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EDUCATION

J.D. University of Chicago Law School, June 1974.

B.A. Case Western Reserve University, June 1971, magna cum laude. Phi Beta Kappa.
Full tuition scholarship for four years. Nomination to Woodrow Wilson Fellowship.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Professor of Law, Michigan State University College of Law, 447 Law College Building, East Lansing, Michigan 48824-1300. 1993 to date.

Teaching Evidence, Constitutional Law, International Human Rights Law, and Jurisprudence.

Founding Director, Lori E. Talsky Center for Human Rights of Women and Children, Michigan State University College of Law. Jan. 1, 2012 to Dec. 31, 2018.

Associate Professor of Law, Detroit College of Law, 130 East Elizabeth Street, Detroit, Michigan 48201. 1989-93.

Teaching Evidence, Law and Education, Constitutional Law, and Contracts.

Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Detroit College of Law, 130 East Elizabeth Street, Detroit, Michigan 48201. 1988-89.

Teaching Evidence, Law and Education, and Contracts.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE (continued):

Associate Counsel, Board of Education of the City of New York, Office of Legal Services, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, New York 11201. 1981 to 1987.

Advising the Chancellor's office and departmental executive directors on a wide range of legal issues: for example, constitutional constraints on religious activities in the schools; use of school facilities and involvement of students in private sector undertakings; and evaluation of bidding and contracting procedures under administrative and statutory requirements.

Negotiating and drafting leases and commercial contracts, including contracts for provision of dropout prevention services and health clinics in the schools; drafting internal regulations and proposed state legislation.

Associate, Cohen, Weiss and Simon, 330 West 42nd Street, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10036. 1977 to 1981.

Conducting litigation in federal district and appellate courts, especially under the Labor Management Relations Act, the Railway Labor Act, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; representing clients at evidentiary hearings and through briefing and oral argument before the National Labor Relations Board, American Arbitration Association, and New York State Mediation Board.

Assistant General Counsel, United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, Five Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222. 1974 to 1977.

Conducting litigation in state and federal trial and appellate courts, with specialization in federal court cases under the Labor Management Relations Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; representing clients at evidentiary hearings and through briefing and oral argument before the National Labor Relations Board.

Conducting negotiations with ten major steel companies for collective bargaining agreements and negotiations with the United States Steel Corporation concerning health and safety conditions on the company's coke ovens.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN: A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION (Brill-Nijhoff, 2006).

- **Referred** to in testimony of the Honorable Roméo A. Dallaire during Canadian Senate debates over a bill to amend the Criminal Code so as to protect children from corporal punishment (*see Debates of the Senate*, 39th Parliament of Canada, vol. 143, no. 29, June 28, 2006).
- **Cited** by the New Zealand Law Commission's Nov. 8, 2006 Report Section 59 Crimes Act of 1961 Amendment: Options for Consideration.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Chapter 9: Educating the Child for a Productive Life (Articles 28 and 29), in CHILDREN'S RIGHTS IN AMERICA: U.N. CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD COMPARED WITH UNITED STATES LAW 167-196 (C. Cohen & H. Davidson eds. 1990) (jointly published by the American Bar Association and Defense for Children International - USA).

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENCYCLOPEDIAS

The International Rights of the Child, in THE CHICAGO COMPANION TO THE CHILD 515 (Thomas R. Bidell et al. eds, The University of Chicago Press 2009).

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES (non-symposium):

Legislatively Inhibiting Children's Development of the Mens Rea to Commit Genocide During Adulthood, 35 UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA JOURNAL OF LAW & PUBLIC POLICY 373 (2025).

Advancing America's Emblematic Right: Doctrinal Bases for the Fundamental Constitutional Right to Vote Per Se, 77 UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI LAW REVIEW 613 (2023).

Nuclear Weapons' Negation of the Rule of Law, 39 QUINNIPAC LAW REVIEW 559 (2021).

The Plot to Overthrow Genocide: State Laws Mandating Education About the Foulest Crime of All, 102 MARQUETTE LAW REVIEW 51 (2018).

For Recognition of a Peoples' Right to U.N. Authorized Armed Intervention to Stop Mass Atrocities, 16 WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY GLOBAL STUDIES LAW REVIEW 245 (2017).

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES (non-symposium)(continued):

The Role of International Human Rights Law and Comprehensive Historical Methodology in Resolving the Conflict Between Positive Law and Natural Law Theories, 19 THE JOURNAL JURISPRUDENCE 219 (2013) (Australian).

An Analytical Ode to Personhood: The Unconstitutionality of Corporal Punishment of Children Under the Thirteenth Amendment, 53 SANTA CLARA LAW REVIEW 1 (2013) (lead article).

The Poverty of Precedent for School Corporal Punishment's Constitutionality Under the Eighth Amendment, 77 UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI LAW REVIEW 1327-1410 (2009).

- **Selected** for inclusion in University of La Verne Law Review's Selective Bibliographic Index of Juvenile Law Publications (2008-2009), available at <http://law.laverne.edu/academics/lawreview/publications/current-issue.html>.

Coauthored, *The Case Against Corporal Punishment of Children: Converging Evidence from Social Science Research and International Human Rights Law and Implications for U.S. Public Policy*, 13 PSYCHOLOGY, PUBLIC POLICY, AND LAW 231 (2007)(peer-reviewed).

- **Cited** in the May 28, 2008 issue of THE ECONOMIST.
- **Selected** for inclusion in the UNIVERSITY OF LAVERNE LAW REVIEW'S SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHIC INDEX OF JUVENILE LAW PUBLICATIONS (30 U.LA VERNE L. REV. 216 (2007-2008)).
- **Cited** in amicus curiae brief in support of defendant-appellant Tammy Jo Hunter's appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court, in *Robert Hunter & Lorie Hunter v. Tammy Jo Hunter & Jeffrey Hunter*, on the legality of corporal punishment of children under Michigan law.
- **Selected** for inclusion in "Criminological Highlights" (for Sept. 1997-Sept. 2010), issued by the University of Toronto's Centre of Criminology.
- **Cited** in testimony of Dr. Donald E. Greydanus, Professor of Pediatrics & Human Development, Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, during April 15, 2010 hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities.

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES (non-symposium)(continued):

Theoretical Foundations for a Right to Education Under the U.S. Constitution: A Beginning to the End of the National Education Crisis, 86 NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 550-642 (1992).

Published Rebuttal: Gregory E. Maggs, *Innovation in Constitutional Law: The Right to Education and the Tricks of the Trade*, 86 NW. U.L. REV. 1038 (1992).

Invited Update: NULR (Northwestern University Law Review) of Note: Bring Back the Nineties, An Education Right Long Denied; An Education Crisis Thus Continues (Feb. 17, 2020), at <https://northwesternlawreview.org/uncategorized/bring-back-the-nineties/>.

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Section 1983: Agent of Peace or Vehicle of Violence Against Children?, 54 OKLAHOMA LAW REVIEW 333-372 (2001).

Spare the Rod, Embrace Our Humanity: Toward a New Legal Regime Prohibiting Corporal Punishment of Children, 31 UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN JOURNAL OF LAW REFORM 353-474 (1998).

- **Cited** in the appellant's brief to the Supreme Court of Canada in *Canadian Foundation for Children, Youth and the Law v. The Attorney General in Right of Canada* (at n. 53).
- **Reviewed** in the 1999 issue of PANSTWO I PRAWO by Adam Lopatka, Professor Ordinarius of the Theory of State and Law at the Institute of Law Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences.
- **Cited** in HENRY J. STEINER & PHILIP ALSTON, INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS IN CONTEXT: LAW, POLITICS, MORALS 538 (2nd ed. 2000).

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES (non-symposium)(continued):

We "Had a Dream" in Brown v. Board of Education..., 1996 DETROIT COLLEGE OF LAW REVIEW 1-16.

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES (symposium):

Introduction: Symposium: Live and Let Die: Can Political Indifference to Mass Atrocity Be Overcome by Law or Responsibility to Protect?, 23 MICHIGAN STATE INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 603 (2015).

Introduction: Anthology of Articles Based on Presentations at Symposium on Whether the United States Should Become a Party to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, 22 MICHIGAN STATE INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 491 (2014).

The Mother of All Human Rights: The Child's Right to Be Free of Corporal Punishment as Hard International Law, 36 OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW 701 (2010).

The Constitutionality of School Corporal Punishment of Children as a Betrayal of Brown v. Board of Education, 36 LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO LAW JOURNAL 201 (2004).

The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and Corporal Punishment of Children: Ramifications for the United States, 5 THE GEORGETOWN JOURNAL ON FIGHTING POVERTY 225-234 (1998).

The Child's Right to Humane Discipline Under the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: The Mandate Against All Corporal Punishment of Children, 4 LOYOLA POVERTY LAW JOURNAL 47-53 (1998).

Spare the Rod, Embrace Human Rights: International Law's Mandate Against All Corporal Punishment of Children, 21 WHITTIER LAW REVIEW 147-161 (1999).

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

OTHER LAW-RELATED PUBLICATIONS:

Ending Birthright Citizenship Would Create the United States of Stateless Babies,
AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN, May 28, 2025,
<https://www.statesman.com/story/opinion/columns/your-voice/2025/05/28/we-should-not-become-the-united-states-of-stateless-babies-opinion/83839594007/>.

The U.N. Should Implement an Armed Humanitarian Intervention to Help Ukraine, THE JERUSALEM POST, Apr. 23, 2022, <https://www.jpost.com/opinion/article-704894>.

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Co-authored, *The ABCs of Genocide Prevention*, HUFFINGTON POST BLOG, July 6, 2016,
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/the-abcs-of-genocide-prevention_us_577d1971e4b0746f5648aee5.

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Yes, America, We Can Ban Spanking, NEW YORK DAILY NEWS, Sept. 21, 2014 (op-ed, by invitation).

A Bungling Barbarism: Court Baselessly Holds That Child Abuse, Used to Get Kids to Do Chores, Cannot Be Forced Labor, JURIST Academic Commentary, Aug. 16, 2014,
jurist.org/forum/2014/08/susan-bitensky-abuse-labor.php.

The ILO and Forced Labor: Ameliorating Poverty and the Hunger for Profits, JURIST Academic Commentary, Forum, Apr. 1, 2013, <http://jurist.org/forum/2013/04/susan-bitensky-ilo-labor.php>.

“Right to Work” in Michigan: Depleting Unions, Dashing Dreams, JURIST Academic Commentary, Forum, Jan. 22, 2013, <http://jurist.org/forum/2013/01-susan-bitensky-rtw-michigan.php>.

Blame for Our Record on Treaties, NEW YORK TIMES, Dec. 25, 2012 (Letter to the Editor).

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

OTHER LAW-RELATED PUBLICATIONS (continued):

Hitting Children: Should It Be Outlawed?, on-line NEW YORK TIMES, Apr. 7, 2011 (Letter to the Editor).

Introductory Note to Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of Children Against Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse, 49 I.L.M. 1663 (2010); **also republished** online by Cambridge University Press (2017), <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-legal-materials/issue/D1C14BF8C07053A3326EFDC2BB35682C>.

One Country, One School Yardstick?, NEW YORK TIMES, Mar. 21, 2010 (Letter to the Editor).

Let the Kid Be, NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE SECTION, June 14, 2009, at 8 (Letter to the Editor).

We Don't Hit Animals; Why Do We Hit Children?, THE BALTIMORE SUN (op-ed), Nov. 22, 2006; **also republished by** SACRAMENTO BEE, MONTEREY HERALD, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, NEWSDAY, STARS AND STRIPES, JERUSALEM POST, THE CAPITAL TIMES (Madison, WI), THE FAYETTEVILLE OBSERVER (NC), THE COLUMBIAN (Clark County, WA), CHANDIGARH, INDIA TRIBUNE, WINNIPEG FREE PRESS, THE KEENE SENTINEL (NH), GULF NEWS (United Arab Emirates), SPOKESMAN REVIEW (Spokane, WA), and GUELPH MERCURY (Ontario, Canada).

Corporal Punishment of Children in School: A Violation of International Human Rights Law, published in the 2005 annual proceedings of the Organization of American States.

Corporal Punishment of Children: A Violation of International Human Rights Law, published by UNICEF (in Turkey).

Spanking, THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, June, 2005, at 20 (Letter to the Editor).

Corporal Punishment, NEW YORK TIMES, Mar. 12, 2000, Week in Review, at 14 (Letter to the Editor).

Coauthored, *School Violence and the Court*, THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL, Sept. 13, 1999, at A22.

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

OTHER LAW-RELATED PUBLICATIONS (continued):

Spare the Rod, Embrace Our Humanity, AMICUS, Fall, 1998, at 13-18.

Final Straw: To Spank or Not to Spank?, CHICAGO TRIBUNE (op-ed), July 25, 1996, §1, at 25.

Every Child's Right to Receive Excellent Education, 2 THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF CHILDREN'S RIGHTS 137-147 (Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1994).

Coauthored, UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD: ANSWERS TO THIRTY QUESTIONS (3rd ed., 1996) (first edition distributed at special briefings for members of the U.S. House of Representatives on Mar. 18, 1994 and for members of the U.S. Senate on May 20, 1994).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Eulogy for Sean MacBride, in FRANCIS A. BOYLE, THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY 427 (1989) (Transnational Publishers, Inc.).

On "Psychotherapy and the Dying Patient," 6 JOURNAL OF HEALTH POLITICS, POLICY AND LAW 810 (Winter 1982).

PAPERS PRESENTED

The Substantive Due Process Basis for Recognizing a Fundamental Positive Right to High-Quality Elementary and Secondary Education—paper presented by invitation at Constitutional Personhood Summit, held at Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey, on Nov. 7, 2014.

The Ways Law Can Help End Corporal Punishment—paper presented by invitation at symposium titled “Creating a Non-Violent Future: Children’s Rights and Advances in Protection from Corporal Punishment,” held at Loyola University Chicago, May 23-24, 2014.

The Globalization of Child Rights & Remedies in Relation to Corporal Punishment—paper presented by invitation at International Law Weekend, held at Fordham University School of Law, New York City, on October 26, 2013.

PAPERS PRESENTED (continued):

International Human Rights Law and Corporal Punishment, and The Surprising Existence of American Traditions and Legal Duties Against School Corporal Punishment -- papers presented by invitation at Global Summit on Ending Corporal Punishment and Promoting Positive Discipline, held in Dallas, Texas, on June 3, 2011.

Corporal Punishment of Children as Akin to Slavery and as a Badge and Incident of Slavery: A Thirteenth Amendment Analysis -- paper presented on the panel "The Black Family: Can We Look Beyond Slavery, Jim Crow, and Modern Discrimination to Explain Its Instability?" at the 14th Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities, held in Las Vegas, Nevada, on March 11, 2011.

The Mother of All Human Rights: The Child's Right to Be Free of Corporal Punishment as Hard International Law -- paper presented at invitation of Ohio Northern University Law Review at its 33rd Annual Law Review Symposium, held at Ohio Northern University Claude W. Pettit College of Law, on Mar. 19, 2010.

Invoking Modern Human Rights Law and Constitutional Interpretation to Fulfill Antebellum Abolitionists' Other Dream--Liberating All Children from All Corporal Punishment -- paper presented at the 13th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture & the Humanities, held at Brown University, on Mar. 20, 2010.

The Mother of All Human Rights: The Child's Right to Be Free of Corporal Punishment -- paper presented, by invitation, as part of a program series of the World Affairs Council of Western Michigan, held at Aquinas College, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on February 23, 2009.

Corporal Punishment of Children and the Thirteenth Amendment -- paper presented at the Central States Law Schools Association 2008 Conference, at Southern Illinois University Law School, in Carbondale, Illinois, on October 25, 2008.

Corporal Punishment of Children and the Convention on the Rights of the Child -- paper presented at a forum of the Section on International Human Rights, as part of the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Schools, held in New York City, on January 6, 2008.

Multiculturalism, Human Rights and Corporal Punishment of Children -- paper presented at invitation of Macomb Community College as part its annual "Celebration of Libraries and Learning" and its multicultural initiative, held in Warren, Michigan, on April 18, 2007.

PAPERS PRESENTED (continued):

Children's Rights – Is America Out of Step With the Rest of the World? -- paper presented at the invitation of The Global and Multicultural Education Center, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City Women's and Gender Studies Program, at a symposium titled, "Activism for Human Rights; The Fourth Biennial Kansas City Conference," held in Kansas City, Missouri, on Nov. 17, 2006.

Corporal Punishment of Children in School: A Violation of International Human Rights Law -- paper presented at invitation of UNICEF and the Turkish Ministry of Education to be keynote international speaker at symposium on Turkish school corporal punishment, held in Istanbul, Turkey, on March 29-30, 2006.

Corporal Punishment of Children: A Violation of International Human Rights Law -- paper presented at Trilateral Symposium, sponsored by the Organization of American States and the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, held at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Canada, in October, 2005.

Status of Corporal Punishment of Children Under Foreign and International Human Rights Laws -- paper presented by invitation at National Advisory Board meeting of EPOCH-USA (End Physical Punishment of Children), held in Columbus, Ohio, on May 21, 2005.

Corporal Punishment of Children as a Human Rights Law Violation -- paper presented by invitation and via live satellite transmission to Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, on February 14, 2005.

The Origins of Separation of Powers and the Advantages and Disadvantages of Such a Structure for Tribal Courts -- paper presented at "Inaugural Indigenous Law Conference: Tribal Constitutional Issues in the Self-Determination Era," held at Michigan State University College of Law, on Oct. 29, 2004.

Ingraham v. Wright: A Betrayal of Brown v. Board of Education -- paper presented by invitation at conference on "Race in Education Policy: A Constitutional Examination," held at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, on March 13, 2004.

Controversial Aspects of the Convention on the Rights of the Child: Right to Education, Violence and Abuse, Freedom of Expression -- paper presented by invitation at conference on "Moving the Convention on the Rights of the Child Forward in the U.S.," sponsored by the Child Welfare League of America, in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 13, 2003.

PAPERS PRESENTED (continued):

Report on Corporal Punishment in the U.S.: Obstacles to Abolition -- paper presented by invitation at EPOCH briefing conference entitled, "Charting Global Progress Towards Ending Corporal Punishment of Children," in Denver, Colorado, on July 7, 2002.

"Using and Defusing Expert Witnesses": Case Law Update in the Federal and Michigan State Courts -- paper presented by invitation at the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel's 2002 Summer Conference entitled, "Using and Defusing Expert Witnesses: Cutting Edge Law and Practice for Trial Lawyers," in Traverse City, Michigan, on June 21, 2002.

The Child's Right to Be Educated Without Corporal Punishment -- paper presented by invitation at the University of Victoria international symposium entitled, "Creating a Culture of Human Rights, Democracy and Peace in the New Millennium," in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, during August 18-22, 2001.

Spare the Rod, Embrace Human Rights: International Law's Mandate Against All Corporal Punishment of Children -- paper presented by invitation at Whittier Law School international symposium entitled, "Rights of Children in the New Millennium," in Costa Mesa, California, on April 17, 1999.

Spare the Rod, Embrace Human Rights -- paper presented by invitation at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia, on April 7, 1999.

The U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child and Corporal Punishment of Children: Ramifications for the United States -- paper presented by invitation at symposium on "The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Benefits to American Children, Effects on American Law," held at Georgetown University Law Center, on February 28, 1998.

The Role of Law in Abolishing Corporal Punishment of Children -- paper presented by invitation at international seminar (organized by Swedish Rädda Barnen, Irish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Spanish FUNCOE, and EPOCH-Worldwide) on "Ending All Physical Punishment of Children in Europe," held at Centro de Estudios, Juridicos y Formación Especializada del Departamento de Justicia, Barcelona, Spain, on October 19, 1997.

The Child's Right to Humane Discipline -- paper presented by invitation at University of Iowa College of Law symposium entitled, "International Human Rights at the Grassroots: Putting International Standards to Work for Our Children," Iowa City, Iowa, during March 14-15, 1997.

PAPERS PRESENTED (continued):

The Child's Right to Humane Discipline Under the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: The Mandate Against All Corporal Punishment of Children -- paper presented by invitation at Loyola University New Orleans School of Law international symposium entitled, "United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child: Prospects for the Year 2000," in New Orleans, Louisiana, during February 13-15, 1997.

Every Child's Right to Receive Excellent Education -- paper presented by invitation at Wayne State University symposium entitled, "U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Voice for Children's Rights and Responsibilities," in Detroit, Michigan, on October 22, 1993.

Indigenous Peoples of the United States and the Right to Education -- paper presented by invitation as a speaker on the International Year of the Indigenous People Panel at the Sovereignty Symposium V, sponsored by the Supreme Court of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, June 9-11, 1992.

The Duty to Teach Morals and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child: A Legal Perspective -- paper presented by invitation at The University of Notre Dame international symposium entitled, "Values, Rights and Responsibilities in the International Community: Moral Education for the New Millennium," at The University of Notre Dame, Indiana, during November 7-11, 1990.

Children's Right to Education Guaranteed Under the Constitution? -- paper presented by invitation at Wayne State University symposium entitled, "Children Have Rights Too" in Detroit, Michigan, on December 1, 1989.

OTHER SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP

Organizer, presentation given by Evan H. Caminker, Branch Rickey Collegiate Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School, on "Democratic Elections and the Independent State Legislature Theory," and presentation given by Meghan Schaar, Associate Legal Director, Michigan Secretary of State's Office, on "The Polls Are Open: The Fight to Preserve Voting Rights and Democracy in Michigan," (Event under auspices of MSU Law Faculty Programs Committee), at Michigan State University College of Law, on Mar. 11, 2024.

OTHER SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP (continued):

Speaker on corporal punishment of children as a violation of international human rights law, at invitation of Human Rights Committee of American Bar Association, on March 24, 2024.

Panelist speaking on human rights violations committed against democracy demonstrators in Hong Kong, sponsored by the Federalist Society at Michigan State University College of Law, on Oct. 14, 2019.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center for Human Rights of Women and Children (“Talsky Center”)) given by Juliet S. Sorensen, Director and Associate Dean, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, on “America’s Opioid Epidemic and the Right to Health,” Dec. 3, 2018.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Arlene Kanter, Professor of Law and Director of the Disability Law and Policy Program, Syracuse University College of Law, on “The Rights of People with Disabilities under International Human Rights Law: What the Future Holds in the U.S. and Beyond,” Nov. 12, 2018.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by William Schabas, Professor of International Law, Middlesex University, London, U.K., and Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Leiden University, The Netherlands, on “The Status of the Death Penalty under International Human Rights Law,” Oct. 8, 2018.

Address on the relationship between health care and international human rights law, at the invitation of Michigan State University’s Student Chapter of Doctors Without Borders, on Oct. 16, 2018.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Jelani Cobb, Ira A. Lipman Professor, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, and staff writer at *The New Yorker*, on “The Half-Life of Freedom: Race and Justice in America Today,” Sept. 17, 2018.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Michelle Oliel, Legal Officer, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons; Executive Director, Stahili Foundation; Human Rights Adviser, Talsky Center, on “Child Trafficking: Can Good Intentions Cause Harm?,” Dec. 4, 2017.

OTHER SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP (continued):

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under joint auspices of the Talsky Center and the MSU Law Triangle Bar Assn.) given by Graeme Reid, Director, Human Rights Watch's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program, on "Do Members of the LBGTQ Community Have Human Rights?," Nov. 13, 2017.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under joint auspices of the Talsky Center and the Intellectual Property, Information & Communications Law Program) given by Dr. Lucas Lixinski, Senior Lecturer, Co-Director of Postgraduate Studies, UNSW Law, Sydney, Australia, on "Would a Monument to Hitler Violate Human Rights Law? And What About a Monument to Robert E. Lee?," on Oct. 30, 2017.

Organizer and Moderator, two presentations (under auspices of the Talsky Center), one given by Setsuko Thurlow, survivor of Hiroshima atomic bombing and activist promoting abolition of nuclear weapons, on "A Survivor of the Hiroshima Atomic Bomb Bears Witness"; and one given by Dr. Elliott L. Meyrowitz, lawyer and Professor of History, Macomb Community College, on "Is It Legal To Use or Threaten to Use Nuclear Weapons?," Oct. 16, 2017.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Amos N. Guiora, Professor of Law, S.J. Quinney College of Law, University of Utah, and Lieutenant Colonel (Ret.), Israel Defense Forces, on "The Bystander's Crime: Lessons from the Holocaust," Sept. 11, 2017.

Organizer and Moderator, "Symposium on Immigrants' Rights Under International Law," on Mar. 27, 2017.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Michel Chikwanine, former child soldier, Democratic Republic of Congo, on "A Former Child Soldier Speaks," Feb. 20, 2017.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Stephen J. Rapp, Sonia and Harry Blumenthal Distinguished Fellow for the Prevention of Genocide, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum; formerly Ambassador-at-Large from U.S. Office of Global Criminal Justice, on "Is There Any Justice in a World Wracked by Mass Atrocities? If There Isn't or Isn't Much, Can There Be?," on Jan. 18, 2017.

OTHER SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP (continued):

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Laurie Blank, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the International Humanitarian Law Clinic, Emory University School of Law, on “The Laws of War: Do They Matter?”, Nov. 14, 2016.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Dr. Elizabeth Gershoff, Assoc. Professor, Dep’t of Human Development & Family Sciences, University of Texas at Austin, on “Spanking Children: Science Says It Produces Long-Term Harm, Law Says It’s a Human Rights Violation,” Oct. 17, 2016.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by *The Guardian* journalist Spencer Ackerman, on “A Detention Center for U.S. Citizens: Homan Square, Where the Bill of Rights Goes to Die and Minorities Enter the Abyss,” Oct. 5, 2016.

Co-Organizer and Co-Moderator, Teach-In: Human Rights Crisis in Turkey: Purge of Thousands Violates Human Rights and Due Process (co-sponsored by the Talsky Center and MSU Law’s Graduate and International Programs), Sept. 22, 2016.

Organizer and Moderator, “Symposium on U.S. Torture of Detainees as a Human Rights Violation” (co-sponsored by the Talsky Center, the Michigan Psychological Association, and the Michigan Psychological Association Foundation), on Mar. 25, 2016.

Co-Organizer and Co-Moderator, “First MSU Law Teach-In on Flint Water Debacle: The Crisis, Its Public Health Effects, and Its Environmental Injustice Aspects” (co-sponsored by the Talsky Center and MSU College of Law), on Feb. 17, 2016.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by David M. Smolin, Professor of Law and Director of Center for Children, Law and Ethics, Cumberland School of Law, on “International Commercial Surrogacy, Child Laundering and Related Abuses: It Takes a ‘Village’ to Commodify a Child,” on Feb. 1, 2016.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Michelle Harrison, Staff Attorney, EarthRights Int’l; Amanda Green Hawkins, Director of Civil & Human Rights, United Steelworkers of America; and Samer Muscati, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch (Women’s Rights Division), on ‘Nontraditional Jobs for J.D.s in Human Rights: Three Great Examples,’ on Nov. 16, 2015.

OTHER SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP (continued):

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Rita Izsak, U.N. Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, on “An American Tragedy, A Bloody Injustice: Police Killings of Unarmed Black Men and Boys,” Nov. 2, 2015.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Phon van den Biesen, Co-Agent and Counsel for the Marshall Islands, and Partner with the law firm of Van Den Biesen Kloostera (Amsterdam, The Netherlands), on Sept 9, 2015.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Rhonda Fink-Whitman, TV and radio personality, and producer/host of “The Mandate Video,” on “Requiring Holocaust and Genocide Education in the Schools: Assuring our Future Through State Legislative Reform,” on Sept. 17, 2014.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Stephen Gasteyer, Professor of Sociology, Michigan State University, on “Did You Know Water Is a Human Right? U.N. Says Cutoff to Detroiters is a Violation,” on Sept. 10, 2014.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by David Fathi, director of ACLU National Prison Project, on “Prolonged Solitary Confinement of Prisoners as a Violation of International Human Rights Law,” on Apr. 2, 2014.

Organizer and Moderator (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Catherine Albisa, executive director of National Economic & Social Rights Initiative, on “Beyond Obamacare: Working Towards the Human Right to Healthcare in the United States,” on Mar. 12, 2014.

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Dr. Ioana Cismas, former coordinator at Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, consultant to U.N. Office of High Commissioner of Human Rights, and advisor to U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, on “Food: You Have a Human Right to It—No Matter What Congress Says,” on Feb. 5, 2014.

Organizer and Moderator, “Symposium on Whether the U.S. Should Become a Party to the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women” (co-sponsored by the Talsky Center and the MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW), on November 7-8, 2013 (speakers’ presentations published in MICHIGAN STATE LAW REVIEW).

OTHER SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP (continued):

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Lieutenant-General (Ret'd), The Honorable Roméo A. Dallaire, Commander of U.N. Peacekeeping Forces in Rwanda During 1993-1994, on "Humanitarian Intervention in Rwanda: When an Uncaring World Forsakes Black Lives and Blue Helmets," on October 16, 2013.

Organizer and Moderator, "Symposium on Whether the U.S. Should Become a Party to the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child" (under auspices of the Talsky Center), on April 4-5, 2013 (speakers' presentations published in *MICHIGAN STATE INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW*).

Organizer and Moderator, presentation (under auspices of the Talsky Center) given by Jordan J. Paust, the Mike and Teresa Baker Professor of International Law at University of Houston Law Center, on "Some Seventy Years After Nuremberg: Laws of War and Human Rights Violations During the Bush-Cheney Era," on March 13, 2013.

Organizer and Moderator, debate co-sponsored by the Talsky Center and The Federalist Society, on whether transnational corporations should be or are already subject to international human rights law, and featuring Professor Jernej Letnar Cernic, Faculty of Law, European University Institute, Slovenia, and James P. Kelly, III of The Federalist Society, on November 7, 2012.

Moderator, panel on tribal rights and human rights at Michigan State University College of Law's Symposium on Indian Tribes and Human Rights Accountability, in October 2012.

Organizer and Moderator, panel titled "Multiculturalism and Human Rights: The Increasing Challenge of Competing Rights Domestically and Abroad," held by the Talsky Center on October 3, 2012.

Speaker at and moderator of a panel discussion, under the auspices of Michigan State University College of Law's Modern Abolitionist Legal Society, regarding the legal restraints on child trafficking, in September 2012.

Speech on corporal punishment of children as a human rights violation, sponsored by the Citizens Law School seminar series in celebration of Law Day 2012, at the Ottawa County Courthouse in Grand Haven, Michigan.

OTHER SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP (continued):

Moderator, panel titled “The Aftermath of Revolution: Humanitarian, Legal, and Political Consequences,” as part of February 2012 Michigan State University College of Law’s International Law Symposium, “Modern Global Revolution.”

Panelist speaking on legal aspects of proposal to defund Planned Parenthood, sponsored by Michigan State University College of Law Women’s Law Caucus, on November 3, 2011.

Panelist speaking on methodologies of constitutional interpretation, sponsored by Michigan State University College of Law’s Federalist Society, on September 14, 2011.

Moderator, panel on effects of human rights on sovereignty, at Michigan State University Journal of International Law’s symposium “Sovereignty in Today’s World,” on February 17, 2011.

Speech on the status of corporal punishment of children under international human rights law, sponsored by Michigan State University College of Law’s International Law Society, in East Lansing, Michigan, on October 27, 2010.

Speech on the status of corporal punishment of children under the Thirteenth Amendment, sponsored by Michigan State University College of Law’s Faculty Programs Committee’s “Half Baked Series”, in East Lansing, Michigan, during the spring 2009 semester.

Speech on corporal punishment of children as a violation of international human rights law, sponsored by the Institute for Global Education, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on November 5, 2008.

Speech on role of faculty scholarship at Michigan State University College of Law, sponsored by the College Admissions Office, in East Lansing, Michigan, on March 14, 2008.

Speech on my book, **CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN: A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION**, sponsored by the Michigan State University College of Law’s Programs Committee, on March 21, 2007.

Panelist speaking on international human rights law course, as part of a Professor Discussion Panel, sponsored by Michigan State University College of Law’s International Law Society, on February 26, 2007.

OTHER SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP (continued):

Speech on international human rights law at the invitation of Michigan State University's Prelaw Society, on January 10, 2007.

Moderator, Gender, War & Peace: Women's Status in the Wake of Conflict, sponsored by the Michigan State University College of Law Journal of International Law, on February 24, 2006.

Speech on the federal constitutional aspects of governments' response to Hurricane Katrina, delivered at workshop called "Coming to Terms with Katrina and Its Aftermath," sponsored by the Office of the Provost, Office of Faculty & Organizational Development, Michigan State University, on the campus, on September 28, 2005.

Moderator, The Case Against Torture: A Panel Discussion on U.S. Policy and the Use of Torture in Iraq, sponsored by Amnesty International at Michigan State University College of Law, on April 20, 2005.

Speech concerning whether U.S. Supreme Court decisions have contributed to gun violence in the schools, at Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law President's Club Dinner, on May 11, 2001.

Speech concerning children's rights under the U.S. Constitution and international human rights law, delivered to Professor Nannette Bowler's law and social work class at Michigan State University School of Social Work, on April 9, 2001.

Speeches concerning the legal status of corporal punishment of children, delivered to Professor Julia Grant's class on The Politics of Childhood at James Madison College, Michigan State University, on October 13, 1999 and October 26, 2000.

Speech entitled, "Is the Judicial System Failing Our Children: Does the U.S. Supreme Court Have Blood on its Hands?", delivered at a debate sponsored by the Public Interest Law Society and the Alumni Association, at Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law, on October 10, 2000.

Speech concerning parents' rights and corporal punishment of children, delivered at a debate sponsored by The Federalist Society at Michigan State University- Detroit College of Law, on September 8, 1999.

Speech describing the May, 1996 decision of the Italian Supreme Court prohibiting all corporal punishment of children, delivered at International Seminar on Worldwide Strategies and Progress Towards Ending All Physical Punishment of Children, at University College, Belfield, in Dublin, Ireland, on August 22, 1996.

OTHER SPEECHES AND CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP (continued):

Speech analyzing why public education has not improved as a result of *Brown v. Board of Education* and proposing ways of reviving *Brown* as a catalyst for quality education, delivered at Faculty's Diversity Week Program, at Detroit College of Law at Michigan State University in Detroit, Michigan, on January 15, 1996.

MEDIA PRESENTATIONS & MENTIONS; INTERNET ACTIVITIES

Quoted in THE WASHINGTON POST, March 26, 2025, in a news article, *How Trump Is Blasting Through Norms and Testing Limits of His Power*, by Mark Berman, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2025/03/26/trump-administration-constitution-court-orders-judges/>.

Interviewed by publisher Berl Schwartz, on Oct. 14, 2018, on the nomination of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court; aired on radio station WDBM FM.

Interviewed by Steve Gruber on radio's The Steve Gruber Show, on Apr. 24, 2017, on the illegality of female genital mutilation under international human rights law.

Interviewed in June 20, 2016 NEWSWEEK article, "*Invaluable Lessons: More States Making Holocaust, Genocide Education a Must*, by Stav Ziv.

Interviewed by George Reiter on KPFT radio station, Houston, on Sept. 25, 2014, on the legality of corporal punishment of children and its significance for the Adrian Peterson child abuse case.

Interviewed on "The Mitch Albom Show" (WJR Newsradio 760), on Sept. 15, 2014, on the legality of corporal punishment of children and its significance for the Adrian Peterson child abuse case.

Featured in January 12, 2012 Ingham County Legal News article *MSU Law Establishes Talsky Center for Human Rights* by Roberta Gubbins.

Blog contribution "Oscars, Unions and Egypt," posted March 12, 2011, on United Steelworkers Blog, <http://blog.usw.org/2011/03/>.

Featured guest on local television program "Practical Law," hosted by attorney Henry Gornbein, produced in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan and aired May 31, 2011, concerning the law and corporal punishment of children.

Interviewed on NPR in Grand Rapids, Michigan (station WGVU) by host Shelley Irwin, on February 23, 2009, concerning the child's right to be free of corporal punishment under international human rights law.

MEDIA PRESENTATIONS & MENTIONS; INTERNET ACTIVITIES (continued)

Featured as of November 5, 2008 in a videotaped interview, made by MediaMouse.org, concerning various aspects of corporal punishment of children, including its legal status in the United States and under international law, and aired on-line at <http://www.mediamouse.org/video/110608inter.php>.

Quoted in the January 20, 2008 New York Times (first section, page 33) in a news article, *Murder Case Tests Limits on Parents' Right to Hit*, by Andy Newman and Leslie Kaufman.

Dialoguing with Michigan State University College of Law students concerning the federal constitutional implications of the governments' response to Hurricane Katrina, under auspices and at invitation of the College's chapter of the American Constitution Society, at TWEN, *lawschool.westlaw.com*, from September 26 through October 3, 2005. Discussion began with my six-page paper on the subject.

Panelist on National Public Radio's "Justice Talking," an hour-long program hosted by Margot Adler, produced in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and aired during the week of June 24, 2002, concerning corporal punishment of children.

Panelist on the television program, "Massachusetts School of Law Presents: A Question of Law," in a show concerning corporal punishment of children, aired by MediaOne in 2000 locations during September, 2000.

Managing website, developed by Child Rights Education-International, at <http://www.center.iupui.edu/credintl/home.html>, from fall, 1999 through spring, 2000. Website featured articles and analytical guides authored by Susan Bitensky concerning the status of corporal punishment of children as a human rights violation.

Guest speaker on July 2, 1999 on WXYT Radio's "Frankly Speaking," hosted by Frank Turner, in Detroit, Michigan, on the topic of corporal punishment of children.

Panelist on April 7, 1999 on a program entitled, "Corporal Punishment, Human Rights, and Children," on WHRO Radio's "Hearsay," hosted by Kathy Lewis, in Norfolk, Virginia.

PRO BONO ADVOCACY

Drafted bill, enacted by Michigan legislature in June 2016, requiring age-appropriate education about genocide in grades 8-12 of public schools.

Drafted and submitted for consideration of the American Bar Association's House of Delegates a report in support of a proposal that the ABA should endorse a national campaign urging states to enact genocide-education requirements in all public schools.

Reviewer contribution, in Elizabeth T. Gershoff, *Report on Physical Punishment in the United States: What Research Tells Us About Its Effects on Children* (developed in conjunction with Phoenix Children's Hospital)(2008).

Consultant on Human Rights Watch national project to ban all public school corporal punishment in the United States (2007-2008).

Advisor to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention respecting its development of a universal parenting program that will aim to teach healthy parenting strategies, including avoidance of violent disciplinary tactics (2008).

Coauthored position paper, submitted to the New Zealand government, on behalf of EPOCH-USA (End Physical Punishment of Children), setting forth policy and legal arguments against corporal punishment of children.

Brief on behalf of EPOCH-USA (End Physical Punishment of Children) to Great Britain's Department of Health in response to the Physical Punishment of Children Consultation (the British government's proposal to reform the country's laws on corporal punishment of children).

Issue paper for the American Bar Association on how the ban on corporal punishment of children contained in the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child would impact American law if the U.S. became a party to the Convention (submitted Sept., 2001).

BAR ADMISSIONS

Michigan State Bar. New York State Supreme Court. Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. United States Courts of Appeals for the Second and Third Circuits. United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

**MEMBERSHIP IN AND HONORS RECEIVED FROM ORGANIZATIONS OF THE
LEGAL PROFESSION**

MEMBERSHIPS:

- Member, Editorial Board, Juridical Science and Education (a publication of the International Organization for Legal Research (Azerbaijan)).
- Member, Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy.
- Included in Marquis' WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA.
- Included in Marquis' WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN LAW.
- Member of American Bar Association. 1988 to present.
- Associate Member of the Michigan State Bar Committee on Standard Criminal Jury Instructions. 1992 to 2000.
- Member of Ad Hoc Committee to Amend the Michigan Constitution in Relation to Children's Rights. 1993 to 1994.
- Member of Michigan Bar's Section on Arbitrations and Alternate Methods of Dispute Resolution. 1988 to 1989.
- Member of Board of Directors, CASA of Ingham County. 2003 to 2004.

HONORS:

Award given on May 23, 2014 by Symposium on Creating a Non-Violent Future, at Loyola University Chicago, for contribution to ending corporal punishment of children.

Award given on February 17, 2007 by the Law Review of Michigan State University College of Law, at its Hat Trick 2007 Dinner, for publication of my book, CORPORAL PUNISHMENT OF CHILDREN: A HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATION.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Robert Joffrey Ballet Company. Apprenticeship preceded by full-time professional study on scholarship. 1965 to 1967.