

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of California at Davis, King Hall, School of Law, Juris Doctor(J.D.), 1981
University of California at Santa Barbara, Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) (Italian), 1974

Legal, Policy Advocacy and Law Training Experience

Admitted to the practice of law, California State Bar Association (1981) and U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California

Multiforum Advocacy Solutions (MAS). December 2000 - present

Founder and Principal of successful small law firm providing policy analysis, technical assistance and training, legislative and administrative advocacy and litigation at the federal, state and local levels on health, public benefits, and related issues affecting low-income families and medically indigent adults.

- Represent and advise clients in sponsoring major California health care legislation and engaging in federal legislative and administrative advocacy on behalf of low-income consumers.
- Act as lead counsel in statewide actions to enforce health care rights.
- Provide training and technical assistance to community-based organizations on health care rights.
- Grant-writing assistance.

Major clients have included:

Alameda Health Consortium
California Association of Alcohol and Drug
Program Directors
California Dental Health Foundation
The California Healthcare Foundation
The California Partnership
California Primary Care Association
California School Health Centers Association
California Women, Infants and Children
Association

Children's Advocacy Institute and Public Interest
Law Center of the University of San Diego
The Hemophilia Council of Northern California
The Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation
Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured
L.A. Health Action
Maternal and Child Health Access
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California
UCLA Center for Health Policy Research

Fulbright Specialist, Kigali, Rwanda. 2006 - 2010

Legal Consultant. Working with Rwandan Law Schools and Women's Equity in Access to Care and Treatment (WE-ACTx), design and integrate community legal education and advocacy programs into WE-ACTx's health clinics, whose mission is to deliver health care and other community programs to HIV-positive women survivors of the 1994 Rwanda genocide and rape. Provide ongoing technical assistance to the Legal Project Director in Kigali. Yearly site visits to Rwanda.

Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA. 2001 - 2003

Special Projects (part time). Health care, mental health and welfare benefits for incarcerated parents and their families and economic independence for formerly incarcerated parents.

National Center for Youth Law, Oakland, CA. February 1998 - November 2000

Staff attorney. Successfully sponsored major health care legislation and provided support to Legal Services and other non-profit organizations on federal and state health issues affecting low-income children, youth and families.

Western Center on Law and Poverty, Sacramento, CA. March 1995 - January 1998

Staff attorney. Advocated on all aspects of the California legislative process affecting health care for low-income families with children and medically indigent adults. Successfully sponsored major health care legislation. Lead counsel in statewide class action that preserved Medi-Cal pregnancy-related benefits for undocumented women after welfare reform.

University of Namibia, Windhoek, Namibia. January - December 1994

Fulbright lecturer and researcher, Human Rights and Documentation Centre (HRDC) of the Law Faculty and assistant to the HRDC Director. Within a coordinated national effort, worked to establish the HRDC at the University of Namibia, repeal apartheid-era legislation, and draft comprehensive new child welfare laws. With the HRDC and Namibian NGOs, designed and taught law seminars for educators, isolated rural villages and other communities, and prison and police personnel on broad range of human rights. Provided grant-writing and other technical and administrative expertise to HRDC.

Legal Services of Northern California, Butte Regional Office. 1983 - 1993

Senior Attorney. In the area of health, welfare, housing and immigrants' and migrants' rights, conducted litigation in state and federal court, conducted research, provided community legal education and training. Coordinated community efforts to identify root causes of rural poverty and implemented strategies for combating them. Supervised paralegals and student interns; mentored new attorneys.

California State University, Chico, California. 1986-87 and 1988-89 Academic Years

Lecturer. Courses taught: *The Law of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties* and *Law and the Disadvantaged*

Other Advocacy Experience: Court Appointed Special Advocate for foster youth, S.F. (2012-15); S.F. 10- Year Plan Implementation Council to End Chronic Homelessness (2007-08); Pro bono political asylum cases, Central America (1997), Africa (2001).

Awards: Public Interest Law Award, UC Davis, King Hall, School of Law, 2002; California State Assembly Resolution No. 3096, October 2001, by Assemblymember Keith Richman, M.D. (Republican) and Senator Liz Figueroa (Democrat) for "exemplary record of service. . . and extraordinary amount of policy and strategic support" in health care.

Languages: Fluent in Italian; read French, Spanish; some spoken French, Spanish

