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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**The John Marshall Law School**, 315 S. Plymouth Court, Chicago, IL 60604 1998-Present  
*Clinical Professor of Law*

Courses taught: Fair Housing Law, Lending Law, and Clinical Practicum  
Legal Writing; Administrative Law (Fall 2012)

Able to teach: Civil Procedure, Real Estate Transactions, Pre-Trial Practice, Elder Law  
Employment Law, Civil Rights Law, and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

## EDUCATION

**THE JOHN MARSHALL LAW SCHOOL**, 315 S. Plymouth Ct., Chicago, IL 60604  
Master of Laws in Real Estate, January 2003  
Juris Doctor, June 1997

### Law School Honors:

- **Advanced Trial Advocacy Program**, 2002  
Participated in the John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Center, Advanced Trial Advocacy Program and successfully tried and argued a fair housing steering case.
- **Trial Advocacy Program**, 1998  
Participated in the John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Center, Trial Advocacy Program and successfully tried and argued a fair housing case.
- **Dean's list** 1995-97
- **Recipient of the Illinois Judicial Council's Scholarship** 1996

**LOYOLA UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**, 6525 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60626  
B.S. in Criminology, January 1990

## LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

### **The John Marshall Law School's Fair Housing Center's Conference**

Speaker: The Disconnect between Crime & Discrimination in Housing, "Undocumented Immigrants & National Origin discrimination in Housing",  
August 27, 2011

### **The John Marshall Law School's Fair Housing Center's Conference**

Speaker: Investigating and Resolving Fair Housing Cases, "Setting Up and Executing an Effective Investigative Plan",  
April 8, 2011

### **Chicago Bar Association / Justice Corps**

Speaker: Presentation to volunteers at the "How to Deal with Difficult Clients and What To Do", at the Justice Corps's Pro Bono Program Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Training  
January 14, 2011

**Fair Housing/Fair Lending: New developments in American & International Law, Chicago, IL**

Speaker: "Discrimination in the Private Market"

October 2, 2010

**West Palm Beach County Civil Rights Conference, West Palm, FL**

Speaker: Fair Housing Law and Enforcement

April 20-21, 2010

**The State Department Midwest Hearings on Human Rights, Chicago, IL**

Testimony before the: Civil Society Consultation -Universal Periodic Review for the United Nations Human Rights Council

April 13, 2010

**The John Marshall Law School's Fair Housing Center's Conference**

Speaker: Fair Housing Law & Enforcement: A Basic Survey of the Law and Practice

April 16, 2010

**Illinois Department of Human Rights housing Conference: Battle for Home**

Speaker: Housing Challenges Affecting Veterans Today

April 16, 2010

**University of Valparaiso Law School, Valparaiso, IN**

Speaker: American Bar Association Law Student Division's Conference

February 27, 2010.

**The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center, Chicago, IL**

Speaker: Fair Housing Law and Enforcement: A Survey of the Law and Practice

April 2009

**Illinois State Bar Association, Midyear Meeting & the Illinois Judges Association Annual Convention**

Presented on Housing & Mortgage Law Updates

December, 2008

**Women's Bar Association of Illinois:** Presented in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Forum on Quality of Life Issues for Women. This year's forum was on "Challenges Faced by Single Women and Mothers in Search of Affordable & Quality Housing".

October, 2008

**Chicago Bar Association, "Breaking Barriers Building Bridges" Conference**

Speaker: Sub-Prime Lending Meltdown: Have We Reached Bottom Yet?

June 6, 2008

**Athens Institute for Education & Research, Athens, Greece**

Presented my article: "From Apprenticeship to Clinical Education: Preparing Students for the Practice of Law"

July 17, 2008

**ESPN Radio, National Broadcast**

Speaker, Discussed current national fair housing issues

April 27, 2008

## **CNN**

Featured in a nationally televised segment regarding the 40th Anniversary of the Fair Housing Act  
April 11 &12, 2008

## **Chicago City Hall, Chicago, IL**

Testimony before the Finance and Housing Committees in favor of the proposed amendment to Municipal Code § 5-8-030, preventing condominium associations from passing rules against parents with children from using strollers in the common areas and elevators.  
November 2007

## **The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center, Chicago, IL**

Moderated: Fair Housing for Persons with Disabilities: New Challenges Presented by Our Returning Veterans Modifications & Accommodations-How the Law is Developing (Panel Discussion).  
September 2007

## **The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center, Chicago, IL**

Speaker: Conducting Fair Housing Administrative Hearings for Commissioners & Hearing Officers.  
April 2007

## **Providing Katrina Relief Through Legal Assistance, New Orleans, LA**

Co-organized a trip to New Orleans with JMLS law students to assist local housing organizations, conducted legal trainings on housing issues, assisted Loyola and Tulane's legal clinics in cases pending in state and federal courts.  
March 2007

## **Katrina Relief Project, New Orleans, LA**

Speaker and Trainer for "Common Ground" volunteers in how to conduct housing investigations and testing. Trained social workers, city investigators, and Section 8 program administrators.  
March 2007

## **Public Radio Engagements, Illinois, California, Washington, Arizona and Texas**

Speaker: On current national fair housing issues in Spanish  
January 2007-Present

## **Television Appearances on Telemundo & Public Television Network Station, Chicago, IL**

Featured in television interviews dealing with current fair housing issues in our communities  
April 2007

## **The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL**

Moderator & Organizer: "Celebrating Fair Housing Month at" a conference presented by the Fair Housing Organization and clinical students for faculty, students, staff and friends. The conference explained the fair housing laws and discussed current housing cases handled by the clinical students.  
April 2006

## **The John Marshall Law School, Fair Housing Conference, Chicago, IL**

Moderator: "What King Wrought", moderated a panel on the "Future of the Disability Rights Movement in Housing --What Are the Up-Coming Issues and How Should They Be Resolved?"  
September 2006

## **The John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL**

Speaker: Career Services Office & the Student Organization Employment Conference  
A lawyer's perspective on Civil Rights practice and public interest organizations in Chicago land area  
September 2006

**Celebrating Fair Housing Month Conference**, Reading, PA  
Keynote speaker and Speaker regarding updates on Fair Housing Laws and Procedures  
April 2006

**The Mayor's Office & the Spanish Coalition's Fair Housing Month Conference**, Chicago, IL  
Speaker: On fair housing protections and how to avoid predatory loans  
April 2007-(Yearly Event)

**The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center**, Chicago, IL  
Housing Our Senior Population, Speaker on "Guardianship for an Incompetent Adult"  
April 2004

**Public Interest Access Cable-Channel 19**, Chicago IL  
Guest Commentator: On current housing issues in the Hispanic community and discussion of the Clinic services to the community  
June 20, 2004

**The John Marshall Law School**, Chicago, IL  
Speaker: Celebrating *Brown v. Board of Education's* 50th anniversary, a discussion and overview  
October 2003

**The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center**, Chicago, IL  
Speaker: A Fresh Perspective; "Educating New Immigrants about Fair Housing Rights"  
April 2001

**U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development**, Atlanta, GA  
Basics of Fair Housing, presented an update on protective classes and damages  
March 2000

**Human Relations Commission Housing Conference**, City of Elkhart, IN  
Speaker: The right to accommodate persons with the disabilities under the Fair Housing Act  
March 1999

**The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center**, Chicago, IL  
Moderator: The Rights of person with disabilities under the federal, state and local laws  
September 1999

**U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development**, Boston, MA  
Speaker: The Basics of Fair Housing Law: burdens of proof, attorney's fees and testing  
August 1999

**The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center**, Chicago, IL  
Moderator: The Persistence of Racial Discrimination in the Housing Market  
April 1999

**Commission of Human Relations Housing Conference**, City of Elkhart, IN  
Speaker: How to promote fair housing rights  
March 1999

**U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development**, Kansas, MO  
Speaker: Trained participants on how to conduct client interviews and investigation  
February 1999

**Missouri Commission on Human Rights**, Jefferson City, MO

Speaker: Celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, presented a historical aspect of fair housing  
January 1999

**The John Marshall Law School Fair Housing Legal Support Center**, Chicago, IL

Speaker on fair housing enforcement: Celebrating Thirty Years of Fair Housing  
September 1998

**U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development**, Atlanta, GA

Speaker: "HUD Regional Training for Investigators", trained managers and investigator on new  
investigation procedures  
June 1998

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Publications:**

*Condemnation: Its Application to Residential Real Estate*, RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE, Illinois  
Institute for Continuing Legal Education (IICLE)(Chapter Update), April 2011

Translated the Fair Housing Clinic and Center's material into Spanish, *i.e.* "A Layperson's Guide  
to Fair Housing Law" and others. April 2011

Blog: *Fair Housing / Lending Law*, (<http://fairhousingnews.blogspot.com/>). It provides case and  
law updates. It also provides information on settlements, case reference by topic and visitors'  
commentary. The purpose of this blog is to update the fair housing legal community and  
consumers on current issues dealing with fair housing and lending discrimination issues.

ABA, CBA Young Lawyers Section: "How to Deal with Foreclosures"  
(a guide in English & Spanish). 2005, 2008 & 2011

JMLS Fair Housing Center & Clinic: "The Foreclosure Process"  
(a guide in English & Spanish). 2004 & 2011

### **Book & Articles/Works in Progress:**

Fair Housing Law and Fair Lending, Cases & Materials.  
Expected completion December 2012

"Going Back to Basics: Changing the Law School Curriculum by Implementing  
Experiential Methods in Teaching Students the Practice of Law."  
October 2012

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## COMMUNITY, LEGAL ACTIVITIES & AFFILIATIONS

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**Volunteer:** Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services Volunteer Program; Minority  
Legal Education Resources Professor Volunteer; Chicago Chamber of Commerce Youth Motivation  
Program; Cook County Hospital Interpreters Volunteer Program; First Defense Legal Aid Volunteer  
Program; Chicago Area Law Schools J.D. Mentor Volunteer Program; Faculty Coach of the Hispanic  
National Moot Court Competition.

**Memberships & Committees:** Illinois State Bar Association-Active Member of the Judicial  
Evaluations Committee; Chicago Bar Association-Active Member of the Judicial Evaluations  
Committee; Member, Spanish Coalition for Better Housing, Clinical Legal Education Association.

**Selected Faculty Services:**

Dean Mell's Inauguration Committee (2003); Brown v. The Board of Education 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Committee (2004); JMLS Student Diversity Committee after Grutter (2003-04); Chair of the JMLS Adjunct Faculty Committee (2004-2005); Secretary of the JMLS Executive Committee (2005-2007); Katrina Relief Program Co-Administrator (2006-07); JMLS Faculty Member of the Student Diversity Committee (2006-present); Selections & Appointments Committee (2007-present); Academic Affairs Committee (2007-present), Adjunct Faculty (2009-10) and Faculty Affairs (2011-present).

**Board of Trustees:** Public Interest Law Initiative ("PILI"), Metropolitan Housing Development Corporation ("MHDC") and St. Augustine College ("SAC").

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**COMMUNITY HONORS**

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- The John Marshall Law School Latino Law Student Association, Honors recipient 2006
  - City of Elkhart, Indiana, Promoting Fair Housing Service Award 2002
  - Nominated Young Attorney of the Year, Illinois State Bar Association 2001
  - City of Elkhart, Indiana, Promoting Fair Housing through Education Service Award 1999

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**COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS & LEGAL ACTIVITIES**


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Chicago Chamber of Commerce Youth Motivation Program; Cook County Hospital Volunteer Program; First Defense Legal Aid Program; Coordinated Advice & Referral Program for Legal Services; Hispanic National Bar Association Moot Court Law Student Team Advisor; Illinois State Bar Association Judicial Evaluations Committee (2004-present); Latin United Community Housing Association; Minority Legal Education Resources, Inc.; Spanish Coalition for Better Housing; Chair Person of the John Marshall Law School Adjunct Faculty Committee (2004-2005); Secretary of the John Marshall Law School Executive Committee (2005-2007).

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**ADMITTED TO PRACTICE**


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State of Illinois • Illinois Court of Appeals • U.S. Northern District of Illinois • 7th Circuit Court of Appeals

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**BAR ASSOCIATIONS**


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American Bar Association; State of Illinois Bar Association; American Association for Justice (Fair Housing Litigation Group); Chicago Bar Association; Northern District of Illinois Federal Bar Association; Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, Hispanic National Bar Association, and Clinical Legal Education Association.

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**SELECTED CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION**

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- Federal Laws Protecting Religious Freedom: A First Freedom project Seminar by the DOJ 2007
  - Case Conference on Novel Bioscience in the Courtroom: Evidence, Experts and Causation 2006
  - ABA Section of Litigation: "Using Fundamentals and Skills Enhancement at Trial" 2005
  - The Keys to Trial Advocacy Training, by Jim McElhaney 2004
  - Chicago Bar Association Court Room Cross Examination Skills 2004
  - LSAC Conference "Dream keeping: Empowering Minority Faculty--A Dialogue" 2003
  - Advanced Counseling and Negotiations Training 2001
  - Advanced Trial Advocacy for Fair Housing Trial Lawyers 2000
  - Trial Advocacy for New Fair Housing Lawyers 1998

## OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**Federal Defender Program**, 55 E. Monroe, Suite 2800, Chicago, IL 60603 1990-1997  
Federal Investigator

**United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois**  
**The Honorable Ronald A. Guzmán**, 219 S. Dearborn St., #1278, Chicago, IL 60604 1996  
Clerkship