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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INSTITUTE, NORTHEASTERN SCHOOL OF LAW
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EDUCATION:

Radcliffe College, B.A. Magna cum laude, 1968

Harvard Law School, J.D. Cum laude, 1976

BAR ADMISSIONS:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Supreme Judicial Court, 1977

United States District Court, District of Massachusetts, 1977

LEGAL EXPERIENCE:

Clinical Professor: NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW (NUSL)
1991 to Present

Full time clinical faculty, specializing in domestic violence and sexual assault. Direct the Dorchester Court Domestic Violence Clinic, a clinical experience project operating for three quarters each year and faculty supervisor for the Boston Medical Center/NUSL Advocacy Project, operating during the traditional academic year.

Executive Director: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INSTITUTE (DVI), NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW
2004-Present (Clinical Director, DVI, 1993-2003)

Direct all student, faculty and staff activities involving the training of law students to provide legal advocacy services to battered women. Represent the law school in all community coalitions for improving the delivery of legal services to battered women. Principal investigator on all government grants involving the Domestic Violence Institute.

Founding President, Board Member, VICTIM RIGHTS LAW CENTER (VRLC)
1999-Present

The VRLC provides civil legal services to victims of sexual assault, the majority college age women who are not in domestic partnerships with their assailant, and thus have not been given priority for service by domestic violence service programs.

Consultant: OFFICE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (OVW), DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

2001- Present

Provide annual peer review services to OVW grants office, consult on federal

demonstration projects.

**Litigation Consultant: CASA MYRNA VAZQUEZ,
1991 to 1998**

Consultant to the Legal Project of the largest battered women's shelter program in New England.

**Clinical Instructor, HARVARD LAW SCHOOL,
1981 to 1991**

Clinical instructor for Harvard's basic civil clinical and family law courses and supervising attorney for the Harvard Legal Aid Bureau (where volunteer law students provide a range of civil litigation services to indigent clients under S.J.C. Rule 3:03). Specialized in domestic relations, and battered women's advocacy.

**Managing Attorney: GREATER BOSTON LEGAL SERVICES (GBLS),
1980-1982**

Provided program management and senior supervision to a community legal office, and maintained a caseload specializing in income benefits issues. Organized and maintained a Community Advisory Board to this local office.

**Clinical Instructor: BOSTON UNIVERSITY LEGAL AID PROGRAM,
1978-80**

Instruction and clinical supervision of B.U. law students at the Grove Hall Office of Greater Boston Legal Services. Diverse civil legal services caseload, sub-specialty in income benefits and administrative appeals.

**Attorney: CHAPLIN, BARZUN, AND CASNER (later CHAPLIN AND MILSTEIN)
1975-1978, part-time, 1983-85**

Handled the firm's domestic relations litigation cases, and provided litigation support on complex corporate litigation.

**Student Volunteer: HARVARD LEGAL AID BUREAU,
1973-1976**

Volunteer and Associate Director. Provided legal services to indigent clients as a law student.

FEDERAL RESEARCH AND DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS:

Principle Investigator, NUSL Subcontract with Greater Boston Legal Services for Department of Justice funded Legal Assistance to Victims (LAV) grant. 1999-present.

Founding member of partnership to link domestic violence legal providers in District and Probate Courts. Participate in project planning and overall coordination of project partners. Hire, train and supervise an attorney who provides law student supervision and training and direct client services to victims of domestic violence clinical education and direct legal services. Participate in developing a legal services component to the Family Justice Center of Boston.

Principle Investigator, NUSL Subcontract with the Boston Police Department for a Department of Justice Judicial Oversight Demonstration Project, 2000-2004.

Founding member of partnership to create a model domestic violence court in Dorchester. Participating in a national demonstration project, including project planning, oversight and evaluation. Hire, train and supervise an attorney who provides law student supervision and training and direct client services to victims of domestic violence clinical education and direct legal services. Participate in project planning and overall coordination of project partners.

Co-Investigator, Prime Contract for a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention multi-year grant, 1995-1998, Member of Advisory Board, 1995-1999.

Originator and founding member of a community coalition to create a coordinated response to domestic violence in Dorchester. Supervise the work of students in project related oversights. Participate in project planning, administration and evaluation.

PUBLICATIONS:

Kanter, et al, "Northeastern's Domestic Violence Institute: The Law School Clinic as an Integral Partner in a Coordinated Community Response to Domestic Violence," 47 Loyola L.R. 359 (2001)

Enos and Kanter, "Who's Listening? Introducing Students to Client Centered, Client-Empowering and Multidisciplinary Problem-Solving in a Clinical Setting," 9 Clin. L. Rev. 83 (2002)

Kanter, "Invisible Clients: Exploring Our Failure to Provide Civil Legal Services to Rape Victims," 38 Suffolk L. Rev.253 (2005)

MEMBERSHIPS/PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

American Bar Association
American Association of Law Schools, Clinical Section
Women's Bar Association