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Professional Associations

United States Supreme Court Bar; California State Bar; Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal; Federal District Court for the Northern and Eastern Districts of California

Awarded the 2016 Warren M. Christopher International Lawyer of the Year by the International Section of the California State Bar

Employment History

August 1990-Present

Professor, University of San Francisco School of Law (granted tenure effective August 1994) and Academic Director of International Programs

Direct Civil Litigation (1990-2005) and International Human Rights (1998- present) clinics; teach international human rights during school year and in summer programs: Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, 1994 and 1996 (Director), Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, 2000, 2003, 2005 (Co-Director), 2015; Bilbao (2009) (Director); Shanghai (2010); supervise interns at United Nations human rights bodies; teach American Legal System class to foreign LLM students (2005-present); direct summer externship programs in Prague (2015) and Mexico (2017); awarded Sarlo Teaching Prize, 2011; Dean's Circle Scholar; awarded the Marshall P. Madison Chair of Law by USF (2017-2019).

September 1989-July 1990

Staff Attorney, East Palo Alto Community Law Project

Supervised Stanford law clinical program focusing on public benefit cases and pro per domestic violence clinic.

August 1988-September 1989

Staff Attorney/Student Coordinator, consolidated office of the Legal Aid Society of Alameda County

Handled general intake focusing on public housing cases; supervised law clerks including those on clinical programs.

October 1982-August 1988

Managing Attorney, West Oakland office of Legal Aid Society of Alameda County

Managed a four to six attorney office; general civil practice focusing on public housing cases.

June 1979-October 1982

Staff Attorney, Hayward office of the Legal Aid Society of Alameda County

Handled general intake focusing on public housing and landlord-tenant cases.

June 1976-May 1977, September 1982 and August 1985

Research Associate for Justice Frank Newman (Retired, California Supreme Court)

Worked on various projects involving international human rights law.

August 1977-December 1977

Intern, International Commission of Jurists (Human Rights Internship sponsored by the Ford Foundation)

(Geneva, Switzerland) Wrote article on human rights in Thailand for Review of the International

Commission of Jurists, No. 19, pp. 10-15; did extensive research on development and human rights.

June 1977-August 1977

Law Clerk, Center for Law and Social Policy

(Washington, D.C.) Research on public interest and human rights cases; helped prepare testimony for Congressional hearing.

Education

School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, 1975-78, J.D

Scripps College, Claremont, California, 1971-75, B.A. International Relations

World Campus Afloat, Chapman College, Orange, California, Feb.-May, 1974 - studied and visited countries in Asia and Africa; Dean's List.

Other Activities

Human Rights Advocates. Inc. Member, Board of Directors. October 1978-present: organize conferences, teach seminars at Schools of Law in Davis, Stanford, and Berkeley on international human rights law; work on various projects involving the use of international human rights law including making written and oral interventions before the U.N. human rights bodies in Geneva, Switzerland and New York; author *amicus* briefs in state and federal courts; treasurer; Main Representative to the U.N.

Berkeley Women's Law Journal, Member, National Advisory Board, Fall 1984 to present.

Coached boys soccer teams and received several Coach of the Year Awards, 1993-2009.

Berkeley Community Law Center, Member of Board of Directors, January 1991-January 1993.

Acted as Judge Pro-Tem in Oakland Municipal Court as needed, 1983-1991.

Alameda County Bar Association Fee Arbitration Panel, Member, 1989-90.

Committee on Human Rights of the State Bar of California: Member, October 1982-October 1985.

Family Tutorial Program: Member, Board of Directors, July 1979-June 1982; Vice-President, Board of Directors, November 1981-June 1982.

School of Law, Berkeley: Associate Editor, Industrial Relations Law Journal; La Raza Students Association; International Law Society; First Year Advisory Board; intramural sports.

Languages

English/Spanish-bilingual; French-conversational; Russian-studied two years

Publications

Books

Connie de la Vega and Alen Mirza, *A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO USING INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND CRIMINAL LAW PROCEDURES*, Edward Elgar (forthcoming 2019).

DICTIONARY OF INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW, Edward Elgar (2013).

Eldon H. Reiley and Connie de la Vega, *THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM FOR FOREIGN LAWYERS*, Aspen Coursebook Series, Wolters Kluwer (2012).

David Weissbrodt and Connie de la Vega, *INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW: AN INTRODUCTION*, Penn Press (2007).

Book Chapters

de la Vega, "International Developments in Holding Businesses Accountable for Compliance with Human Rights Standards," in *An Economy Who Furthers Life. Ethical Reflections on Economy and Business Following on the Impulses by Pope Francis*" (original title: *Eine Wirtschaft, die Leben fördert. Wirtschafts- und unternehmensethische Reflexionen im Anschluss an Papst Franziskus*), page 264 (Patmos 2017).

de la Vega and Kendall Kozai, "Human Rights: International Laws and Policies," in *Encyclopedia on Gender and Sexuality* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2016).

de la Vega and Cassandra Yamasaki, "International Human Rights Mechanisms: The Effects of the UPR on Human Rights Practices in the United States," in *Rights, Rituals and Ritualism: The Universal Periodic Review* (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

de la Vega, "The Responsibility of States to Ensure that Companies Comply with Human Rights Mandates," in *International Human Rights Forum Lucerne Series: Human Rights and Migration* edited by Peter G. Kirchschräger and Thomas Kirchschräger (IHRF Volume Eight Stämpfli Verlag Bern, 2011).

de la Vega, Tamara M. Lewis, "Peer Review in the Mix: How the UPR Transforms Human Rights Discourse," in *New Challenges for the Human Rights Machinery*, Cherif Bassiouni, William Shabas, eds., (2011), Part II, Chapter 5, page 341.

"Customary International Law," in 1 David P. Forsythe, *Encyclopedia of Human Rights* 451 (Oxford University Press, 2009); Jus Cogens," in 3 David P. Forsythe, *Encyclopedia of*

Human Rights 301 (Oxford University Press, 2009).

Articles and Reports

de la Vega, “Separating children from their parents violates international law.” Equal Justice Society blog (2018).

de la Vega, “International Standards on Business and Human Rights: Is Drafting a New Treaty Worth It?” 51 U.S.F. L. Rev. 431 (2017); Part III of this article is also published in 40 *Hastings Int’l & Comparative Law Review* 187 (2017).

de la Vega, “Using International Human Rights Standards to Effect Criminal Justice Reform in the United States,” *ABA Human Rights Magazine*, Volume 41, Number 2, page 13 (2015).

de la Vega and Kokeb Zeleke, Esther Wilch, “The Promotion of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Vulnerable Groups in Africa Pursuant to Treaty Obligations: CRC, CEDAW, CERD & CRPD,” 14 *Washington University Global Studies Law Review* 213 (2015).

de la Vega, Solter, Kwon, and Isaac, Cruel and Unusual: U.S. Sentencing Practices in a Global Context, report published by the Center for Law and Global Justice at the University of San Francisco with the support of a Ford Foundation grant, May 2012.

de la Vega, Amol Mehra, and Alexandra Wong, Holding Businesses Accountable for Human Rights Violations: Recent Developments and Next Steps, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, July 2011, available at <http://www.fes.de/cgi-bin/gbv.cgi?id=08264&ty=pdf>.

de la Vega, The Special Measures Mandate of the International Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination: Lessons from the United States and South Africa, 16 *ILSA Journal of International and Comparative Law* 627 (Eng.), 751 (Spa.) (2010), available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1317934>.

de la Vega and Amol Mehra, International Legal Accountability over Non-State Actors: An Analysis of the Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary General, 3(2) *Zeitschrift für Menschenrechte Journal for Human Rights* 26 (2009).

de la Vega, Back from the Council, 102 *ASIL J. Int’l Law* 335 (2008).

de la Vega and Michelle Leighton, Sentencing Our Children to Die in Prison: Global Law and Practice, 42 *U.S.F. Law Review* 983 (2008), included in *University of La Verne Law Review’s Selective Bibliographic Index of Juvenile Law Publications (2007-2008)*, 30 *U. La Verne L. Rev.* 216.

de la Vega and Michelle Leighton, Sentencing our Children to Die in Prison: Global Law and

Practice, report published by the Center of Law and Global Justice, University of San Francisco School of Law (2007).

de la Vega and Chelsea HaleyNelson, "Women in Peacekeeping and Peacemaking," 12 William & Mary Journal of Women & the Law 437 (2006).

de la Vega and Conchita Lozano-Batista, "Advocates Should Use Applicable International Standards to Address Violations of Undocumented Migrant Workers in the United States," in *Human Rights and Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrant Workers: Essays in Honor of Joan Fitzpatrick and Arthur Helton*, Anne Bayefsky, ed. (2005), Ch.21; reprinted in 3 Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal 35 (2005).

de la Vega, "Human Rights and Trade: Inconsistent Application of Treaty Law in the United States," 9 UCLA Journal of International Law and Foreign Affairs 1 (2004).

de la Vega, "Going It Alone," *The American Prospect*, July 2004, page A22.

de la Vega, "Amici Curiae Urge the United States Supreme Court to Consider International Human Rights Law In Juvenile Death Penalty Case," 42 Santa Clara Law Review 1041 (2002).

Co-Editor, The Death Penalty, 13 PEACE REVIEW 493-565 (2001).

de la Vega, Book Review: Revolt or Revolution: The Constitutional Boundaries of the European Community. 22 Human Rights Quarterly 603-622 (2000).

de la Vega & Fiore, "The Supreme Court of the United States Has Been Called Upon to Determine the Legality of the Juvenile Death Penalty in *Michael Domingues v. State of Nevada*," 21 Whittier Law Review 215 (1999).

de la Vega, Book Review: Migrant Workers in International Human Rights Law: Their Protection in Countries of Employment, 21 Human Rights Quarterly 229 (1999).

de la Vega & Brown, "Can a United States Treaty Reservation Provide a Sanctuary for the Juvenile Death Penalty?" 32 University of San Francisco Law Review 735 (1998)

de la Vega, "Civil Rights During the 1990s: New Treaty Law Could Help Immensely," 65 University of Cincinnati Law Review 423 (1997).

de la Vega, "The Right to Equal Education: Merely a Guiding Principle or Customary International Legal Right? 11 Harvard BlackLetter Law Journal 37 (1994).

de la Vega, "Protecting Economic, Social and Cultural Rights." 15 Whittier Law Review 471 (1994).

Co-authored, "U.N. Responds to Problems of the Homeless." Great Events from History II, Salem Press (Oct. 1992).

de la Vega, "Using International Human Rights Law in Legal Services Cases," 22 Clearinghouse Review 1242 (March 1989).

Co-authored, "Application of International Human Rights Law in State and Federal Courts," 18 Texas International Law Journal 291 (1983).

Co-authored, "Thirty_Fifth Session of the Sub_Commission of Protection of Minorities." Human Rights Internet Reporter. Vol. 8, No. 1. September-November 1982.

Comment, "The Symposium on International Human Rights Law in State and Federal Courts." 18 The International Lawyer 71 (1981).

Selected Panels & Presentations

Co-Moderator of Workshop on How Clinical Experience Can Help Students Pass the Bar Exam at the 2018 Northern California Clinical Conference, Stanford University, February 2018.

“The Death Row Phenomena as Torture” presented at the Sir Nigel Rodley Human Rights Conference at the University of Cincinnati, October 2017.

Lectures in Spanish on the Sources of Law and the Application of International Law in the United States to a delegation of faculty and students from the National Autonomous University of Mexico as part of the OASIS Program conducted by the University of San Diego, July 2017 and August 2016.

Moderator of Side Event on Guantánamo, Human Rights Council’s 61st session, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2017.

“International Standards on Business and Human Rights,” Second Annual Scholars’ Workshop on Business and Human Rights, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, September 2016.

“A Decent Respect for the Opinion of Mankind – Looking at International Law and the Duty to Eradicate Housing Discrimination,” panel at Approaching Fifty: The Federal Fair Housing Act 1968-1918, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL, September 2015.

“Juvenile Life Without Parole in the United States,” presented at side event on the Universal Periodic Review of the United States at the Human Rights Council’s 28th session, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2015.

“The Promotion of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights of Vulnerable Groups in Africa Pursuant to Treaty Obligations: CRC, CEDAW, CERD & CRPD,” presentation at the Northern California International Law Scholars, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, September 2014.

“Prohibition of Juvenile Life Without Parole Sentences,” panel at the XXXIV Congress on Law and Mental Health,” Vienna, July 2014.

“UN Human Rights Mechanisms & Human Rights,” panel at Protecting Women’s Rights: International Law & Advocacy Training, UC Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, June 2014.

“Evolution of Human Rights Advocacy at the United Nations: An Analysis of 30 years of HRA Advocacy at the UN and 20th Anniversary of the Vienna Declaration of Human Rights, USF, November 2013.

“Alternatives to the Death Penalty,” panel at the Fifth World Congress against the Death Penalty, Madrid, Spain, June 2013.

“Universal Rights, East and West? The Local, Regional and Global Work of Human Rights Clinics in Kyrgyzstan and the United States,” panel member of concurrent session at the AALS Conference on Clinical Education, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2013.

“Sentencing Practices in the United States,” panel member on a side event at the 22d session at the Human Rights Council co-sponsored by the Swiss delegation and several non-governmental organizations. Spoke on extreme sentences in the United States. Geneva, Switzerland, March 2013.

“The Future of Affirmative action after *Fisher*,” panel member at Law Review Symposium, University of San Francisco, February 2013.

“Rights, Rituals and Ritualism: The Universal Periodic Review,” panel member of session on country experiences with the UPR at the National University of Australia, Canberra, Australia, December 2012.

“Panel on race and *Fisher v. University of Texas* oral argument,” Panel member at the Fall 2012 Symposium: “Civil Rights and the Roberts Court,” Stanford Law School, October 2012.

“Inhuman sentencing and the process which enables it: death penalty, life imprisonment and corporal punishment,” Panel member at UN Human Rights Council discussion on Children in the Judicial Process: Worrying Trends and Best Practices, Geneva, Switzerland, March 2012.

“Life Sentences for Juveniles: The Constitutional and Policy Issues Raised by Serious Juvenile Offenders,” Panel member at Shaking the Foundations West Coast Conference, Stanford Law School, October 2011.

“The Responsibility of States to Push Companies to Get Their Human Rights Performance Right,” keynote talk at the 8th International Human Rights Forum, Lucerne, May 2011. I also ran two workshops on “The Responsibility of Companies for the Implementation of Human Rights.”

“Strategies for Using International Human Rights Law in the United States,” Thirteenth Annual Trina Grillo Retreat, University of San Francisco, March 2011.

“The International Standards on the Right to Health,” Right to Health Symposium in Honor of Virginia Leary, Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, March 2010.

“Affirmative Action Requirements of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Race Discrimination,” Panel on New Voices at the AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, January 2010.

“Juvenile (In)Justice: Breaking the School-to-Prison Pipeline,” Panel at the Semi-Annual Conference of the International Human Rights Funders Group, San Francisco, January 2010.

“Beyond the Bush Era: International Human Rights Law Looking Forward,” 2009 Stefan A. Riesenfeld Symposium, U.C. Berkeley Boalt Hall, April 2009.

“The Impact of Human Rights Law on Civil Legal Services.” 11th Annual Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Retreat,” Stanford, California, February 2009.

“Sentencing Juveniles to Life in Prison: USF’s Efforts to End the Practice Here and Abroad,” U.S.F. School of Law, January 2009.

KQED Program on Juvenile Life Without Parole, Berkeley, December 2008.

“The Human Rights Council: What Would Eleanor Roosevelt Say?” International Law Weekend of the International Law Association, New York, October 2008.

“Back from the Council,” American Society of International Law, Washington, D.C., April 2008.

“Affirmative Action in the United States and South Africa,” University of Cape Town, South Africa, June 2007.

“Juvenile Sentencing and the UN System for Protecting International Human Rights, With a Look at Potential Changes that will result from the Newly Created Human Rights Council,” Human Rights Centre, University of Pretoria, South Africa, June 2006.

“The UN System for Protecting International Human Rights and Changes that will be Brought about by the Creation of the new Human Rights Council,” University of Cape Town, South Africa, June 2006.

“Civil Representation in Cross Cultural Contexts,” Northern California Clinical Conference, Stanford, California, February 2006.

“Using the Inter-American System to Advance Human Rights in the U.S.” U.S. Human Rights Network National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2005.

“Case Studies in U.S. Human Rights Advocacy,” Human Rights and the Right to Education, Washington, D.C. October 2005.

“The Death Penalty in the USA: Role of International Law and Europe,” Baden, Switzerland, April 2005.

“Women in Peacekeeping and Peacemaking,” Symposium: Women and War” College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, February, 2005.

“Human Rights Standards for Undocumented Migrant Workers,” A Conference on Human Rights and Refugees, Internally Displaced Persons and Migrant Workers, Metropolitan College, New York, January, 2005.

“Incorporating International Human Rights Norms in Social Justice,” AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education: Back to Basics/Back to the Future, San Diego, California, May, 2004.

“The Legality of Force and Alternatives to the Use of Force,” roundtable discussion on the War in Iraq, University of San Francisco, February, 2003.

“Overview of the Use of International Human Rights Law in U.S. Courts: Use of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights as Part of an Advocacy Strategy in Juvenile Death Penalty Litigation,” Columbia University, January, 2003.

“International Human Rights: Environment and Human Rights; Migrant Workers’ Rights; Juvenile Death Penalty; and Women’s Rights,” Santa Clara University School of Law, Center for Social Justice and Public Service, Santa Clara, October, 2001.

“The U.N. Commission on Human Rights: Recent Developments & Ouster of the U.S.” The Barristers Club of San Francisco International Practice section, San Francisco, July, 2001.

Third Annual Trina Grillo Public Interest Retreat, participated on panel on international public interest and human rights, Santa Cruz, March 2001.

ABA Juvenile Defender Leadership Summit. Panelist and Workshop leader on juvenile death penalty issues, Houston. Texas, October, 2000.

“International Human Rights and the Death Penalty.” Amnesty International Lawyers Meeting, San Francisco, September, 2000.

The California Death Penalty: Education for Action, University of San Francisco, April 2000.

Incorporation of Treaty and International Law in the United States: A Focus on the Juvenile Death Penalty. Tenth Annual Fullbright Symposium on International Law at the Pre-Dawn of A New Millennium, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, March 2000.

Participated on Panel on the Juvenile Death Penalty at the Sixteenth Annual International Law Symposium. "Rights of Children in the New Millennium," Whittier College, March 2000.

“Comparing Human Rights Issues in Brazil and the United States.” Center for Latin American Studies, U.C. Berkeley, May 1999.

Using International Treaties in Civil Rights Litigation. International Human Rights Section of the Bar Association of San Francisco, spoke on using recently ratified treaties in civil rights cases with a focus on death penalty cases and affirmative action issues, June, 1998.

Lecture. "Links Between International Human Rights and Public Policy Issues." delivered at U.C. Berkeley, African American Studies, May 1998.

Practicing and Preaching: The U.S. and International Human Rights Law, Boalt Hall School of Law Symposium, March 1996: spoke on recently ratified treaties and their impact on civil rights law, with a particular focus on affirmative action.

Thirty Years Later ...Civil Rights in America: Dreams vs. Reality, U.S.F. Law Review Symposium. January 1995: spoke on using new treaty law to help promote civil rights.

Human Rights Law: International Forums and Domestic Use, Bar Associations of San Francisco, January 1995: spoke on how to use international human rights norms in U.S. Courts.

Tenth Annual International Law Symposium, Whittier College, June 1993: spoke on protecting

economic, social, and cultural rights.

Testified before the United States Commission on Improving the Effectiveness of the United Nations, February 1993.

Using International Human Rights Law in a Legal Services Practice, National Legal Aid and Defender Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, October 1992: spoke on using international human rights law as an interpretive guide and as customary international norms in U.S. cases.

Appeared on Legal Currents on KCSM_FM: spoke on Global Law, October 1990.

The Expansion of Legal Services through Clinical Programs, Alternative Law Day, San Francisco, September 1990: spoke on providing legal services through law school clinical programs.

Peace Law and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Meiklejohn Institute Workshop, Berkeley, April 1989: spoke on using international human rights laws in U.S. cases involving economic, social, and cultural rights.

Using International Human Rights Law to Advance Women's Rights, Women and the Law Conference, Oakland, March 1989.

Lecture, "Toward a Right to Housing" delivered at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California Berkeley, Spring 1988.

The Rights of Women and International Law. Whittier College International Law Symposium. Los Angeles, April 1987: spoke on using international law in U.S. courts.

Representing the Poor In The Reagan Years. Boalt Hall. School of Law. Berkeley, March 1987: presented overview of budget cuts and regulatory restrictions for legal services programs.

Women and the Law Conference, Chicago, March 1986: spoke on using international human rights law in U.S. courts and on strategies to avoid displacement of low-income persons.

Women and the Law Conference, Los Angeles, March 1984: spoke on recent developments in landlord-tenant law and on using international procedures to promote and protect the rights of migrant workers.

How to Use International Procedures to Redress Human Rights Violations, Hastings College of the Law, November 1983: spoke on using procedures established by human rights bodies of the United Nations.

The International Law of Human Rights, Southwestern University School of Law, April 1983: spoke on using international human rights law in California courts.

Women and the Law Conference, Western Region, Salem, Oregon. October 1979: spoke on using international human rights norms to promote and protect the rights of women.

Selected Litigation & Advocacy

Smith v. Ryan, No. 16-8071 (2017). Lead Counsel on *amicus curiae* brief filed before the United States Supreme Court in support of a petition for Writ of Certiorari urging the Court to consider international and regional law on the issue of the death penalty. The Court did not grant certiorari in the case.

Fisher v. University of Texas II, 579 U.S. (2016). Lead Counsel on *amicus curiae* brief filed before the United States Supreme Court on behalf of five organizations urging the Court to consider the U.S. treaty obligations and practice of other countries in assessing whether the University of Texas' holistic admission policy which includes race as one of seven factors meets the strict scrutiny standard under the U.S. Constitution. The Supreme Court upheld the University of Texas' admissions policy.

People v. Franklin, Lead counsel on *amicus curiae* brief filed before the California Supreme Court challenging 50 year sentence for offender who was 16 years old at the time of the crime. (Filed June 5, 2015.) Court ruled that legislation allowing for juvenile offenders to apply for parole after 25 years was retroactive to this case and remanded the case for a preliminary hearing related to the age of Mr. Franklin. (2016)

Connecticut v. Santiago, 49 A.3d 566 (2015). The Connecticut Supreme Court ruled that abolishing the death penalty has to be applied retroactively to the people already on death row. I was lead counsel (*pro hac vice*) on an *amicus* brief filed on behalf of eleven organizations and law professors from Connecticut and Europe addressed the international standards of retroactivity of ameliorative legislation especially in dealing with the death penalty. (Filed February 2013.). The second concurring opinion refers to the *amicus* brief and includes a full paragraph on international practice citing to one of the reports we referred to.

People v. Moffett (S206771) and People v. Gutierrez (S206771), 324 P.3d 245 (Cal 2014). Lead counsel for *amici curiae* raising international and treaty law in urging the California Supreme Court to hold that juvenile without parole sentences are unconstitutional. The brief is filed on behalf of five organizations involved in international law and juvenile justice issues. On May 5, 2014, the California Supreme Court held that sentences of life without parole for juveniles are unconstitutional if the sentencing judge is not able to consider the age of the defendant at the time of sentencing and remanded the cases for resentencing.

Hill v. USA, Lead counsel on *amicus brief* filed before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) in support of a petition filed by a number of juvenile offenders serving life without parole sentences in Michigan. The brief covers international and treaty standards that prohibit the sentence and was filed on behalf of human rights organizations, university centers, and a professor. The IACHR held a hearing on the case in March 2014. (Filed February 2014.)

N.I. Sequoyah, Petition No. P-120-07, Case No. 12.754, Petition filed before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) alleging violations of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man on behalf of an inmate on death row in California. The IACHR decided that the case was admissible on March 17, 2010 and the case is now awaiting a decision on the merits.

People v. Davis (Ill. S. Ct. Case No. 115595), Lead counsel (*pro hac vice*) for *amici curiae* urging the

Illinois Supreme Court to hold juvenile life sentences unconstitutional. The brief is filed on behalf of eight organizations and addresses the international and treaty standards relevant to this issue. (Filed August 2013).

Fisher v. University of Texas, 575 U.S. (2013) Lead counsel on *amicus* brief in a case before the United States Supreme Court on whether the University of Texas' holistic admissions policy which includes race is unconstitutional. The brief was filed on behalf of five *amici* and urged the Court to consider United States' treaty obligations in upholding the University's practice.

Miller v. Alabama, Jackson v. Arkansas, 567 U.S. (2012). Lead counsel on *amicus* brief in a case before the United States Supreme Court involving juvenile life without parole for two 14 year olds. The brief is filed on behalf of 27 *amici* and urges the Court to consider international law and practice in determining whether the sentences are constitutional.

People v. Caballero, Co-counsel on *amicus* brief raising federal and international and treaty law urging the California Supreme Court to hold that a 110 year sentence by a juvenile for a non-homicide crime unconstitutional. The Court did hold that the sentence was effectively a juvenile life without parole sentence for a non-homicide crime and was thus unconstitutional under the *Graham* case.

Graham v. Florida, 560 U.S. , 130 S. Ct. 2011 (2010). Lead counsel on *amicus* brief using international and English law urging the Court to hold the use of juvenile life without parole sentences unconstitutional. The brief and law review article were cited by the majority opinion.

Roper v. Simmons, 543 U.S. 551 (2005). Lead counsel on *amicus* brief using international and English law to support the finding of the Missouri Supreme Court that the execution of juvenile offenders violates the Eighth Amendment. Brief was cited twice in the majority opinion.

Grutter v. Bollinger; Gratz v. Bollinger, 539 U.S. 306 (2003). Authored *amicus* brief arguing that two treaties that the United States is party to support the University of Michigan's special admissions programs.

Beazley v. Johnson, 2001 U.S. LEXIS 5264. Authored *amicus* brief arguing that the juvenile death penalty had risen to the level of a *jus cogens* norm and that Article 6 (5) of the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights is self- executing.

Sanders v. Woodford, CV-F-92-5471-Rec-D. Authored *amicus* brief arguing that seventeen years on death row is cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment in violation of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

Williams v. United States, Petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights alleging violations of the right to life provisions of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, filed November 2000.

Bryan v. Moore, cert. dismissed, 528 U.S. 1133 (2000) Authored *amicus* brief urging the Supreme Court to consider treaty standards in defining whether the Florida electric chair violates the Eighth Amendment.

Domingues v. Nevada, cert. denied. 528 U.S. 963 (1999). Authored *amicus* brief urging court to consider treaty provisions and customary international law in determining whether a juvenile death sentence is valid.

Coalition for Economic Equity v. Wilson, cert. denied. 522 U.S. 963 (1997). Authored *amicus* brief urging court to consider treaty provisions in determining whether Proposition 209 is valid.

Washington v. D.B. Coopers, (1994-1997) Santa Clara Municipal Court. Civil Rights action alleging violations of the California Unruh Act. Seven day jury trial resulted in \$25,000 for one of the plaintiffs.

Fierro v. Gomez, 77 F. 3d.301. (9th,Cir. 1996) cert. granted and judgment vacated 519 U.S. 918, 64 U.S. LW.3780 (Oct. 15, 1996). Authored *amicus* brief urging court to consider Human Rights Committee decision regarding the California gas chamber in determining whether the latter violated the Eighth Amendment.

Hilao and Sison v. Estate of Marcos, 103 F. 3d 789, (9th Cir. 1996). Authored *amicus* brief arguing that the prohibition against cruel, inhuman, and degrading treatment has risen to the level of international customary law and that the tort of torture necessarily involve pain and suffering.

Orozco v. County of Yolo. 814 F. Supp. 885 (E.D. Cal 1993). Civil rights case involving fourth and fourteenth amendment claims as well as state causes of action on behalf of five plaintiffs. Case settled for \$450,000 after plaintiffs won several motions.

Butt v. Richmond Unified School District . 4 Cal 4th 668 (1992). Authored *amicus* brief arguing that international law would be useful in appraising prior rulings on the fundamental nature of the right to education and the appropriate level of scrutiny under California equal protections standards.

Curtis v. Oakland Housing Authority. 746 F Supp. 989 (N.D. Cal. 1990). Superior court action removed to federal court; class action challenging public housing authority's failure to provide or repair stoves in its operating units. Court ruled that defendant breached its contract with HUD.

Diaz v. Franchise Tax Board-Nos. 812 322 & 90113-0. San Francisco Superior Court, class action challenge to FTB's practice of denying head of household renter's audit to persons receiving AFDC. Represented individual client before the state Board of Equalization and assisted with implementation of settlement resulting in \$220 million in refunds to taxpayers (1983-1990).

Central Valley v. Younger, Gresher v. Deukmejian , 214 Cal. App. 3d. 145 (1989). Superior Court class actions; assisted in discovery, pre-trial motions and trial. The court granted a judgment prohibiting a wide range of practices followed by the State Bureau of Identification in disseminating and maintaining arrest record information. The court also required the Bureau to add disposition information to arrest records promptly (1984-85).

Image v. Bolger- Federal District Court; class action: assisted with discovery and preparation for

trial in Title VII case against the U.S. Postal Service. Settlement provided for increased hiring of Hispanics for several job classifications in the Bay Area. I was also responsible for the monitoring of the Consent Decree (1982-1989).

Compton v. Oakland Housing Authority-negotiated agreement to institute an allowance for Section 8 tenants who own their own stoves and refrigerators. The Department of Housing and Urban Development also issued a notice to all public housing authorities that this allowance is required (1988).

California Federal Savings and Loan Ass'n. v Guerra . 479 U.S. 272 (1987). Authored *amicus* brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to affirm the Ninth Circuit's ruling on the grounds that its interpretation of the state and federal statutes were consistent with the applicable standards of international law as evidenced by treaties and the laws of other nations. (June 1986).

Ware v. Berkeley Housing Authority. No. C 87 6156 SAW (N.D. Cal.). Federal District Court; class action: \$600,000 plus settlement for damages resulting from violations of federal statutes and regulations for the Section 8 Existing Housing Program. (Filed December 1987.)

Osborne v. West Oakland Health Center. No. 608687-7. Superior Court Alameda County class action; negotiated settlement to institute due process procedures prior to terminating patients from the methadone maintenance program as well as giving the patients access to their medical records. (Filed March 1986).

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