

JOANN M. SAHL CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

October 2008 – Present

Associate Clinical Professor of Law
Assistant Director, Legal Clinic
Director, Civil Litigation Clinic and Reentry Clinics

Director, Reentry Clinics

Clemency Project

The Clemency Project prepares pardon petitions to the Ohio governor. The clinic assists ex-offenders who are ineligible to their convictions sealed by the court. The clinic is staffed by volunteer law students.

CQE Clinic

The CQE Clinic is a walk-in clinic staffed by volunteer law students. It assists ex-offenders with the online application for a Certificate of Qualification for Employment. The clinic collaborates with the Summit County Common Pleas Court and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Expungement Clinic (April 2013 to Present)

The Expungement clinic is managed by an adjunct faculty member. I supervise the adjunct faculty member. The clinic assists ex-offenders with court sealings of their criminal convictions. The clinic is staffed by volunteer law students.

Human Trafficking

The Human Trafficking clinic assists victims of human trafficking with expungement of their convictions. The clinic is staffed by volunteer law students.

- Reentry Clinic Recognition

2015 AALS Innovative and Outstanding Program

(<http://www.aals.org/home/innovative-and-other-outstanding-programs/>)

2014 National Jurist Magazine, Top 15 Innovative Clinic

(<http://www.nationaljurist.com/content/most-innovative-clinics>)

Director, Civil Litigation Clinic. The clinic assists low-income clients with housing issues. The clinic is a multidisciplinary clinic staffed by law students and social work students. The clinic is a collaborative effort with the local legal aid organization.

- Civil Litigation Clinic Recognition

2010 Community Legal Aid Volunteer Law Firm of the Year

Community and Pro Bono Publico Service Coordinator

Co-coordinate a program that requires all law students to complete, for graduation, 30 hours of pro bono and community service. I assist law students with obtaining community service and pro bono placements. I also coordinate the annual law school community service event - Akron Law Cares.

Site Supervisor, Law and Leadership Institute

Supervise a statewide pipeline program that encourages minority and disadvantaged students to attend law school. Approximately 70 high school students attend the Akron Law and Leadership program.

March 1999 – October 2008

Staff Attorney, Housing Unit

Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.

Represented clients in housing cases and expungement cases. Representation included appearances at court and before administrative agencies. Conducted community presentations on a variety of legal topics.

Major Projects:

Akron Municipal Court Project: Worked collaboratively with Akron Municipal Court judges and personnel to establish a bi-weekly clinic directed to attendees who had been sued for credit card debt or for eviction.

Clemency Project: Began a project in an eight-county region to assist low-income clients with seeking a pardon from the governor of Ohio.

Financial Information and Legal Education (FILE):
Developed a financial literacy power point and presentation aimed at low-income people who face impediments to self-sufficiency. Sought and achieved a grant from the city of Akron to support the program.

Social Welfare Practitioner Training: Organized and presented a landlord-tenant training for all social welfare practitioners in eight-county region. Purpose of presentation was to educate social welfare practitioners on landlord-tenant issues faced by their clients.

October 1996-
August 1998

Staff Attorney, Housing Unit
The Legal Aid Society of Columbus

Represented clients who were facing eviction or foreclosure in Municipal and Common Pleas courts.

October 1995-
October 1996

Contract Work
Denver, Colorado

Prepared projects on a contract basis. Projects included a capital appeal to the California Supreme Court; a capital state habeas to the California Supreme Court; a double murder appeal to the Colorado Court of Appeals; death penalty motions' practice for Colorado trial court; a capital habeas brief to the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals; and briefs to Ohio Appellate Courts.

August 1993-
May 1995

Chief Appellate Counsel
Death Penalty Section
Ohio Public Defender Commission

Supervised eleven attorneys involved in litigating capital cases on direct appeal and in the state post-conviction process in the Ohio courts. Represented clients before the Ohio Courts of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court. Also represented clients in the Federal District Court, the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court. Provided legal assistance to attorneys throughout Ohio involved in capital trials and appeals. Recruited, interviewed, hired, and trained new employees for the Death Penalty Section.

October 1992-

Supervisor

August 1993

Death Penalty Section
Ohio Public Defender Commission

Supervised on an interim basis a staff of thirty-seven attorneys, mitigation specialists, criminal investigators and support personnel involved in representing clients convicted of capital crimes. Provided legal assistance to trial and appellate attorneys representing capital clients throughout Ohio and elsewhere. Represented clients in state direct appeals process and state post-conviction.

March 1990 -
October 1992

Chief Appellate Counsel
Death Penalty Section
Ohio Public Defender Commission

Supervised eight attorneys and two law clerks involved in direct appeals of capital cases in Ohio courts. Represented clients before the Ohio Courts of Appeals, Ohio Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court. Provided legal assistance to attorneys throughout Ohio involved in capital appeals. Recruited, interviewed, hired, and trained new employees for the Death Penalty Section.

November 1986 -
March 1990

Assistant State Public Defender
Ohio Public Defender Commission

Represented clients in state direct appeals and in state post-conviction cases. Reviewed transcripts, identified issues, prepared strategy and drafted motions, appellate briefs and post-conviction petitions.

September 1986 -
December 1986

Adjunct Professor
University of Akron School of Law

Instructed approximately thirty students in Legal research, analysis and writing in Basic Legal Communications. Taught approximately twenty students' appellate brief writing and oral argument skills in Intermediate Legal Communications.

NOTABLE CASES

- UNIVERSITY OF AKRON SCHOOL OF LAW

State v. Boykin, 138 Ohio St.3d 97
(2013)

- COMMUNITY LEGAL AID SERVICES, INC.

Coker v. Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Summit App. No. 20350, (July 5, 2001)

- OHIO PUBLIC DEFENDER COMMISSION

United States Supreme Court

Successfully briefed and argued *Ohio v. Huertas*,

498 U.S. 336 (1991) - resulted in State's appeal being dismissed as improvidently allowed.

Ohio Supreme Court

State v. Jeffrey Lundgren, 73 Ohio St. 3d 474
(1995)

State v. Derrick Evans, 63 Ohio St. 3d 231 (1992)

State v. Von Clark Davis, 63 Ohio St. 3d 44 (1992)

State v. Reginald Jells, 53 Ohio St. 3d 22 (1990)

State v. Ediberto Huertas, 51 Ohio St. 3d 22
(1990), *certiorari granted* 498 U.S. 807 (1990),
certiorari dismissed 498 U.S. 336 (1991)

State v. Arthur Tyler, 50 Ohio St. 3d 24 (1990)

State v. Joseph Murphy, 49 Ohio St. 3d 293 (1990)

State v. David Brewer, 48 Ohio St. 3d 50 (1990)

Other Reported Decisions

State v. Clifford Williams, 73 Ohio St. 3d 153
(1995)

State v. Jose Loza, 71 Ohio St. 3d 61 (1994)

State v. Charles Lorraine, 66 Ohio St. 3d 414
(1993)

State v. Joseph Murphy, 65 Ohio St. 3d 554 (1992)

State v. William Wickline, 50 Ohio St. 3d 114
(1990)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

August 1983 - The University of Akron School of Law
June 1986 Degree: Juris Doctor (1986)

September 1979 - The Ohio State University
June 1983 Degree: Bachelor of Arts
Major: Political Science

SUBJECTS TAUGHT

Clinical Seminar I (Externships)
Civil Litigation Clinic
Social Justice Lawyering
Basic Legal Communications (Adjunct)
Intermediate Legal Communications (Adjunct)

PUBLICATIONS

Battling Collateral Consequences: The Long Road to Redemption
Criminal Law Bulletin, Vol. 49, No. 3, 2013, p. 383

Not Eligible for Expungement? Executive Clemency May Be Option
Law You Can Use Column
Ohio State Bar Foundation
Available

<http://www.ohioabar.org/Members/Pages/LawYouCanUseDetail.aspx?itemID=514>

Understanding How Criminal Records Are Sealed
Law You Can Use Column
Ohio State Bar Foundation
Available

<https://www.ohioabar.org/ForPublic/Resources/LawYouCanUse/Pages/Understanding-How-Criminal-Records-Are-Sealed.aspx> .

PRESENTATIONS

- October 2015 “Summit County Response to Human Trafficking: Expungement”
Summit Collaborative Against Human Trafficking
- September 2015 “First, The Basics”
Housing Policy Summit: Rethinking Reentry
- “Remedies to Help Those With Criminal Convictions: Sealing’s, CQEs and Pardons”
Summit on Making Northeast Ohio Communities Safer
- July 2015 “CQEs”
Ohio Ex-offender Reentry Coalition Meeting
- June 2015 “Reentry: Giving Deserving Citizens a Second Chance”
Kenyon College John W. Adams Summer Scholars Program in Socio-legal Studies: Race, Crime and Social Justice
- November 2014 “Everything You Need to Know about CQEs”
Making Northeast Ohio Communities Safer Summit
Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction
- June 2014 “Clemency and CQEs”
Oriana House
- “Ohio Reentry Remedies”
Federal Court Reentry Program (Judge Lioi)
- April 2014 “What We Can Learn about Clemency From The States”
Panel Presentation given at *Mercy in the Criminal Justice System, Clemency and Post-Conviction Strategies* Conference
New York University Law School’s Center on the Administration of Criminal Law’s 6th Annual Conference
- March 2014 “Certificates of Qualification for Employment”

	Brenda Burnham Unruh Life Skills/Employment Readiness program
	“Landlord/Tenant Rights and Responsibilities” Project Learn
January 2014	“Expungement, Clemency and Certificates of Qualification for Employment” Summit County Reentry Network Resource Meeting
November 2013	“Certificate of Qualification for Employment” Summit County Reentry Network Job Developer Training
July 2013	“Financial Literacy” Community Legal Aid Services, Inc.
June 2013	“CQE Training for Providers” Summit County Reentry Network
	“CQE Update” Summit County Reentry Network
April 2013	“Landlord-Tenant Rights and Responsibilities” Panel Barberton Municipal Court
March 2013	“SB 337, HB 86, and the Civil Impacts of Criminal Convictions: What Defense Attorneys, Prosecutors and Judges Need to Know” Community Legal Aid Services CLE
February 2013	“Pro Bono Issues in Law School” Cleveland Bar Association
October 2012	“Collaborations” NAPBPro Virtual Conference
September 2012	“Reentry Issues in Our Community” Leadership Akron N.E.X.T. Class
June 2012	“Expungement/Clemency” Heart-to-Heart Ministries
May 2012	“Pro Bono Issues” South Street Neighborhood Watch Meeting

March 2012	<p>“Expungements/Clemency” Social Work CEU Catholic Charities</p>
February 2012	<p>“Pardon Issues” Akron Bar Association, Municipal Court Committee Meeting</p>
January 2012	<p>“Expungements and Clemency” Summit County Reentry Network Meeting</p>
December 2011	<p>“Residential Evictions” Akron Bar Association CLE</p>
November 2011	<p>“University of Akron Clemency Program” Recovery Zone Radio</p> <p>“I Finally Listened: Birth of the Clemency Project” Midwest Clinician’s Conference</p>
October 2011	<p>“Getting Ohio Back to Work” Community Legal Aid Services CLE “University of Akron Legal Clinics” Tarry House</p>
June 2011	<p>Graduation Speaker Akron Early College National Honor Society</p>
December 2010	<p>“Professionalism” New Lawyer Training CLE</p>
October 2010	<p>Conducted credit repair/credit report presentation for Work Experience Program at Summit County Department of Job and Family Services</p>
July 2010	<p>Conducted financial literacy presentation for summer law clerks/fellows at Community Legal Aid Services,</p>
December 2009	<p>“Professionalism” New Lawyer Training CLE</p>
June 2009	<p>Conducted financial literacy presentation for summer law clerks/fellows at Community Legal Aid Services</p>

May 2009	<p>“Tips for Appellate Practice” Ohio State Legal Services/SEOLS CLE</p> <p>Presentation on Judicial System Bath Elementary School</p>
January 2009	<p>Conducted training for Community Legal Aid Services Administrative Law Team on challenging the use of hearsay evidence in administrative proceedings.</p>
November 2008	<p>Conducted a credit report/credit repair presentation for employees of Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority</p>
May 16, 2008	<p>Radio Interview for OSBA “Law You Can Use” (discussing clemency process)</p>
January 25, 2008	<p>Radio Interview for OSBA “Law You Can Use” (discussing expungement process)</p>
2003- 2008	<p>Conducted bi-weekly presentations at the Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority. Presentations covered housing issues and were directed to tenants who are moving with housing authority assistance.</p> <p>Conducted several presentations per year at the Portage County Metropolitan Housing Authority. The presentations covered credit issues and were directed at the participants in the home ownership program</p> <p>“Law Office Communication: Attorney, Client, Paralegal and Staff “ OSBA Annual Convention CLE</p> <p>Radio Interview on Vince Curry Show, 1350 AM (discussing landlord-tenant issues) “Ohio Landlord-Tenant Law for Social Welfare Practitioners”</p> <p>“Evictions and Landlord/Tenant Law in Ohio” National Business Institute CLE</p> <p>“Landlord-Tenant Update” Akron Bar Association CLE</p>

MAJOR PROJECTS

2015:

Statewide CQE Training Project (Project funded by grant from Ohio State Bar Foundation)

Housing Summit: Rethinking Reentry (Summit of Ohio Public Housing Authorities to discuss reentry issues)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Chair, Ohio Supreme Court Rule 20 Commission on the Appointment of Counsel for Indigent Defendants in Capital Cases

Akron Bar Association

Former Member, Board of Trustees

Committee Memberships: Diversity, Municipal Courts and Pro Bono

Akron Bar Foundation

Board of Governors

Ohio State Bar Association

Summit County Reentry Network

SCHOOL OF LAW ACTIVITIES

Coach, American Bar Association Moot Court Competition

Academic and Disciplinary Committee

Community Services Committee

Self-Study Committee

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Internal Review Board

AWARDS

2015 Akron Bar Association Liberty Bell Award

2014 University of Akron Law Alumni Association Faculty Practical Publication Award

MEDIA COVERAGE

December 19 2015: Appeared on TCT *Public Reports* Program

January 2015: <http://www.wksu.org/news/story/41756>

April 2014: <http://www.wksu.org/news/story/38799>

January 2014: <http://www.ohio.com/news/local/ex-offenders-improving-job-prospects-1.461850>