal cruelty statutes
- Administrative adjudicatory, legislative and regulatory hearings before the EPA, Department of Commerce, Department of Interior and State Department of Environmental Conservation
- Lobbying of state and municipal governments for passage of animal rights and environmental legislation
- Director of New York Chapter – priority-setting; office and personnel management and budgetary decisions

LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO, NEW YORK

August 1978 to May 1980

Buffalo, New York

Law Clerk, Civil Division

CREATIVE WORK

Books:

Community Economic Development Law: A Text for Engaged Learning, Carolina Academic Press, 2012; co-authors Susan Bennett, Brenda Bratton Blom, Louise Howells and Deborah Kenn.

Deborah Kenn, *Lawyering from the Heart*, Aspen Publishers 2009.

Funding Affordable Housing: Sources and Ideas, editor, published by the Center for Education and Development of Affordable Residences, Ltd., May 1991.

Book Chapters:

Deborah Kenn, *Community Development Law and Legal Education*, in Academic Entrepreneurship and Community Engagement: Scholarship in Action and the Syracuse Miracle 61, (Bruce Kingma ed., Edward Elgar Publishers, 2011).

Deborah Kenn, *Monitoring and Enforcement of Regulatory Agreements*, in The ABA Legal Guide to Affordable Housing Development 391, (Tim Iglesias and Rochelle E. Lento eds., 2nd ed., 2011).

Law Review/Law Journal Articles:

Across the Continents: Engaging and Questioning Community (*with* Jayshree Thakrar & Gary Minkley), 13 *Comp. Soc.* 773 (2014).

Annotated Bibliography of Affordable Housing and Community Economic Development Law, 13 *J. Affordable Housing and Community Dev. L.* 334 (spring 2004). (update to 1998 bibliography; co-authors Lauren Breen, Louise Howells, and Susan R. Jones).

Housing Choice Case Studies: The Twin Cities Region in Minnesota and City of Rochester/Monroe County, New York , 11 *J. Affordable Housing and Community Dev. Law* 303 (2002).

Institutionalized, Legal Racism: Housing Segregation and Beyond, 11 *Boston University Public Interest L. J.* 35 (2001).

Forum Sponsors Symposium on HUD Enforcement, 8 *J. Affordable Housing & Community Dev. L.* 98 (1998). (co-author: Susan R. Jones).

An Annotated Bibliography of Affordable Housing and Community Economic Development Law, 7 *J. Affordable Housing and Community Dev. L.* 340 (Summer 1998). (co-author: Susan R. Jones).

One Nation's Dream, Another's Reality: Housing Justice in Sweden, XXII *Brooklyn J. International L.* 63 (1996).

Paradise Unfound: The American Dream of Housing Justice for All, 5 *Boston University Public Interest L. J.* 69 (1995).

Fighting the Housing Crisis with Underachieving Programs: The Problem with Section 8, 44 *J. of Urban and Contemporary L.* 77 (1993).

"The First Time Homebuyers' Guide," editor, commissioned by the Real Estate Committee of the Onondaga County Bar Association.

"Landlord/Tenant Law Pleadings Manual," co-authored with Michael Hanley, published by Legal Services of Central New York, April 1987. Republished in September 1991 by the Onondaga County Bar Association, Volunteer Lawyers' Project.

RECENT PRESENTATIONS

January 2011, Indiana University Maurer School of Law, 1L workshop facilitation on client representation, overcoming fear, instilling trust.

April 2011, New York Law School, Clinical Theory Workshop, presented on Community Economic Development Law textbook.

November 2011, University of Fort Hare, South Africa, conference on The Changing Role of South African Universities in Development, presented on The Role of the Lawyer and Legal Education in Community Development.

March 2012, Syracuse University, Summit for Supporting Student Start-ups, Legal Education panel.

March 2012, 2012 Upstate Cooperatives Summit: Building Our Economic Future, How to Legally Start a Cooperative.

May 2012 (invited), AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, workshop co-presenter on "Community, Collaboration, and Narrative."

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

-Faculty Advisor: Syracuse Public Interest Network (SPIN)

-Lead Conference Organizer: *Exploring Solutions to Poverty: A Global Perspective Through the Local Community Lens*, College of Law, October, 2008.

-Lead Conference Organizer: *The Road Less Traveled: Paving a Path To Satisfying Legal Careers Away from the Law Firm Highway*, College of Law, October, 2009 and October 2010.

-Lead Editor, SSRN, Housing and Community Development Law.

-Co-editor with Dean Hannah Arterian, SSRN, Animal Law

-Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Affordable Housing & Community Development Law*, 1998 to present.

-Recipient of "Cross Campus Entrepreneurial Leadership Award" Spring 2011, Whitman School of Management.

-Co-Chair, American Bar Association Forum of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law, Practice Division on Legal Education, 1997 to 1999 (member presently).

-Member, American Association of Law Schools, Section on Clinical Legal Education, 1989 to present.

-Member, Clinical Legal Education Association

-Member, Society of American Law Teachers

-Elected representative to the University Senate, 2002 to 2007.

-Director, Center for Education and Development of Affordable Residences, Inc. 1990 to 2000.

-Member, Coalition for Effective Code Enforcement, Syracuse, NY, 1985 to 1995.

-Advisory Board Member, Alternative Effort Center of CNY, Inc., 1997 to 1999.

-Mayoral appointee to the City of Syracuse Community Dev. Advisory Council, 1989 to 1992.

-Onondaga County Bar Association, Pro Bono Consortium, 1995 to 1997.

-Trainer of *pro bono* attorneys for the Onondaga Cy Bar Assoc., Volunteer Lawyers' Proj., 1991.

BAR MEMBERSHIP

Supreme Court of the State of New York, Appellate Division, Fourth Department

United States District Court for the Northern District of New York

United States District Court for the Southern District of New York