

BAR ADMISSION

State of Ohio, November 2019

EDUCATION

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D., magna cum laude, May 2019

GPA: 3.838 / 4.000; Class rank: 6 / 146

- Dean's Scholar Full Tuition Scholarship; Order of the Coif; Jack Cronquist Award for outstanding performance and commitment to clients in the Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic; CALI Award for Professional Responsibility
- *Case Western Reserve Law Review*, Contributing Editor

Case Western Reserve University Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, M.S.S.A., May 2019

GPA: 3.905 / 4.000

- Concentration in Community Practice for Social Change
- Mandel School Scholarship Recipient; NASW Ohio, Region 3, 2017 MSW Student of the Year Award

University of Michigan, B.A. in Social Change & Activism, Minor in History of Art, with High Distinction, April 2012

GPA: 3.915 / 4.000; Top 10% of Graduating Class

- Individual Concentration Program: Designed academic curriculum for new major concentration program in "Social Change & Activism," approved by the Committee for Interdisciplinary Studies

EXPERIENCE

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Reproductive Rights Law Initiative, Cleveland, Ohio

Staff Attorney & Lecturer, November 2023 – present

Reproductive Rights Fellow, November 2020 – October 2023

Provides legal support to reproductive health care providers and advocacy organizations. Serves as a member of multiple legal teams litigating challenges to abortion restrictions in Ohio in both federal and state courts. Conducts extensive legal research, analyzes proposed and enacted legislation, and engages in outreach and education efforts. Co-teaches reproductive rights lab and seminar.

Milton A. Kramer Law Clinic Center, Health and Human Trafficking Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio

Clinical Law Fellow, August 2019 – November 2020

Certified Legal Intern & Social Work Intern May 2018 – May 2019

Provided trauma-informed legal advocacy and representation, resource referrals, and other social support to victims of human trafficking and populations facing an increased risk of trafficking victimization. Represented clients in a wide variety of civil, minor criminal, and immigration matters. Supervised law students and social work students working on client matters and research projects, and assisted with teaching bi-weekly seminar for law students. Analyzed pending and current legislation and presented legislative updates to Greater Cleveland's Coordinated Response to Human Trafficking. Provided trainings to service providers and community stakeholders.

American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio

Law & Policy Clerk, May 2017 – August 2017

Intern, September 2016 – May 2017

Analyzed legal issues posed by proposed legislation at state and local levels. Wrote blog posts, action alerts, emails, and website content on current civil liberties issues. Researched and compiled strategies for improving access to reproductive health care facilities and engaged in outreach to local abortion providers. Assisted with the planning of educational events, applied for continuing education accreditation, and coordinated day-of event logistics. Served as the organizational representative on the Freedom of Choice Cleveland Coalition planning committee.

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, Ohio*Research Assistant to Associate Dean B. Jessie Hill, July 2016 – September 2016*

Researched anti-abortion legislation across the United States. Analyzed constitutional issues presented by attacks on reproductive rights and summarized findings in written memos and excel spreadsheets.

United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, Cleveland, Ohio*Judicial Extern to the Honorable Judge Karen Nelson Moore, May 2016 – July 2016*

Researched and drafted bench memoranda on pending civil and criminal cases. Observed oral arguments in the Sixth Circuit as well as various court proceedings in the Northern District of Ohio.

Milestones Autism Resources, Beachwood, Ohio*Development Assistant, June 2014 – May 2015*

Researched potential grant opportunities, wrote grant proposals, and compiled progress reports for funded projects. Provided support for donor stewardship efforts and created donor e-newsletter. Solicited event sponsors and in-kind donations, and provided logistical event support. Organized ‘Strike It Big for Milestones 2015’ bowling fundraiser. Managed content for multiple social media platforms. Created and sent email communications via Constant Contact.

Conference Planning Assistant, February 2014 – June 2014

Proofed and compiled speaker biographies, presentations, handouts, and other materials. Researched and developed targeted mailing lists in a multi-state region for use in marketing the 12th Annual Autism Conference. Maintained conference registration database. Recruited and organized all conference volunteers.

NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio, Cleveland, Ohio*Intern, November 2012 – February 2014*

Created educational materials on reproductive health topics, such as emergency contraception and medication abortions. Researched and reported on relevant legislation and special interest groups. Staffed outreach table at community events. Helped organize 40th Anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* Celebration. Wrote “Year in Review” e-newsletter. Regularly updated website’s media and event pages. Entered donor data in database and sent out donor acknowledgements.

Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition, Detroit, Michigan*Student Community Organizer, January 2012 – May 2012*

Engaged in community outreach and organizing with Delray neighborhood residents and local businesses in support of campaign for a community benefits agreement to be added to proposed Ambassador Bridge legislation.

PUBLICATIONS

Becca Kendis, *Faute de Mieux: Recognizing and Accepting Whole Woman’s Health for Its Strengths and Weaknesses*, 69 Case W. Res. L. Rev. 1007 (2019).

Becca Kendis, *Human Trafficking and Prostitution Courts: Problem Solving or Problematic?*, 69 Case W. Res. L. Rev. 805 (2019).