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EDUCATION

- City University of New York School of Law,** Long Island City, NY May 2004
Juris Doctorate degree with a concentration in Health law.
- University of California, Berkeley,** Berkeley, CA May 2000
Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Development Studies.
- Vietnam National University, Hanoi, Vietnam** 1999-2000
Undergraduate coursework completed in Economics and Political Science through a study abroad program.
- Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest, Hungary** 1997-1998
Undergraduate coursework completed in Economics and Political Science through a study abroad program.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Faculty - Associate Professor, Mitchell Hamline School of Law** 2022 - current
St. Paul, MN
Associate Professor *Doctrinal and clinical*
professor with research focus on inclusive economic development. The Economic Inclusion Clinic focuses transactional legal work that positively impacts historically disenfranchised communities, including people of color, agricultural workers and rural small businesses. Doctrinal coursework taught includes property law and criminal law through a team-based learning method.
- Faculty - Director of Business Innovation Clinic, Bowen School of Law, University of Arkansas**
Little Rock, AR
Assistant Professor 2019 - current
Visiting Professor 2017 - 2019
Clinical Director and professor with research focus on economic development. The Business Innovations Clinic serves entrepreneurs, and other small businesses in the Arkansas/American South region by providing transactional, compliance, intellectual property, and other legal and capacity-building assistance using technology and innovation to reduce costs and increase resources and communication statewide. Clients come from the arts, music, food/farm, health, and educational sectors, both for-profit and nonprofit. Doctrinal coursework taught includes Property (through a team-based learning method), International Law, and guest lectures in Business Associations, and Entertainment Law.

Adjunct Faculty - Clinton School of Public Service, University of Arkansas

Little Rock, AR

Sp 2020 - current

Adjunct professor teaching a Social Entrepreneurship class with a hands-on coursework component in which students produce feasibility studies for burgeoning social enterprises. Coursework taught also includes Foundations in Public Service, and Law and Ethics.

Faculty - Ludwig/Cover Fellow & Associate Research Scholar, Community & Economic Development Clinic, Yale Law School

New Haven, LA

Fa 2016 - Sp 2017

Teaching fellow with research focus on economic development in informal economies. The Ludwig Center for Community & Economic Development (CED) provides transactional legal services to clients seeking to promote economic opportunity and mobility. CED's clients include non-profit music programs, local farms, affordable housing developers, and neighborhood associations.

Adjunct Faculty - Sustainable Real Estate Development Program, Tulane University

New Orleans, LA

Su 2015 - Fa 2016

Instructor of basic real estate finance and community development courses for both undergraduate and graduate-level students within the School of Architecture.

LEGAL, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Fulbright Specialist, The University of Applied Sciences at Ferizaj

Ferizaj, Kosovo

Nov - Dec 2019

Academic and economic development consultant hired as a member of the Fulbright Specialist Roster. Assisted a newly-formed university in Kosovo seeking to develop a social enterprise infrastructure that could foster and support entrepreneurial and economic development activities, both within the university and the nation at large, while providing students with experiential learning opportunities.

Consultant, Community Capacity Consulting // Kim Vu-Dinh, LLC

www.communitycapacityconsulting.com

Sep 2012 - current

New Orleans, LA & Little Rock, AR

Community-based development consultant with a wide variety of community projects using layered federal funds and tax credit programs including but not limited to new market tax credits, low-income housing tax credits, and historic tax credits. Responsibilities include project management, budget development, logistics coordination, and application, implementation and maintaining compliance of complex philanthropic and public funding allocated to distressed neighborhoods. Services also include development of strategic and funding plans, organizational capacity-building, contract drafting and review, and event planning. Clients include non-profits in the affordable housing, music, urban farming and the micro-finance sectors.

Funding & Compliance Manager, Harmony Neighborhood Development

New Orleans, LA

Sep 2010 - Sep 2012

Responsibilities include identifying, applying for, implementing, and maintaining compliance for federal funds related to affordable housing construction, and managing compliance issues of organization overall. Project highlights include raising \$2 million in federal and philanthropic funds in a 1.5 year period for the acquisition, rehab and new construction of affordable housing; project managing and overseeing the administration of multi-layered financing of federal funds (HOPE VI, NSP1, NSP2), directly resulting in the construction of high-quality, environmentally sustainable, homes for low-income households; and overseeing and coordinating the acquisition of over 20 blighted and distressed lots; and, developing a lease purchase system, including the establishment of policy, procedures, and all written documents necessary. Also worked and coordinated extensively with individuals from non-profits, the public, private, and philanthropic sector for each project.

Attorney II, State of Alaska, Dep't of Administration

Anchorage, AK

Oct 2007 - Apr 2010

Experience in criminal practice includes extensive trial and other courtroom experience as a public defender for over 350 clients. Experience in civil practice includes analysis of elder-related and other public benefit issues, facilitation of interagency cooperation, commencing civil litigation resulting in approximately \$2 million in judgments, and preparation of policy recommendations based on legislative analysis.

Campaign Manager / Project Coordinator

Anchorage, AK

Oct 2005 - May 2007

Developed and managed campaigns for statewide housing initiatives, political candidates, and union leadership on a cyclical basis. Clients include Alaska State House Representative Bob Buch, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and union organizations. Successful outcomes include the election of a State Representative, and the creation of a multi-million dollar housing trust dedicated to developing and improving low-income housing.

Attorney I, Superior Court of Alaska, State of Alaska

Palmer, AK

Sep 2004 - Sep 2005

Conducted legal research and prepared recommendations and decisions for Judge Eric Smith.

Program Manager, International Development Enterprises

Hanoi, Vietnam

Aug 1999- May 2000

Duties included grant-writing and managing projects for non-governmental, non-profit organization involved in rural development and public health education.

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Attorney-at-law, Arkansas *2018 - current*
- Attorney-at-law, Alaska *2007 - current*
- CHDO-recognized Affordable Housing Consultant *2012*
- HUD-Certified HOME Program Specialist *2012*
- HUD-Certified LIHTC Property Management Compliance *2011*

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

National Lawyers Guild - Arkansas Statewide Chapter, Founder *Sep 2020 - July 2022*

In its inaugural year, the first-ever Arkansas chapter of the NLG has trained over 50 legal observers (who served at over 15 protests), hosted a CLE on civil rights, trained and deployed BLSA students volunteers to multiple churches and barbershops for absentee ballot trainings, coordinated and facilitated training for poll workers, coordinated an election protection lawsuit, and helped community leaders organize the We the People Community Showcase social justice event.

Arkansas Capital Corporation

Low-Income Accountability Community Advisory Board, Member *June 2021- May 2022*

ACC is a nonprofit community development finance institution focused on community assets and economic development in Arkansas. This is a new committee focused on equity and inclusion in the business lending sector.

University District Development Corporation, Board Member *Jan 2020 - May 2022*

UDDC is a nonprofit funded by UALR to support and develop the neighborhoods and communities surrounding main campus in an inclusive, sustainable manner.

Fund 17, Advisory Committee Member *Aug 2015 - Oct 2016*

Fund 17 is a non-profit involved in micro-finance and financial literacy in New Orleans.

Catholic Charities, Immigration Legal Volunteer *Nov 2015*

Catholic Charities is a non-profit that serves as the focal point for immigrant services in New Orleans, offering citizenship classes and pro bono legal work for refugee and asylum cases.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Where's the Beef: Meat Shortages, Farmer Needs, and Long-term Recovery Policies in a Pandemic Era*, (peer-reviewed) JOURNAL OF ANIMAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW LOUIS D. BRANDEIS SCHOOL OF LAW UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE (forthcoming Spring 2022, Vol 13 No. 1)
- *Time to Mail it In? A Survey of 2020 Voting Rights Issues in Arkansas and Recommendations for More Inclusive Elections*, UALR LAW REVIEW (Fall 2021)
- *Help Was Not on the Way: Intellectual Property Liability Relief in a Pandemic Era*, ARKANSAS JOURNAL OF SOCIAL CHANGE AND PUBLIC SERVICE (forthcoming Fall 2021)
- *Black Livelihoods Matter: Access to Credit as a Civil Right and Striving for a More Perfect Capitalism through Inclusive Economics*, HOUSTON BUSINESS AND TAX LAW JOURNAL (Fall 2021)
- *Black Livelihoods Matter: A Prologue and a Plea*, THE QUARTERLY REPORT - HOUSTON BUSINESS AND TAX LAW JOURNAL, Sp 2021

- *Inclusive Economics and Home Loan Policies for Informal Workers*, (peer-reviewed) BUSINESS AND FINANCE LAW REVIEW, 3 GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY BUSINESS AND FINANCE LAW REVIEW 170 (2020)
- WHEN DAVID MEETS GOLIATH: A JOINT VENTURE MANUAL FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS, (contributor and editor), Bowen School of Law's *Access to Opportunity Legal Toolkit Series*, Sp 2019
- *Gasa Gasa Makes Music Out of Cinderblock, Preservation in Print*, Sept 2013
- *Protecting Alaskan Elders: Problems and Reform Recommendations in Power-of-Attorney Law in Alaska*, 27 ALASKA LAW REVIEW 1 (2010), Duke University
- *Legal Services Corporation v. Velazquez: A Case of David and Goliath or Merely Narcissism of the Court?* ESSAYS ON LEGAL ETHICS, New York State Bar Association, 2002

PANELS, PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

- Workshop Facilitator, *Building a Consumer Law Program at Your Law School*, Law School Consumer Clinic Conference, Santa Fe, NM - May 2022
- Moderator/Course Instructor, Bowen School of Law and Clinton School of Public Service, Speaker Series - *International Law: Self-determination, Nation-building, & Economic Development and the Case Study of Kosovo* (hosting guest speakers including General Wesley Clark, members of Kosovo's Supreme Court, and university faculty) Little Rock, AR - Nov 2021
- Presenter/Instructor, *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Elder Law Practice: From the Destruction of Black Wall Street to the Racial Wealth, Credit and Property Gap* - Arkansas Bar Association CLE, Elder Law Section Little Rock, AR - Nov 2021
- Panelist, *Forging New Paths: AAPIs in the Legal Profession* - University of Arkansas Fayetteville Office of Equal Opportunity and Compliance, Fayetteville, AR - May 2021
- Symposium Moderator, *Voter Protection in Arkansas: A 2020-2021 Summary of Litigation and Legislation of Current Voter Protection Efforts*, Ben J. Altheimer Symposium: Protecting the Ballot, Today's Election Law and Voting Rights Issues, Little Rock, AR - Feb 2021
- Presenter, *Inclusive Economics and Home Loan Policies for Informal Workers*, American Association of Law Schools Conference - "A Right to Housing! Law & Activism to Eradicate Homelessness" Washington DC - Jan 2021
- Presenter/Course Instructor, Arkansas Bar Association CLE, *Community Lawyering in a Protest Era: A Primer on the Right to Protest and Best Practices for Representing Protesters*, Little Rock, AR- Oct 2020

- Presenter, *'Help Was Not on the Way': Good Samaritan Relief from Intellectual Property Infringement Liability in a Pandemic Era*, BYU Copyright and Trademark Symposium, Brigham Young University J. Reuben Clark Law School - Aug 2020
- Workshop Panel Invitee, *Social Justice and Transactional Clinics*, Southeast Association of Law Schools Conference, Baton Rouge, LA - Aug 2019
- Panel Host & Organizer, *When David Meets Goliath: Best Practices for Joint Ventures in Community Development*, CLE Course, University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law, Little Rock, AR - Mar 2019
- Panel Host, *Time for the Cities: Let Music Take You There*, Music Cities Convention (a conference on economic development in music cities), Memphis, TN - Oct 2017
- Panel Host, *Public Finance for Non-Financiers: Public Funding Basics and Issue-Spotting for Architects, General Contractors, and Other Non-financial Professionals*, Smart Growth Summit - Center for Planning Excellence, CLE Course, Baton Rouge, LA - Nov 2015
- Panel Host, *Partnering with Non-Profits in Real Estate Development*, Smart Growth Summit - Center for Planning Excellence, CLE Course, Baton Rouge, LA - Nov 2015
- Panelist, *DIY Music Management and Business Development Roundtable* CLE Course, Cutting Edge Music Conference, New Orleans, LA - Apr 2014

PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF CLINIC, TEACHING, AND SERVICE

- Award Recipient, *Minority Mentor Award* from the Little Rock Regional Chamber (an award for mentoring minority-owned businesses in the Little Rock region) - Oct 2021
- Award Finalist, *Minority Mentor Award* from the Little Rock Regional Chamber - Oct 2020
- Award Nominee, *We Heart Our Faculty Awards* from the Student Government Association of Bowen - 2020 - 2021
- Print news feature, "Business Innovations Clinic Helps Entrepreneurs, Law Students", by Sarah Campbell, ARKANSAS BUSINESS (available online at: <https://www.arkansasbusiness.com/article/135324/business-innovations-clinic-helps-entrepreneurs-law-students>)
- TV news feature, "Legal observers attend Little Rock protests, monitor first amendment rights", by Desmond Nugent, June 6, 2020, ABC 7 On Your Side, daily news, available at: https://katv.com/news/local/legal-observers-attend-little-rock-protests-monitor-first-amendment-rights?fbclid=IwAR0DbZmYxAy_x3K-oSp2qKasu7eSnfV9tqoVrwlLqhWYdFBUpDABv4FN_dQ

- TV news feature, “Arkansans reflect on George Floyd protests 1 year later”, by Desmond Nugent, May 31, 2021, ABC 7 On Your Side, daily news, available at: <https://katv.com/news/local/arkansans-reflect-on-impact-and-change-1-year-after-george-floyd-protests?fbclid=IwAR0uZgvAPu3klrrC7y2kneBei_XZpxorIEPMbohilEWoHnhk1LCTykLgk9s>

INTERESTS

Old-time fiddling, hiking, baking, swing dancing, music (I have an independent record label called Milo Records New Orleans), interior design, and property rehab.