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**EXPERIENCE**

**Hofstra University, School of Law, Hempstead, NY**

*Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Writing*, August 2010 – Present

- Teach Legal Analysis, Writing & Research course introducing students to the fundamentals of predictive writing, persuasive writing, appellate advocacy, analytical reasoning, legal research, oral advocacy, and citation, utilizing diverse instructional techniques such as client simulations, document drafting, mock oral arguments, and peer interaction.
- Teach Family Law course examining the regulation of families and intimate relationships, including legal constructions of the “family” and how race, gender, sexuality, and socioeconomic factors influence both family structure and regulation.

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

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

- Taught courses in (a) Sex-Based Discrimination covering the constitutional and statutory mechanisms to address gender discrimination, including equal protection claims, Title IX, and Title VII and (b) Legal Rhetoric teaching first-year law students the fundamentals of legal research, writing, analysis, advocacy, and citation.
- Implemented an institutional grant for “Scholarship in Integrated Curriculum Innovations” by designing innovative and experimental teaching materials to weave a substantive litigation-based simulation through 1L fall courses and a legislative simulation through spring courses.
- Designed a writing and research skills program for WCL’s nationally-recognized Lawyer Re-Entry Program assisting experienced women attorneys as they return to the job market.
- Coordinated WCL’s curriculum and assessment materials introducing 500+ 1Ls to online and book research of primary and secondary sources, designing workshops and assessment tools.

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

*Litigation Associate*, May 2004 – July 2007

- Drafted motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, motions for removal, and settlement agreements in nationwide class actions involving issues of tort and contract law.
- Managed various state investigations on behalf of a large accounting firm; responsibilities included drafting summons responses and correspondence with state regulators, liaising with co-counsel regarding global legal defense strategy, monitoring state and federal legislative developments, and conducting witness interviews.
- Briefed issues of implied congressional intent under the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and constitutional standing before the DC Circuit Court of Appeals.
- Represented survivors of domestic violence in civil protection order proceedings in DC Superior Court and petitioners seeking immigration relief through U visas, Battered Spouse Waivers, VAWA petitions, and asylum claims.

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

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

- Defended white collar clients including individuals involved in a criminal and civil investigation into corporate accounting practices, a high-ranking government employee charged with official misconduct, and a Fortune 500 company undergoing an internal investigation into its environmental compliance program.
- Counseled clients in preparation for government questioning by preparing and conducting simulated interviews, conducting extensive factual analysis of documents, and synthesizing key insights into charts, memoranda, and outlines.
- Represented corporate clients and task forces holding pesticide registrations and data rights by submitting written petitions, assisting with negotiations, and developing strategies to defend our clients' market position and data rights.

**Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE), Washington, DC**

*Intern*, September 2001 – April 2002

- Coordinated efforts to lobby the DC Council to amend proposed "Failure to Protect" legislation by preparing a letter to the editor and drafting sample advocacy letters.
- Analyzed legal issues unique to teenage victims of domestic violence in DC school districts.
- Drafted petitions to secure lawful residency for victims of domestic violence under VAWA.

**Harris Beach & Wilcox, LLP, Rochester, NY**

*Summer Associate*, Summer 2000

- Researched statutes and regulations governing trauma care center certification, community health networks, quality assurance committees, hospital equipment leases, and ambulance restocking.
- Prepared dissolution documents for a not-for-profit corporation including the certificate of dissolution, financial plan, board resolution, and court petition.

**EDUCATION**

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

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

- Course work specialization in gender and sexuality law

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

Class Rank: Top 3%, *Juris Doctorate, Summa Cum Laude*, May 2002

- Awarded Mussey-Gillett Fellowship for academic merit and community involvement and the Dean's Highest Grade Certificate in Torts.
- *American University International Law Review* – Notes and Comments Editor (2001-2002)
- Research assistance provided to Professor James Salzman and acknowledged in the publications HUNTER, SALZMAN, ZAELKE, INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY (2d. ed. 2002) and *Importance of Population Growth to Sustainability*, 32

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ENVIRONMENTAL LAW REPORTER 10559 (May 2002).

**Indiana University-Bloomington, Bloomington, IN**

*Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Political Science, Cum Laude, May 1999*

- Student Body Vice President: Coordinated programs such as ‘Take Back the Night,’ an international fair, and diversity forums; served as liaison to administration on the Health Center Committee and the Commission on Personal Safety.

**AWARDS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Recipient of 2008 *Mussey-Gillett Shining Star Award* at the Women’s Bar Association of the District of Columbia’s annual Stars of the Bar reception for work co-authoring reports in 2006 and 2008 on the status of women and women of color in the profession as part of the WBA’s nationally-recognized Initiative on Advancement and Retention of Women.

Elected to the Executive Committee as Secretary of the Women’s Bar Association of the District of Columbia (elected term 2009-2010).

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

Migrating and Mutating Masculinities in Institutional Law Reforms, *in* MASCULINITIES AND LAW (Ashgate Press, Martha A. Fineman and Michael Thomson eds., forthcoming 2011).

**LAW REVIEWS AND JOURNALS**

Jamie R. Abrams, *Examining Entrenched Masculinities Within the Republican Government Tradition*, \_\_ W.V. L. REV. \_\_ (forthcoming Fall 2011).

Jamie R. Abrams, *The Dual Purposes of the U Visa Thwarted in a Legislative Duel*, 19 ST. LOUIS UNIV. PUB. L. REV. 373 (2010).

Jamie R. Abrams, *The Collateral Consequences of Masculinizing Violence*, 16 WILLIAM & MARY J. WOMEN & LAW 703 (Spring 2010).

Jamie R. Abrams, *A Synergistic Pedagogical Approach to First-Year Teaching*, 48 DUQ. L. REV. 423 (Spring 2010).

Jamie R. Abrams and Daniela Kraiem, *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 MODERN AMERICAN 2 (Fall 2008).

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Jamie R. Abrams, *Legal Protections for an Invisible Population: An Eligibility and Impact Analysis of U Visa Protections for Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence*, 4 MODERN AMERICAN 1 (Spring 2008).

John N. Hanson and Jamie R. Abrams, *Compassionate Conservatism: Friend or Foe of the Environment?*, 31 ST. B. TEX. ENVTL. L.J. 173 (2000-2001).

**WHITE PAPERS**

*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) available at <http://www.wbadc.org>.

*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>.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

Contributor to ENCYCLOPEDIA OF IMMIGRANT HEALTH, Entry on U Visa (Springer Science+Business Media forthcoming Fall 2011).

Jamie R. Abrams, *The Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act of 2009 "Benefits" Women and Families*, WBA RAISING THE BAR (Spring 2009).

**PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS**

Presenter: "Distorted and Diminished Tort Remedies for Birthing Mothers," Midwest Family Law Consortium, June 16-17, 2011 (Michigan State University Law School; East Lansing, MI).

Presenter: "Enlisting the Nineteenth Amendment as a Modern Weapon for Political Equality," Multidimensional Masculinities Colloquium, February 17-18, 2011 (UNLV Boyd School of Law; Las Vegas, NV).

Presenter: "From 'Barbarity' to Regularity: A Case Study on the Medicalization of Childbirth," Northeast Regional Junior Faculty Workshop, February 5, 2011 (Albany Law School; Albany, NY).

Co-Presenter: Advancement of Women in Federal Government, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Workgroup, April 28, 2010 (EEOC; Washington, DC).

Presenter: "Integrating Skills and Substance in the First-Year," Engendering Hope in the Legal Writing Classroom: Pedagogy, Curriculum, and Attitude, December 5, 2009 (Duquesne University School of Law; Pittsburgh, PA).

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Lecturer: “Reproductive Rights: Beyond the Casebook,” Integrated Curriculum Program, October 15, 2009 (American University Washington College of Law; Washington, DC).

Presenter: “The Collateral Consequences of Masculinizing Violence,” Work-in-Progress Panel, LatCrit XIV Conference, Outsiders Inside: Critical Outsider Theory and Praxis in the Policymaking of the New American Regime, October 3, 2009 (American University Washington College of Law; Washington, DC).

Presenter: “The Collateral Consequences of Masculinizing Violence,” Feminism, Law and Masculinity Feminist Legal Theory Workshop, September 11-12, 2009 (Emory University School of Law; Atlanta, Georgia).

Presenter: “Stories Without Endings: The Stories of Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Seeking U Visa Relief,” Chapter Two: Once Upon a Legal Story, July 22-24, 2009 (Lewis & Clark Law School; Portland, Oregon).

Presenter: “Shattering the Glass Wall Separating Skills and Substance” presented as part of CRN #9 Roundtable on Teaching Gender Inequality in Law School, Law and Society Annual Conference on Law, Power, and Inequality in the 21st Century, May 28-31, 2009 (Denver, CO).

Moderator: “When a Woman’s Choice Isn’t a Choice,” Health Law Symposium, March 3, 2009 (American University Washington College of Law; Washington, DC).

Presenter: “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 16-17, 2008 (Howard University School of Law; Washington, DC).

Moderator: “Understanding U Visa Regulations and Creating Best Practices for Trafficking and Other Immigrant Relief,” Workshop on the New U Visa Regulations: Understanding their Application and Building Collaboration, February 21, 2008 (American University Washington College of Law; Washington, DC).

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Maryland, District of Columbia, and New Jersey