

# MEGAN F. CHANEY

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Nova Southeastern University - Shepard Broad College of Law, Fort Lauderdale, FL**

*Professor of Law, 2016-present*

*Director, Trial & Appellate Advocacy, 2015-present*

*Co-Director, Criminal Justice Field Placement Clinic, 2013-present*

*Nova Trial Association Faculty Advisor, 2014-present*

*Associate Professor of Law, 2013-2016*

**Courses:** Criminal Law, Criminal Justice Field Placement Clinic, Professional Responsibility, Criminal Procedure, Torts & Contract Law for Masters Program, Advanced Criminal Procedure & Criminal Law for Criminal Justice Institute, AAMPLE Introduction to Fourth Amendment, Trial Advocacy, Voir Dire Workshop, Trial Advocacy Summer Institute

**Committees & Service:** Curriculum Committee (2016-present); Faculty Development Committee (2013-14; 2015-16); Program Review Committee (2014-15); Moot Court and Trial Team coaching (*ongoing*).

**Awards:** 2015-2016 Stephanie Aleong Impact Award from Yineth Sanchez  
2015-2016 STUEY Graduate Organization of the Year finalist  
2015-2016 Student Bar Association Professor of the Year nomination  
2013-2014 Student Bar Association Professor of the Year nomination

**University of La Verne College of Law, Ontario, CA**

*Associate Professor of Law, 2012-2013*

*Director, Clinical Programs & Experiential Learning, 2012-2013*

*Assistant Professor of Law, 2008-2012*

**Courses:** Advanced Evidence Practicum, Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure: Investigation, Criminal Procedure: Trial, Evidence, Externships, Lawyering Skills Practicum (Civil Litigation Simulated Clinic), Professional Responsibility, Seminar Course at University of La Verne: *The Exquisite Corpse: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Death*.

**Committees & Service:** Strategic Planning Task Force, Academic Standards and Exams & Grading, Curriculum, Center for Excellence in Advocacy, Moot Court, Bar Passage and Graduate Success, Coached Moot Court and Trial Teams; Admissions Representative at several Law School Admission Council trips; Federal Clerkship Committee.

**Award:** 2008-2009 Student Bar Association Professor of the Year

### **Experiential Learning:**

- Director of Clinical Programs in charge of expansion of the clinical program;
- Directed externship program;
- Redesigned and taught the core required experiential learning course for all exiting 3Ls called Lawyering Skills Practicum where students simulate the work of a small civil litigation law firm representing a standardized client through the pretrial process.

- Students learn law practice management and how to create and file pleadings, relevant discovery, and summary judgment motions before engaging in mediation;
- Designed and implemented an Advanced Evidence Practicum where students drilled concepts learned in evidence, as well as demonstrated through kinesthetic exercises that they could “do” what they “know”;
- Founded the Traveling Trial Team – Trial Advocacy Program. Led several teams to regional semi-finals, one finalist team. Gaining solid, competitive reputation in Southern California.
- Hosted the regional competition of the National Trial Team Competition, February 2011.
- Coached several moot court teams with La Verne Law’s Moot Court Honors program.
- Oversaw the budget for all student advocacy projects.

**William S. Boyd School of Law, University of Nevada Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV**

*Visiting Associate Professor of Law, 2006-2008*

Co-taught Juvenile Justice Clinic and Advanced Juvenile Justice Clinic, which focused on global and policy oriented aspects of the justice system. Taught Criminal Procedure: Adjudication.

**EDUCATION**

**Yale Law School, New Haven, CT**

*Robert M. Cover Clinical Teaching Fellow, 2004-2006*

*Lecturer in Law, 2005-2006*

Clinical teaching education opportunity where I co-taught *Criminal Defense Theory and Ethics* and supervised certified law students who represented clients pending felony charges throughout Connecticut under the direction and tutelage of Associate Clinical Professor Ronald S. Sullivan II.

**Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY**

*Juris Doctor, June 2000*

- Clinical Education: Criminal Law Clinic; Criminal Appeals Clinic
- Teaching Assistant – “Freedom & Censorship: Film, Art and Literature.”
- 1999-2000 Trial Team – Intensive Trial Advocacy Program Honors

**Bard College at Simon’s Rock, Great Barrington, MA**

*Bachelor of Arts in Social Sciences, May 1995*

Thesis: *Judging the Jury: An Exploration of Jury Selection*

**CRIMINAL PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

**Thomas & Mack Juvenile Justice Clinic, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV**

*Supervising Attorney, 2006-2008*

**Samuel and Anna Jacobs Criminal Defense Clinic, Yale Law School, New Haven, CT**

*Supervising Attorney, 2004-2006*

**Miami-Dade County Public Defender’s Office, Miami, FL**

*Assistant Public Defender, 2000-2004*

- Represented juveniles and adults in all stages of criminal and delinquency proceedings;
- Handled large felony caseload;
- Multiple jury trial experience;
- Organized impact litigation projects

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

Book, EVIDENCE AND THE ADVOCATE: A CONTEXTUAL APPROACH TO LEARNING EVIDENCE, LexisNexis (2d. Ed. 2017) (co-authored with Christopher W. Behan) (*forthcoming*).

Book, EVIDENTIARY ANALYSIS: SIMULATIONS & EXERCISES, WEST PUBLISHING (2016) (co-authored with Katherine R. Kruse) (*forthcoming*).

Article, *The Living, the Dead, the Undecided: An Annotated Bibliography of Law Review Articles Dealing with the Law of Absentees and Returnees*, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LEGAL INFORMATION (2016) (co-authored with Robert M. Jarvis) (*forthcoming*).

Article, *Post-Adjudicatory Juvenile Defense Attorneys: More Thoughts on Reimagining Juvenile Justice*, 42 CAP. U.L. REV. 491 (2014).

Article, *Keeping the Promise of Gault: Requiring Post-Adjudicatory Juvenile Defender*, 19 GEO. J. ON POVERTY L. & POL'Y, 351 (2012).

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

Speaker, *21<sup>st</sup> Century Course: Designing Courses for the New World Order, Selling your Programs: Developing a Strategic Branding and Identity Approach, and Learning Outcome Assessments – ABA Standards at Teaching Skills: Building the 21st Century Law School-One Student, One Skill, One Moment at a Time*, Educating Advocates: Teaching Advocacy Skills at Stetson College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 2016

Speaker, *Prosecutorial Discretion*, Judicial Symposium on Using Law and Economics to Reform the System of Criminal Justice: Theory, Empirical Evidence, and some Applications, Law & Economics Center at George Mason University School of Law, December, 2015.

Moderator, Nova Law Review Symposium on *Shutting Down the School to Prison Pipeline*, Nova Southeastern University - Shepard Broad College of Law, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, September 2015

Organizer & Faculty, *Trial Advocacy Summer Institute* sponsored by Nova Trial Association at Nova Southeastern University - Shepard Broad Law College of Law, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, August 2015

Speaker, *Make it Stick: Teaching Law Students in the Age of Assessment*, Faculty Development Committee Speaker Series, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, April, 2015.

Conference Planning Committee, Speaker, *Revamping Advocacy Programs: Best Practices, ABA Standards, Regional Practices*, Educating Advocates: Teaching Advocacy Skills at Stetson College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 2015

Conference Speaker, *Preparing Practice-Ready Attorneys: A Commitment to Cross-Discipline Doctrinal Collaboration in the Classroom*, Society of American Law Teacher's Teaching Conference "Legal Education in a Time of Change: Challenges and Opportunities", University of Nevada, Las Vegas, October 2014

Conference Planning Committee, Speaker, *Trial Advocacy Scholarship*, Educating Advocates: Teaching Advocacy Skills at Stetson College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 2014

Panelist, *Roundtable Discussion on Kennedy Presidency*, Faculty Development Committee Speaker Series, Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad College of Law, November, 2013.

Speaker, Educating Advocates: Teaching Advocacy Skills at Stetson College of Law, St. Petersburg, Florida, May 2013

Conference Speaker, Ninth Annual Wells Conference on Adoption Law entitled “Rethinking Best Interests,” sponsored by The National Center for Adoption Law & Policy and Capital University Law School in Columbus Ohio (March 2013)

Concurrent Session Panelist, “Law Professors as Change Agents: Teaching, Assessment & Systemic Reform,” Society for Law Teacher’s Teaching Conference, University of Hawai’ii, December 2010

Speaker, “*Post-Adjudicatory Juvenile Defense*,” Oregon Child Advocacy Project, University of Oregon Law School, Spring 2010.

Panelist, *Alumni in Teaching Symposium*, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University, Fall 2009.

Invited Participant, *Clinical Writer’s Workshop*, New York University Law School, Fall 2009

Faculty Member, “*Adolescent Development Theory and Juvenile Defense: Can Roper v Simmons be Integrated into your Practice?*” Western Juvenile Defender Center Training Conference, Portland, Oregon October 2007

Concurrent Session Panelist, “*Issues in Clinical Scholarship*,” Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (SEALS), “Sustaining the Inaugural Clinic: Thinking Critically About Clinic Sustainability to Promote Future System-Wide Reform” Amelia Island, Florida August 2007

Concurrent Session, *Using Web Technology to Expand Library Service for Law School Clinics*, Conference for Law School Computing (CALI), Las Vegas, Nevada June 2007

Concurrent Session, *Challenging Assumptions About Clinicians, Librarians and the New Frontier in Legal Education*, Association of American Law Schools Clinical Workshop, New Orleans, Louisiana May 2007

Working Group Leader, “*Challenging Assumptions*.” Association of American Law Schools Clinical Workshop, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2007

Panel Moderator, “*Interdisciplinary and Policy Responses to Children and Families*,” Participants: W. Warren Binford, Willamette University (Psychiatric Fellowship Program), Rebecca Nathanson, William S. Boyd School of Law and School of Education, UNLV (Education Clinic), Michael Shultz, Loyola Los Angeles Law School (Center for Juvenile Law and Policy), Mountain West Regional Clinical Teaching Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada November 2006

Organizer and Speaker, *In the Wake of Katrina: Addressing the Public Defender Crisis in New Orleans*, Yale Law School, New Orleans, Spring 2006

Guest Lecturer, "*The Ethics of Client-centered Lawyering*," Professional Responsibility, Yale Law School, Spring 2006

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

*Delegate*, Eritrea, Spring 2005, hearing at Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, Netherlands

*Member*, National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

*Member*, Society of American Law Teachers

*Member*, American Bar Association

*Member*, Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale

*Member*, Florida Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of Florida, December 2001

State of Connecticut, January 2005

United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, May 2005

State of Nevada, August 2006 (limited license)