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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio

Director, Intellectual Property Venture Clinic, 2019 – present

Director, First Amendment Clinic, Fall 2018

Stanton Foundation First Amendment Fellow, 2017-2018

Courses Taught:

- **Intellectual Property Venture Clinic Seminar** – Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Spring 2019
- **First Amendment Clinic Seminar** – Fall 2018
- **First Amendment Government Transparency Lab** – Spring 2018
- **First Amendment and the Arts Lab** – Fall 2017

Other Faculty Service:

- Clinic Administrative Responsibilities: *Civil Rights Clinic Litigation Coverage* –Spring 2018-present, *Summer Clinic Coverage & Extern Supervision* – Summer 2019;
- Stephanie Tubbs Jones Summer Legal Academy (legal education program for inner-city high school students) – Summer 2019, Summer 2018;
- Civil Rights Clinic Seminar (shadowing Professor Avidan Cover) – Spring 2018;
- Student-Faculty Mentorship Program;
- Ad-Hoc Bar Passage Committee.

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

The Pattakos Law Firm, LLC, Fairlawn, Ohio

Of Counsel, 2019 – present

- Represent clients in First Amendment and other civil rights litigation.

Singerman, Mills, Desberg & Kauntz Co., LPA, Cleveland, Ohio

Associate Attorney, 2014 – 2017

- Represented clients in a wide variety of litigation matters in state and federal courts through all stages of litigation, from intake, evaluation, pleading, motion practice, discovery, summary judgment, trial, settlement, and appeal.
- Matters included contract- and statutory-based claims, injunctions, eviction, zoning, quiet title and other real property claims, intentional torts, negligence, the Uniform Commercial Code, nondisclosure/trade secrets, eviction, and foreclosure.
- Counseled clients on business, corporate, and compliance issues including areas of real estate, employment, environmental, professional licensing, and trade secret.

Mansour, Gavin, Gerlack & Manos Co., LPA, Cleveland, Ohio

Associate Attorney, 2012 – 2014

- Represented clients in a wide variety of litigation matters in state and federal courts and before administrative boards, including cases relating to negligence, breach of contract, civil rights, fair housing, products liability, employment, and defamation and other intentional torts.

Baker & Hostetler LLP, Cleveland, Ohio

Staff Attorney, 2011 – 2012

- Assisted in preparation of case materials and analysis of e-discovery issues for the liquidation proceeding of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC and related litigation matters.
- Reviewed and analyzed pleadings, evidence, and discovery materials for complex securities and financial fraud issues in a time-pressured litigation setting.

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Cleveland, Ohio

Staff Attorney, 2010 – 2011

Law Clerk, 2008 – 2010

- Investigated and prosecuted attorneys accused of ethical misconduct and non-attorneys accused of engaging in the unauthorized practice of law.
- Drafted ethics opinions providing guidance on compliance with the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct.

Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio

Legal Extern, 2009

- Researched legal issues and wrote motions for indigent defendants' criminal matters in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio and the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals involving allegations of violence, terrorism, internet-based crimes, and drug and firearm crimes.

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio

J.D., 2010

- Dean's Honor List;
- Founding Member & Co-Editor in Chief, *Journal of Law, Technology & the Internet*;
- CALI Excellence for the Future Award Recipient, *Copyright in the Digital Millennium Seminar (Towards a Postmodern Conception of Authorship in U.S. Copyright Law)*;
- Social Justice Fellow, Federal Public Defender;
- Selected Participant, *Cleveland Bar Association Minority Clerkship Program*.

Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado

B.A., English, 2005

- Senior Thesis, *Translation as Deconstruction: Authorial Intention and the Role of the Translator*, selected for 2006 Int'l Assn. for Translation and Intercultural Studies Conference; Helpdesk Technician in the Information Technology Dept.

PUBLICATIONS

[*Memo to Larry Householder: The First Amendment Guards against using political position to suppress dissenting speech*](#), CLEVELAND.COM (June 17, 2019).

[*Ohio Open Government Guide*](#), Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press (2019 Update, with David Marburger).

Ohio Adopts the Uniform Bar Exam, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal, October 2018.

PRESENTATIONS

Written Testimony regarding Government Transparency, Ohio House of Representatives, Subcommittee on Criminal Sentencing, Nov. 16, 2019.

A Discussion of Gibson Bros. Inc. v. Oberlin College: The First Amendment on College Campuses, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Oct. 24, 2019.

Internet Free Speech: Blocking, Banning & Removing Content, Case Western Reserve University School of Law Louis C. Greenwood Lecture Series Downtown at the City Club, The City Club of Cleveland, Oct. 16, 2019.

Protest Art: Free Speech and Its Legal Boundaries, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts, Spaces Gallery, Nov. 29, 2018.

Judicial and Attorney Ethical Issues in Serial Podcast, Season 3, Ursuline College Paralegal Studies Legal Ethics Course, Oct. 10, 2018.

Guest Lecture, *Attorney Discipline Litigation Overview*, Ursuline College Paralegal Studies Legal Ethics Course – February 2011, February 2014, January 2017

Guest Lecture, *Networking Skills Workshop/Relationship Building Panel*, Case Western Reserve University School of Law Professional Development Series – August 2015, October 2016

SELECTED LITIGATION MATTERS

- *Koger v. Mohr et al.* (N.D. Ohio No. 4:17-cv-02409)(6th Cir. No. 19-4020) (Representing Rastafarian inmate bringing claims against prison officials under the First and Fourteenth Amendments and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000cc, et seq., for burdening his religious exercise in a discriminatory way).
- *Cover v. Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction* (Ohio Court of Claims) (public records litigation regarding prison video of the force-cut of client's dreadlocks (see above)).

- *Lawless v. Cleveland State University* (N.D. Ohio No. 1:19-cv-00178) (Representing artist bringing claims under the First Amendment and the Visual Artists Rights Act, 17 U.S.C. § 106A and a request for injunctive relief against a public university for censoring his sculpture on university property).
- *State of Ohio v. Hawkins* (Ohio Ct. App. 8th Dist. No. CA-18-108057) (Supervising student appeal of a criminal matter alleging ineffective assistance of counsel).
- *State of Ohio v. Hawkins* (Ohio Ct. App. 8th Dist. No. No. 18-107821) (Supervising student appeal of a criminal matter alleging ineffective assistance of counsel).
- *Phillips v. Cincinnati*, (S.D. Ohio No. 1:18-cv-00541) (Representing homeless people challenging the criminalization of homelessness, bringing claims under the First, Fourth, Fifth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments).
- *State ex rel. Advance Ohio v. Breaux* (Ohio Ct. App. 9th Dist. No. CA-28642) (Representing media outlet bringing writs of mandamus and prohibition against trial judge and common pleas court, alleging a wrongful restraint on public access to a civil case alleging widespread fraud by a personal injury law firm).
- *Bedford Associates, et al. v. Coleman Ali-El, et al.* (Ohio C.P., Cuyahoga Cty., No CV-16-869226; N.D. Ohio No. 1:16-cv-03016) (Representing property owner seeking injunctive relief for defendant's alleged harassment by stalking, malicious prosecution, and defamation).
- *Lake Breeze Condominium Owners Assn. v. Eastlake Ohio Developers LLC* (Ohio C.P, Lake Cty., No. 16-CV-001477) (Representing property owner seeking injunctive relief and damages to prevent defendant's alleged trespass to build a housing development).
- *Meldon v. Village of Chagrin Falls* (Ohio C.P., Cuyahoga Cty., No. 16-CV-866473; N.D. Ohio No 1:16-cv-02085) (Civil rights action alleging unlawful arrest, imprisonment, and wrongful condemnation of client's property).
- *Wildberry Homeowners Assn. v. Schuffert* (Ohio Ct. App. 9th Dist. No. 15-CA-010840) (Representing homeowners association in appeal seeking enforcement of association declarations against homeowner).
- *Abbe Road Realty, LLC v. Kuehne & Nagel, Inc.* (N.D. Ohio No. 1:14-cv-02463) (Representing property owner in commercial lease dispute).
- *Hurd v. Polverine, et al.* (N.D. Ohio No. 1:12-cv-02037) (Representing government officials in civil rights action brought by inmate alleging excessive force and denial of medical care).
- *Teodecki v. Litchfield Twp.* (N.D. Ohio No. 1:11-cv-2737) (Representing government officials in claims of First Amendment retaliation, defamation, and a constitutional right of privacy).

- *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Assn. v. Axner*, 135 Ohio St.3d 241, 2013-Ohio-400 (Ohio Sup. Ct.) (disciplinary case against attorney accused of neglecting client matters, failure to communicate with clients, and failure to cooperate with the investigation).
- *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Assn. v. Brown*, 143 Ohio St.3d 333, 2015-Ohio-2344 (Ohio Sup. Ct.) (disciplinary case against attorney for neglecting client matters, mishandling client funds, and other misconduct).

MEDIA MENTIONS

Evan MacDonald, [*Citizen app debuts in Cleveland, bringing crime alerts to users' cellphones*](#), [cleveland.com](#), Feb. 17, 2020.

Shira Feder, [*Why we over-share on dating apps \(even when we know we shouldn't\)*](#), Insider, Feb. 14, 2020.

Todd DeFeo, [*Ohio Senate approves campus free speech measure*](#), The Center Square, Feb. 4, 2020.

Kevin Barry, [*New service called 'Bark' helps teachers monitor and protect children from online bullying*](#), WEWS NEWS5 Cleveland, Feb. 5, 2020.

Mason Vera Paine, [*Sorting Through COPPA*](#), WGN Radio 720, Dec. 9, 2019.

Rachel Polansky, [*3News Investigates Ring's Cozy Relationship With Four Northeast Ohio Police Departments*](#), WKYC-TV Cleveland, Nov. 12, 2019.

Scott Fallon and Lindy Washburn, [*A year after Wanaque deaths, NJ still refuses to release documents showing its response*](#), North Jersey Record, Oct. 23, 2019.

Sabrina Eaton, [*Geauga County Judge David Ondrey won't release letters written on Scott Coleman's behalf*](#), cleveland.com, Oct. 18, 2019.

Olivia Fecteau, [*Fans alert local T-shirt company to copycats*](#), WEWS News 5 Cleveland, Aug. 1, 2019.

Bill Sheil, [*I-Team: Court battle to find out how much local community college paid actress to speak at luncheon*](#), FOX 8 Cleveland, June 26, 2019.

Joe Pagonakis, [*Local experts say Facebook needs more scrutiny after New Zealand Massacre was broadcast live*](#), News 5 Cleveland, Mar. 15, 2019.

Chance Seales, [*Social Media Content Moderation*](#), Newsy *The Why*, Mar. 19, 2019.

Alan Cohn, [*Who are you really engaging with on social media?*](#), WOIO Channel 19 News Cleveland, Feb. 14, 2019.

Lindsay McKenzie, [Liberty University stands by CIO, despite questionable business activities](#), Inside Higher Ed, Jan. 29, 2019.

Nick Castele, [Lawsuit Says Cleveland State Censored Sculpture Criticizing Trump](#), ideastream, Jan. 24, 2019.

Eric Heisig, [Lawsuit against Cleveland State says officials censored phrase critical of Trump on large sculpture](#), cleveland.com, Jan. 24, 2019.

Vince Grzegorek, [Artist Sues Cleveland State for Censoring Trump Message on His Iconic 'The Politician: A Toy' Sculpture](#), Cleveland Scene, Jan. 24, 2019.

Annie Zaleski, [Protecting Speech: New law clinic defends First Amendment rights](#), CWRU Think Magazine, Summer 2018.

Cory Shaffer, [Judge lifts gag order in KNR lawsuit and restores access to court records](#), cleveland.com, Oct. 16, 2017

Cory Shaffer, [Lawyers for cleveland.com ask appeals court to lift KRN lawsuit gag order, restore access to records](#), cleveland.com May 19, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Amicus, *Bey v. Resawehr*, Ohio Supreme Court No. 2019-0295 (regarding the balance between the First Amendment and civil stalking protection orders prohibiting persons from posting on social media).

Member, Free Expression Legal Network

Committee Member, Certified Grievance Committee, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Committee Member, Bar Admissions Committee, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association

Board Member, Legal Studies Advisory Board, Ursuline College

Member, Clinical Legal Education Association

Volunteer Judicial Panelist, Ohio High School Mock Trial Competition

BAR ADMISSIONS

Ohio (2010); U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2012); U.S. District Court, N.D. Ohio (2012), U.S District Court, S.D. Ohio (2017).