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**PRESENT**

**POSITION:**

Professor of Clinical Law & Director of the Juvenile Law Clinic  
Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana

**EDUCATION:**

Tulane Law School, New Orleans, Louisiana, J.D. 1980;  
Moot Court Board; National Trial Team; National Appellate Team; Tulane L.S.U.  
Trial Team; Criminal Law Clinic

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana,  
B.A. in English, 1977

**PROFESSIONAL**

**EXPERIENCE:**

July, 1991 - present: Professor of Clinical Law, Tulane Law School;  
Felix J. Dreyfous Fellow of Juvenile Law (since 1984); Director, Juvenile  
Law Clinic (since 1984)

July, 1987 - July, 1991: Associate Professor of Clinical Law

July, 1986 - July, 1987: Assistant Professor of Clinical Law

July, 1984 - July, 1986: Instructor of Clinical Law

1980 - 1981 - Director of Tulane Law School's Trial Advocacy Program

1980 - 1989 - Partner, Katner & Escher, N.O., LA. (A/V rated); general  
civil and criminal practice. Litigation experience in all Louisiana  
state courts, federal district court (E. Dist. La.) and U.S. Fifth Circuit  
Court of Appeals.

1980 - 1984 - Jefferson Parish Indigent Defender Board, Gretna, LA.;  
Panel trial attorney; Officer, Jefferson Parish Criminal Bar Association.

**LITIGATION**

**EXPERIENCE:**

**Criminal:** death penalty trials and appeals; various other criminal  
felony trails including aggravated arson, second  
degree murder, armed robbery, various drug offenses.

**Civil:** medical malpractice cases; personal injury cases (plaintiff and defense); military court martial; contract disputes; successions and estates; property disputes.

**Juvenile:** delinquencies, child support, C.I.N.C., C.I.N.S., termination of parental rights.

## **JUDICIAL**

**APPOINTMENTS:** 1988 - present: Appointed by Louisiana Supreme Court as Judge ad hoc in sections "B" and "C" of the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court.

1987 - 1988 Orleans Parish Juvenile Court Traffic Court Referee.

## **CONSULTING WORK:**

Presentation to Louisiana Juvenile Judges Association on the Louisiana Evidence Code and recent developments in juvenile law; one of original drafters of Louisiana Children's Code.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Board of Trustees: Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Services 2013-present

Board of Directors: Jefferson Parish Children & Youth Planning 2017-present.

Board of Directors: New Orleans Children's Bureau 2003- 2007.

Board of Directors: National Association of Counsel for Children 1991 - 2007; Emeritus Board Member 2010-23.

Board of Directors: New Orleans Legal Assistance Corporation (Legal Services Corporation) 1980 - 1988;

Board of Directors: Jefferson Parish Juvenile Services Advisory Board, 1991 - 1994;

Member, American Academy of Forensic Sciences 2018-present;

Member, Governor's Children's Cabinet Advisory Board 2005- 2007

Member, Louisiana Children's Code Project - revising Louisiana state juvenile laws and procedure, 1988 - 1991; Revised Children's Code competency provisions 2004-07;

Reporter for Louisiana ABA/YLD Child Welfare Law Tracking Project 1989 - 1990;

Legal Advisory Panel of Covenant House, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1988 - 1989.

Member:

Louisiana Bar Association;

American Bar Association;

Association of Trial Lawyers of America;

Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association;  
National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty;  
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.  
National Association of Counsel for Children.

**SUBJECTS TAUGHT:**

- Advanced Criminal Procedure
- Evidence
- Professional Responsibility/Legal Profession (Legal Ethics)
- Introduction to Advocacy (Law Clinic)
- Juvenile Advocacy Seminar (Law Clinic)
- Trial Advocacy
- Introduction to Forensic Child Psychiatry (didactics for child psychiatric residents) at Tulane Medical School; conducted grand rounds at Tulane Medical School for Pediatrics and Child Psychiatry.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

- Faculty founder of Tulane Law School's National Association of Counsel for Children, the first law student chapter in the nation.
- Faculty founder of Tulane Vietnamese Student Association
- Faculty founder of Tulane's Collegiate Organization for AIDS Prevention. (COAP)
- Pro Bono expert witness for A.C.L.U. in Del A., landmark child welfare class action, U.S.D.C., Eastern District of Louisiana.
- Pro Bono substitute attorney for indigent defender in Orleans Parish Juvenile Court, Section A, for 2 - 3 weeks each year from 1988 - 2011
- Volunteer supervisor for Tulane Paralegal Studies Program, directing paralegal candidates' practicums.
- Faculty advisor to Law School's Committee on Gay & Lesbian Legal Issues,(formerly known as C.O.G.L.L.I.), Lambda.
- Cub Scout Den Leader, Pack 56, Lusher School; recipient of 4 President's Volunteer Service Awards (gold and silver)
- Board member, Jefferson Parish Juvenile Services Advisory Board
- Board member, Louisiana Mental Health Advocacy Services
- Emeritus Board member, National Association of Counsel for Children

**PUBLICATIONS:** You can access my papers on SSRN at: <http://ssrn.com/author=22186>.

**--Book Chapters**

--Delinquency, Due Process, and Mental Health, Presuming Youth Incompetency, Chp. 5, A NEW JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM: TOTAL REFORM FOR A BROKEN SYSTEM (Nancy Dowd, ed., NYU Press 2015).

--Delinquency and Daycare, 4 HARVARD LAW & POLICY REVIEW 49 (2010), available at [http://hlpronline.com/2010/02/katner\\_daycare/](http://hlpronline.com/2010/02/katner_daycare/). Reprinted in Chp. 2, JUSTICE FOR KIDS,

KEEPING KIDS OUT OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM 39 (Nancy E. Dowd, ed., NYU Press 2011).

--Rethinking Juvenile Justice in the Wake of Katrina, Chp. 5, CHILDREN, LAW, AND DISASTERS, WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED FROM KATRINA AND THE HURRICANES OF 2005 113 (ABA Center on Children & the Law 2009). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2274701> (Peer reviewed).

--Legal Issues, Chp. 14, RECOGNITION OF CHILD ABUSE FOR THE MANDATED REPORTER 309 (G.W. Medical Publishing, Inc., Angelo P. Giardino, Eileen R. Giardino, eds.)(3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. 2002)(Henry J. Plum, co-author)(Peer reviewed).

--Raising the Insanity Plea, Chp. 4, ETHICAL PROBLEMS FACING THE CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYER 48 (Rodney J. Uphoff, ed., American Bar Assoc. 1995). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2306590> (Peer reviewed).

### --Articles

-- “Normal”, 33 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL JUSTICE 427 (2024).

--Juvenile Competency Complications: Protocol, Unmet Needs, Developmental Immaturity, FASD and Comorbidity, 49 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW & MEDICINE 172 (2023)(Peer reviewed, Cambridge University Press)(Presented at Boston University Law School, Harvard Medical School Symposium for American Journal of Law & Medicine, Feb. 2-4, 2023).

--Juvenile Competency Restoration, 27 LEWIS & CLARK LAW REVIEW 657 (2023). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4491809>

--Torture, Ethics and Accountability? 53 LOYOLA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO LAW JOURNAL 513 (2022. Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=4133703> (Presented at UCLA School of Law, International Legal Ethics Conference 2022, *Lawyers in a World of Crisis*, UCLA Luskin Conference Center, Aug. 13-15, 2022)

--Trump’s Policy of Putting Kids in Cages: Six Dead, Thousands Separated from Parents, Making America Great Again? (28 VIRGINIA JOURNAL OF SOCIAL POLICY & THE LAW 87, (2021) Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3854074>

--Delayed Responses to Child Sexual Abuse: The Kavanaugh Confirmation Hearing, and Eliminating Statutes of Limitation for Child Sexual Abuse Cases, 47 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW 1 (2020). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3891808>

--Endorsing Pedophiles For Elected Office? 97 NEBRASKA LAW REVIEW 469 (2018). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3319879>

- Up In Smoke: Removing Marijuana From Schedule I, 28 BOSTON UNIVERSITY PUBLIC INTEREST LAW JOURNAL 167 (2018). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3236322>
- Creating State or Regional Dental Registries to Identify Pediatric Dental Abuse or Neglect, 1(5) BIOMEDICAL JOURNAL OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH (2017). Available at [2017.bjstr.ms.ID000451.DOI:10.2617/bjstr2017.01.000451](https://bjstr.ms.ID000451.DOI:10.2617/bjstr2017.01.000451). (Peer reviewed).
- Considerations in Identifying Pediatric Dental Neglect and the Legal Obligation to Report (co-authored with Suzanne Fournier, DDS, and Christopher Brown, DDS), 147 JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION 812 (Oct. 2016).(Peer reviewed).
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- Mandatory Reporting of Oral Injuries Indicating Possible Child Abuse, 143 JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION 1087 (Oct. 2012)(co-authored with Christopher Brown, DDS)(Peer reviewed).
- Revising Legal Ethics in Delinquency Cases by Consulting with Juveniles' Parents, 79 UMKC LAW REVIEW 595 (2011). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2268196>
- In Opposition to the Mandatory Registration of Juvenile Sex Offenders, 3 JOURNAL OF RACE, GENDER & POVERTY 21 (2011-12). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2274155>
- Foreword: The Legacy of Gault, 44 CRIMINAL LAW BULLETIN 302 (May-June 2008). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2269190>
- The Ethical Struggle of Usurping Juvenile Client Autonomy by Raising Competency in Delinquency and Criminal Cases, 16 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERDISCIPLINARY LAW JOURNAL 293 (2007). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2268203>
- The Mental Health Paradigm and the MacArthur Study: Emerging Issues Challenging the Competence of Juveniles in Delinquency Systems, 32 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF LAW & MEDICINE 503 (2006). Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2271800> (Peer reviewed).
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--The Nexus of Dependency and Delinquency: Requesting Dependency Lawyers to Handle Delinquency Cases, 3 MICHIGAN CHILD WELFARE LAW JOURNAL 2 (WINTER, 1999). Available at SSRN:

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--Legal Ethics and Representation of Juvenile Clients in Oklahoma, CHILDREN AND THE LAW, V-1CV-13, Pub. No. 541 (Oklahoma Bar Association) (1994).

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--Ethical Considerations in Domestic Relations Cases Involving Child Abuse, USING THE LAW TO PROTECT CHILDREN: CURRENT ISSUES IN CHILD WELFARE LAW, ABUSE & NEGLECT (State Bar of New Mexico)(1992).

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