

**I AM** a lawyer who relishes telling a compelling story—or a storyteller who has spent most of her career litigating complex lawsuits against large entities. I specialize in **SPARKS OF CREATIVE DOT-CONNECTING** (born of insatiable curiosity), and **IDEA DISTILLATION**—extracting the essential from complicated concepts without watering down the impact. I love to tell a story in a single sentence (even if my work usually involves many more), and I delight in drawing out and **REFINING THE GENIUS OF OTHERS**.

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

**LECTURER IN LAW • STANFORD LAW SCHOOL** PALO ALTO, CA  
**LECTURER • STANFORD PUBLIC POLICY PROGRAM** [2023]

As an instructor for the Legal Research & Writing Program at Stanford Law School, I teach “Federal Litigation in a Global Context,” a course in which first-year students take part in simulated litigation to develop practical skills, including planning/strategy, brief-drafting, discovery, and oral argument.

I also teach a course called “Regulating Emerging Technology: Risks, Opportunities, & Reality” (Public Policy 353B), in which I emphasize interdisciplinary communication and values transparency as prerequisites for meaningful policy outcomes. Topics covered have included: Dark Patterns & Data Privacy, Data Security, Artificial Intelligence, Algorithmic Bias, Technology & Intellectual Property Law, Automating the Justice System, Biomimicry & Circular Economy, and Policy Communication.

**LEGAL & COMMUNICATION CONSULTANT • BOYD, ESQ.**  
 OAKLAND, CA & THE INTERNET [2021–PRESENT]

Provide analysis, drafting, research, editing, presentation, & negotiation services in collaboration with clients in a variety of contexts. **EXAMPLE PROJECTS:** Drafted narrative complaint with complex legal issues and sensitive facts involving the wrongful death of a child, and assisted in a mediation resulting in multi-million-dollar *pre-filing* settlement. • Developed infographics to explain complex, multi-faceted due-process failures in state unemployment insurance procedures (for use in summary judgment motion filed by nonprofit advocacy organization). • Edited/drafted pleadings/appellate briefing involving application of EPA clean-water regulations to government construction affecting private property.

**OF COUNSEL • PAYNTER LAW, PLLC**  
 WASHINGTON, DC • NORTH CAROLINA • UK [2012–2022]

**SERVED THOUSANDS OF CLIENTS** in a small-but-mighty boutique law firm specializing in plaintiff-side litigation.

**HEAVILY INVOLVED IN** the firm’s litigation on behalf of: Original purchasers of “clean diesel” vehicles against Volkswagen for its criminal emissions fraud scheme. • Nationwide class of NCAA athletes alleging right-of-publicity violations from use of their likenesses in videogames. • Consumers defrauded by debt settlement industry. • Small manufacturers bringing antitrust claims against a large pharmaceutical company.

**COLLABORATED WITH COLLEAGUES** (and often co-counsel) through all stages of complex litigation in multiple state & federal jurisdictions: initial fact investigations & expert analysis, development of pleading & litigation strategy, pre-filing activities, dispositive motion practice, fact & expert discovery, settlement, & trial support. • Legal research involving complex/novel legal theories. • Trial & appellate briefs, pleadings, discovery requests, formal/informal correspondence, litigation plans, settlement agreements, proposals, press releases, etc. • Oral argument. • Expert & fact witness interviews & depositions. • Extensive work with experts on written & oral testimony. • Managed complex

## EDUCATION

**YALE LAW SCHOOL • J.D.**  
**ACTIVITIES:** Community Lawyering Clinic • Rebellious Lawyering Conference (Co-Chair) • Yale Law Women (Co-Chair) • Latino Law Students Association

**UNIV. OF MARYLAND**  
 B.A., GOVT. & POLITICS  
 Minor in Spanish

**UNIV. OF NEW MEXICO**  
 Misc. coursework toward B.A. in economics, Spanish, women’s studies, political science, and/or music.

**LICENSED TO PRACTICE LAW IN:**  
 California  
 New Mexico  
 North Carolina  
 District of Columbia

## HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

**JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION • GRADUATE FELLOW** • Full tuition, room, & board for law school.

## PUBLICATIONS

“What a Tangled Family Tree We Weave: Trademarks, Publicity Rights, and The Cross-Pollination of First Amendment Defenses Through Video Games.” *J. Int’l Media & Entertainment Law* [2012]

## SKILLS

**GLEEFUL FIXER.** I derive true joy from solving problems, helping others, and repairing objects, processes, or relationships.

**DIGITAL WIZARD.** Advanced MS Office • Advanced Airtable • Everlaw • Logikcull • Graphic design (Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, Dreamweaver) • Basic html/css • Basic audio/video editing.

**STRONG SPANISH SKILLS.** Both oral and written.

**NOT A ROBOT.**

**COLORFUL.**

multi-party discovery, including negotiation of ESI protocols, technical disputes, motions to compel, interstate subpoenas, & international service issues. • Class-action settlement administration. • Communication with individual plaintiffs & plaintiff classes. Created litigation-related websites & databases • Create demonstrative graphics for use in pleadings, motions, & at trial.

### **FREELANCE ATTORNEY**

NEW MEXICO • KANSAS • NORTH CAROLINA • UK [2008-2012]

Research/drafting for attorneys, law firms, & nonprofits in support of litigation, negotiations, & advocacy. Projects Included: trial and appellate briefs in class actions, business disputes, & individual lawsuits; Policy research to aid nonprofits in strategic planning and advocacy; Review/analysis of over 4,000 licensing contracts for a large corporation, including design of a custom database to improve review process. Clients Included: Southwest Women's Law Center • Law Offices of Clifton Davidson (solo) • Womble Carlyle (500+ attys.) • Hallmark Cards

### **NM CENTER ON LAW & POVERTY**

STAFF ATTORNEY • ALBUQUERQUE, NM [2007-2008]

Worked on systemic advocacy projects on behalf of low-income New Mexicans, including hospital access, public benefits for immigrants, & *colonia* communities. Drafted/researched legal & non-legal memos • Collaborated with clients & advocates to define major issues facing their communities • Held community education presentations on benefits issues • Helped an incredible community organizer negotiate an agreement with water authorities to bring running water to her *colonia* community on the outskirts of Albuquerque • state legislative & administrative advocacy on behalf of individuals facing difficulties in accessing public benefits • Drafted comments on proposed federal regulations.

### **JEROME N. FRANK LEGAL SERVICES ORG. (YALE LAW SCHOOL)**

STUDENT DIRECTOR • NEW HAVEN, CT [2005-2007]

With a co-director and faculty, managed the Community Lawyering Clinic—providing free civil legal services to hundreds of low-income clients. Maintained an individual caseload of about ten clients • Conducted weekly intake review sessions to choose cases • Helped develop class syllabi • Scheduled supervision/outreach • Acted as liaison between the Clinic & a community outreach site • Integrated an electronic case management system into the Clinic.

### **MORRISON | FOERSTER, LLP**

SUMMER ASSOCIATE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA [2006]

Legal research, analysis, & writing for Litigation Department. Drafted chapter for a treatise on employee privacy law. • Wrote Office Action Response to the U.S. Trademark Office • Drafted brief section for a pro bono lawsuit alleging excessive use of force by police officers • Drafted letter to Board of Parole Hearings regarding incarcerated pro bono client's suitability for parole. Offered permanent employment.

### **LEGAL AID SOCIETY—EMPLOYMENT LAW CENTER**

(NOW **LEGAL AID AT WORK**)

SUMMER LAW CLERK  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA [2005]

Drafted legal memos & briefs for the National Origin, Immigration, & Language Rights Program. Counseled clients by phone on employment-related legal issues via Workers' Rights Clinic. Represented clients in administrative hearings.

## **INTERNSHIPS & VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

### **MILITARY SPOUSE JD NETWORK [2011–2012]**

Spearheaded initial efforts to amend North Carolina rules that effectively prevented military spouse attorneys from being able to practice in the state. Created written advocacy materials • Worked to foster grassroots support • Worked with national- and state-level stakeholders (including the Dept. of Defense, the N.C. State Bar, & the U.S. Army JAG Corps) • Drafted proposed rule changes and presented testimony to the State Bar & Board of Law Examiners.

### **WOMEN'S EDGE COALITION • DC [2003–04]**

Wrote & designed activist kits & action alerts to train/mobilize grassroots advocates on international trade & development issues. Produced reports on key members of Congress. Educated advocates in key districts on relevant issues.

### **CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND • DC [2002]**

Worked for Family Income Division, researching federal programs for low-income families, including TANF, food stamps, and Section 8.

## **INTERESTS/ HOBBIES**

Writing (poetry & prose) • Urban hiking • Found object sculpture • Soccer mom-ing • Idea collection (cognitive science / mythology / history / applied philosophy) • Wistful reminiscence of personal weightlifting records.