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BAR ADMISSIONS

(2006) Colorado Supreme Court
(1980) Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, First Department
(1981) Eastern and Southern District Courts of New York

EXPERIENCE

**ENDORSED AND QUALIFIED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EXPERT WITNESS
(COLORADO, NEW YORK, AND WYOMING)**

(2012 to present)

I provide expert witness consultation, offers of proof, and testimony for plaintiffs and respondents and for the prosecution and the defense, in all manner of civil and criminal proceedings, e.g., marital dissolution, allocation of parental responsibilities, dependency and neglect, tort actions, felony assault, sexual assault, and murder.

In four decades, I have assisted more than 350 domestic violence survivors and overseen staff who have assisted more than 15,000.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN (DOJ/OVW)**

(2010 to present)

I conduct peer review for domestic violence and sexual assault grant proposals.

ATTORNEY AT LAW

(2012 to present)

I provide *pro bono* domestic violence appellate work to Colorado law firms.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER LECTURER

(2016 to present)

I teach a required three-credit course, “Interpersonal Violence Law and Public Policy,” in the School of Public Affairs Master of Public Administration Degree Program.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER CONTRACT CONSULTANT

(2012 to 2014)

Under a two-year grant, I provided statewide technical assistance on domestic violence matters.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CROSSROADS SAFEHOUSE, FORT COLLINS, CO

(2004 to 2012)

I lead and worked with the staff and clients of Crossroads Safehouse, the domestic violence shelter tasked with serving all of Larimer County.

My Safehouse duties included training; fundraising; oversight of 35 paid staff and 150 volunteers; client interviews, assistance and advocacy; programmatic development; and community education. The executive director's financial responsibility involved annually raising \$1,750,861 to support the Safehouse. (In 2004 the budget had been \$614,000, down \$34,000 from 2003.)

Safehouse enhancements, 2005 to 2012, included the creation of an Outreach Center; six-county Legal Representation Division ("Bringing Justice Home"); a 25-Unit Transitional Housing Program ("HOME"); Teen Dating Violence Institute; Houses of Hope Faith-based Initiative; toll-free Domestic Violence Hotline (1.888.541.SAFE); Department of Human Services Co-location Advocacy Program; completion of a \$6,134,362 Capital Campaign; and the opening of a new 29,000 square-foot Crossroads Safehouse in 2011.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PACE WOMEN'S JUSTICE CENTER (PWJC), PACE SCHOOL OF LAW, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK (SINCE 2016: THE ELISABETH HAUB SCHOOL OF LAW AT PACE UNIVERSITY)

(1994 to 2004)

I created and conducted intimate partner violence trainings for attorneys and law enforcement professionals throughout New York State. I provided about 20 expert witness trainings. I also offered numerous presentations focusing on evidence-based prosecution techniques, federal domestic violence legislation, family law, and protection order issues, at the rate of over three trainings per month, for a total of 360 trainings for over 13,000 attendees.

My PWJC duties included teaching; personally representing domestic violence victims in civil and criminal matters ranging from harassment to homicide; submitting *amicus* briefs and statements of interest on appellate issues as a domestic violence expert; and supervising a staff of 15 attorneys and many law students.

I also conducted a two-week domestic violence training program in Tanzania, Africa, in 1998 for the United States Information Agency.

Center enhancements, 1994 to 2004, included the creation of the Family Court Legal Program (with satellite offices in the Westchester County Courthouse and the Yonkers Family Court, where Center staff and law students annually provide legal counsel to over 1,000 domestic violence victims); a Moderate Means Panel of Attorneys; DETER (a 24/7 legal service with local police departments responding to 911 domestic violence calls); and memberships on many committees, boards, and work groups dedicated to domestic violence intervention initiatives.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR OF LAW, PACE SCHOOL OF LAW

(1995 to 2004)

I taught *Domestic Violence: A Trial Advocacy Course*.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW

(1987 to 1995)

At Pace School of Law I taught *Criminal Law, Advanced Appellate Advocacy, Legal Analysis and Writing, Legislative Process, and Women and the Law*.

PRIVATE PRACTICE

(1989 to 1992)

Limited criminal defense practice

SENIOR ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

(1978 to 1986)

Westchester County District Attorney's Office: Domestic Violence Bureau; 40 trials

SUMMER ASSOCIATE

(Summer 1977)

Guggenheimer and Untermyer, New York City, NY: civil litigation

LAW CLERK

(Spring 1977)

Supreme Court Justice Donald Sullivan, Bronx, NY: criminal litigation

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE FRANKLIN PIERCE SCHOOL OF LAW

J.D. 1978

New York University School of Law, NY: third-year student

Honors: Teaching Assistantship; Editor: *Dicta* 1976 – 1977

ROSEMONT COLLEGE, PA, *Cum Laude*

B.A. 1975. Theology

Honors: National Scholastic Honor Society, Delta Epsilon Sigma; Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges 1974 – 1975

COLORADO QUALIFIED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM ADVOCATE

I completed statutorily mandated domestic violence victim advocate training in 2004.

CONTINUING DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION

Each year I attend and/or provide presentations at two or more intimate partner abuse trainings.

HONORS

Crossroads Safehouse

- 2011: Character Fort Collins Award (Board Award)
- 2010: White House Press Release naming Crossroads as one of “100 Recovery Act Projects that Are Changing America”
- 2010: United Way Spirit of Giving Award
- 2010: United Way of Larimer County: Agency Volunteer of the Year Award
- 2009: Fort Collins Housing Authority: Soul of the City Award
- 2008: Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s Exemplary Member Organization Award
- 2007: Coloradoan Best in Business (Nonprofit Category)
- 2006: Affordable Housing of Larimer County: Agency Recognition Award
- 2005: Fort Collins Human Relations Commission 2005 Nonprofit Award

Pace Women’s Justice Center

- 2003: Governor’s Courage, Justice and Freedom to End Domestic Violence Award
- 2003: New York Bar Association President’s *Pro Bono* Service Award
- 2002: Westchester Women’s Bar Association: Family Friendly Workplace Policy Award
- 2000: Westchester Bar Association’s *Pro Bono* Service Award

Personal Honors

- 2020: Who’s Who in America: Women in Law
- 2016: Pace Women’s Justice Center Gala Honoree
- 2011 to 2012: Community Member on the “Coloradoan” Editorial Board
- 2010: Soroptimist Ruby Award
- 2009: Northern Colorado Woman of Influence Award
- 2008: Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence’s Purple Ribbon Award as the Outstanding Executive Manager in Colorado
- 2005 to 2006: Who’s Who in American Law
- 2005: Who’s Who of American Women
- 2005: Northern Colorado Business Report: Who’s Who in Business
- 2004: Westchester County (NY) Board of Legislators Proclamation declaring October 6, 2004 “Victoria Lutz, Esq. Day”
- 2004: Westchester Community College Woman of Achievement Award
- 2004: Pace Women’s Justice Center’s Creative Vision for Women’s Justice Award
- 2004: Ninth Judicial District Family Court Certificate of Appreciation, signed by 9th Judicial District Supervising Judge of the Family Court, Joan O. Cooney
- 2004: Westchester County Office of the County Executive: Certificate of Distinguished Service, signed by County Executive Andrew J. Spano
- 2003 and 2004: Congressional Proclamations, each signed by Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey

- 2003: New York State Assembly Citation, signed by Assemblyman Adam T. Bradley
- 2003: Pace School of Law: Pioneer of Justice and Equality for Women and the Law
- 2000: U.S. Attorney's Office: Certificate of Appreciation, signed by Bill Blagg
- 1998 and 2001: Who's Who in American Law
- 1996: U.S. Department of Justice Certificate of Commendation, signed by P. NeMoyer

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES,
BOARD MEMBERSHIPS, AND
AFFILIATIONS

- 2004 to present: Colorado Bar Association; Colorado Women's Bar Association; Violence Free Colorado (formerly Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence)
- 2014 to 2018: Leadership Council: University of Colorado Denver School of Public Affairs Center on Domestic Violence
- 2016: Colorado Bar Association Mock Trial Volunteer
- 2013: Colorado Domestic Violence Research and Action Coalition
- 2011 to 2012: State of Colorado Domestic Violence Program Advisory Board
- 2011: Homeward 2020 Leadership Team
- 2005 to 2011: National Institute for Trial Advocacy (NITA) Faculty for annual DOJ Office on Violence Against Women Legal Assistance for Victims grantee trainings
- 2009: Colorado Access to Justice Commission
- 2008: U.S. Housing and Urban Development Domestic Violence Options Workgroup
- 2001 to 2006: New York State Parent Education Advisory Board
- 1996 to 2006: National Bulletin on Domestic Violence Prevention Board Editor
- 2004 to 2005: National Model Stalking Code Board, U.S. DOJ Office for Victims of Crime
- 2003 to 2004: Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, New York State Board of Directors
- 1998 to 2004: Ninth Judicial District Gender Fairness Task Force
- 1995 to 2004: Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence Full Faith and Credit Workgroup
- 1995 to 2004: Westchester Domestic Violence Council
- 2002 to 2004: Pace University Women's Studies Advisory Board
- 2000 to 2002: U.S. DOJ Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Corporation Consultant
- 2002 to 2003: Children's Rights Committee of the NYS Women's Bar Association
- 2001 to 2004: Westchester PEACE Advisory Board
- 1996 to 1998: NYS Bar Association Chair: Women in the Law Legislative Subcommittee
- 1996 to 1997: NYS Coalition Against Sexual Assault Board of Directors
- 1996 to 1997: Women's Association of Law Students Faculty Advisor
- 1994 to 1997: Child Welfare Workgroup of the NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence Advisory Council
- 1991 to 1995: Pace School of Law Committees: Academic Standing, Admissions, Placement; Pace University Senator, Pace University Marshal

1990 to 1994: NYS Bar Assoc. Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee and Crim. Just. Section
1994: Trainer for HUD-funded Expert Witness NITA Program
1992 to 1994: NYS Bar Association Mock Trial Judge
1984 to 1986: Pace Moot Court Judge

BOOKS

Handbook of Domestic Violence Intervention Strategies, A. Roberts, Ed., Chapter: “Innovations in the Legal System’s Response to Domestic Violence: Thinking Outside the Box for the Silent Majority of Battered Women,” co-author: Amy P. Barasch (Oxford University Press, 2002)

Taking Action Against Abuse: A Guide to the Courts for Victims of Domestic Violence in New York State, co-authors: G. Brown and A. Beck (Fund for Modern Courts, Inc., 1998)

Passport to Safety: Collaborating to Keep Domestic Violence Victims Safe; Chapter 5: “Writing, Interpreting, and Administering Protection Orders” (U.S. DOJ Publ. 1997; and 2nd Ed. 1998)

The Citation Workbook (Text and Teacher's Manual) co-authors: M. Ciampi and R. Widerman (Anderson Publishers 1993; and 2nd Ed. 1997)

PUBLICATIONS

Domestic Violence Expert Witnesses: Hired Guns, Loose Cannons, or Ethical Drones? *Family and Intimate Partner Quarterly* (expected publication date: 2022)

Domestic Violence Expert Witness Testimony: A Guide for the Judiciary, 53 *Ct. Rev.* 22 (2017) (cited as authority in *People v. Cooper*, 2019COA21, No. 15CA0576, pp. 1-2 (February 21, 2019; and in both prosecution and defense briefs to the Colorado Supreme Court, 2020)

A Guide to Domestic Violence Expert Testimony in Colorado, 45 *Colo. Law.* 63 (Nov. 2016) (cited as authority in *People v. Cooper*, 2019COA21, No. 15CA0576, pp. 1-2 (February 21, 2019; and in both prosecution and defense briefs to the Colorado Supreme Court, 2020)

Necessary Measures and Logistics to Maximize the Safety of Victims of Domestic Violence Attending Parent Education Programs, co-author: C. Gady, 42 *Fam. Ct. Rev.* 363 (Apr. 2004) (reprinted in *Domestic Violence and the Law: Theory and Practice*, 3rd Ed. at 715 (Foundation Press 2013))

Proposed Guidelines, Standards and Requirements for Parent Education Programs, co-author as a member of The New York State Parent Education Advisory Board (Oct. 1, 2003)

Syndromes, Frameworks and Expert Testimony: What Jurists Need to Know, Introduction, 24 *Pace L. Rev.* 187 (Fall 2003)

Westchester Family Court Program, Student Attorneys and Mentors Helping Domestic Violence Victims, co-author: A. Barasch, 74 *N.Y.S. Bar Assoc. Jour.* 27 (2002)

Death by Intimacy: Risk Factors for Domestic Violence, co-authors: J. Johnson and N. Websdale, 20 *Pace L. Rev.* 263 (2000)
(cited as authority in the Kentucky Supreme Court case, Pettingill v. Pettingill, 480 S. W.3d 920 (Ky. 2015))

Where Criminal Mischief Is Not a Crime, co-author: W. Slye, *N.Y. Law Journal*, Oct. 31, 1997, at A1, A2
(reprinted in the *Nat'l Dom. Viol. Rept.* (Winter 1997))

Clinton County Batterer Convicted of Felony Coercion, 9 *OPDV Bull.* 7 (Fall 1997)

"My Husband Just Trashed Our Home. What Do You Mean That's Not a Crime?" co-author: C. Bonomolo, 48 *S.C. L. Rev.* 641 (1997)

Battered Women: Annual Conference Presentation, *The Magistrate* (Mar. /Apr. 1996)

The Battered Woman, Self-Defense, and the Grand Jury, co-author: C. Bonomolo, *Trial Magazine*, Aug. 1996, at 46

How New York Should Implement the Federal Full Faith and Credit Guarantee for Out-of-State Orders of Protection, co-author: C. Bonomolo, 16 *Pace L. Rev.* 9 (1995)

Advantages of Curriculum-Based Legal Analysis and Writing, *The Second Draft*, June '91, at 3

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2022: Nebraska's 17th Annual Crime Victim Rights Conference: "Domestic Violence Expert Witness Practice" (April 26, 2022)
- 2022: Boulder Interdisciplinary Council: "Litigation Abuse" (May 4, 2022)
- 2022: Colorado Family Law Institute: "How to Use Expert Testimony in Domestic Relations Cases in Light of People v. Cooper" (August 2022)
- 2020: Colorado Supreme Court Office of Attorney Regulation Character and Fitness Committee: "Understanding and Recognizing the Batterer's MO"
- 2020: Colorado Association of Family and Conciliation Courts co-presenter with Hon. Julie Field: "Litigation Abuse"
- 2019: Colorado Domestic Relations and Probate Best Practice Court Institute co-presenter with Hon. Julie Field: "A Case Study on Litigation Abuse and Judicial Strategies for Addressing the Problem"
- 2018: National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV): "Confidentiality in the Weeds"

2018: Colorado Public Defender, Adams County, training: “Domestic Violence Expert Witness Jeopardy”

2018: Colorado Advocacy in Action Conference guest speaker: “The 5 ‘Ws’ and an ‘H’ of Domestic Violence Expert Testimony”

2017: GIMG.tv – Facts and Forensics: “Private Investigators and Domestic Violence Cases: How Should You Prepare?”

2017: Colorado Domestic Relations Best Practice Court Institute: “What a Domestic Violence Expert Can – and Can’t – Offer in a DR Case”

2017: Colorado Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) Annual Conference: “Confidentiality in the Weeds”

2017: NCADV webinar: “The 5 ‘Ws’ and an ‘H’ of Domestic Violence Expert Testimony”

2013: Weinstein Center for Elder Abuse Prevention, NY: “Talking About Abuse”

2010 to 2013: National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) Conference Faculty: OR, WASH; and Webinar presenter, e.g., “Where Technology Meets Confidentiality”

2012: Second World Conference for Women’s Shelters, DC: “Triple-C-opoly: the Benefits of a Coordinated Community Response”

2012: NCADV: “How Collaboration Creates Coordination and Capital”

2011: CCADV Annual Statewide Conference: “Domestic Violence Expert Witness Testimony”

2010: EVAW International, PA: “Would You Like to Testify as an Expert?”

2008 to 2009: Colorado Nonprofit Association Presenter, e.g, “Partnering for Federal Funds”

2009: NITA: Trainer of NITA staff

2007: Larimer County Federal Executive Association: “Domestic Violence in the Workplace”

2006: Kodak Colorado: “What You Should Know About Domestic Violence”

2004 & 2006: NCADV Bi-annual Conferences, speaker

2005: “In the Mix”, PBS program: “Teens and Dating Violence”

2005: Showcase Fort Collins Cable Program: “Recognizing Domestic Violence”

2005: US Department of Agriculture: “Domestic Violence in the Workplace” and “How to Recognize Lethal Batterers”

2003: TV guest: “Neighborhood Law Center”; “Speaking with Sandy”

2002 to 2005: National College of District Attorneys Faculty: e.g., “Civil Law and Domestic Violence: What Prosecutors Need to Know”; “Dating Violence”

2001: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) Lecturer

2000: United States Congressional Briefing

1999: American Bar Association Annual Conference Speaker

1999: Junior League Forum: “Love Shouldn’t Hurt, ‘Abuse in Teen Relationships””

1994: Ethics and the Law Forum: “Women, Ethics, Law and the Movies”

1993: Forum: "Sleeping with the Client: Ethics v. Eros"

1992: Radio Guest: "Hot Line: ‘Norplant and the Law””

1992: Harry Lipsig’s “The Law”

1990: National Legal Writing Conference Speaker

Over the course of four decades...

I have conducted presentations in some 20 states on myriad gender violence and partner abuse issues. I have spoken on national television and radio programs (e.g., on Court TV, NBC and CBS News) concerning domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and victim and offender dynamics. And I have contributed to a variety of intimate partner abuse media print pieces.

LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

I have testified five times at New York State or Colorado Legislative Committee Hearings. Topics have included the Domestic Violence Factor Law, Prosecuting Domestic Violence Cases, Shared Parenting, and Confidentiality. I have also testified before the New York State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.