

Deborah Paruch
University of Detroit Mercy School of Law
651 E. Jefferson Ave.
Detroit, Michigan 48226
313-596-0204
paruchd@udmercy.edu

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Detroit Mercy School of Law

Professor of Law

EDUCATION

- ***Juris Doctor, Summa Cum Laude***, University of Detroit School of Law, May, 1992. Cumulative G.P.A. 3.9. Recipient: Presidential Scholarship, Dean's Scholarship and numerous American Jurisprudence Awards. Member, University of Detroit Law Review. Student Member, University of Detroit Chapter of American Inn of Court.
- ***M.B.A.***, University of Detroit
- ***B.A., Magna Cum Laude***, University of Detroit

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Attorney Client Privilege and the Work Product Doctrine in Michigan, Second Edition, Institute of Continuing Legal Education, co-authored with Fatima M. Bolyea (2022)

The Solitary Confinement of Juveniles: It is a Cruel and Unusual Punishment, 57 Idaho L. Rev. 689 (2021).

Banishing Juvenile Solitary Confinement: A Call to Reform Michigan's Practices, 98 Michigan Bar Journal, number 11 at 40, November 2019

Testimonial Statements, Reliability, and the Sole or Decisive Evidence Rule: A Comparative Look at the Right of Confrontation in the United States, Canada, and Europe, 67 Catholic Univ. L. Rev. 105 (2018).

Non-offending Parents, Children and the Fourteenth Amendment in Child Protection Proceedings: A Critique of In re Sanders – One Court's Arbitrary Destruction of the One Parent Doctrine, 84 U.M.K.C. L. Rev. 97 (2015).

Silencing the Victims in Child Sexual Abuse Prosecutions: The Confrontation Clause and Children's Hearsay Statements Before and After Michigan v. Bryant, 28 Touro L. Rev. 85 (2012).

From Trusted Confidant to Witness for the Prosecution: The Case Against the Recognition of a Dangerous-Patient Exception to the Psychotherapist-Patient Privilege, 9 U.N.H. L. Rev. 327 (2011).

The Psychotherapist-Patient Privilege in the Family Court: An Exemplar of Disharmony Between Social Policy Goals, Professional Ethics, and the Current State of the Law, 29 N. Ill. U. L. Rev. 499 (2009).

The Orphaning of Underprivileged Children: America's Failed Child Welfare Law & Policy, 8 J. L. & Fam. Stud. 119 (2006).

OTHER

William Ladd & Deborah Paruch, Amicus Curiae Brief, *In re Sanders*, 852 N.W.2d 394 (Mich. 2014) filed on behalf of the Univ. of Detroit Mercy School of Law Juvenile Appellate Clinic available at <http://courts.mi.gov/Courts/MichiganSupremeCourt/Clerks/Documents/briefs-archive/2013-2014/146680amicusudm.pdf>.

PRESENTATIONS

The Solitary Confinement of Juveniles, It Is a Cruel and Unusual Punishment, 18th World Conference (Golden Jubilee) of the International Society of Family Law, Antwerp Belgium, July 2023.

The Solitary Confinement of Juveniles, Law and Society Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, June 2023.

The Solitary Confinement of Juveniles, Idaho Law Review Symposium, March 2021.

A Comparative Look at the Right to Confrontation at the International Conference on Evidence Law and Forensic Science held at the Max Planck Institute in Freiburg Germany August, 2019.

"Pointing Empowered Student Leaders toward a Justice Horizon," Tim Hipskind, S.J., Deborah Paruch, and Mary-Catherine Harrison, Commitment to Justice In Jesuit Higher Education Conference, Seattle University, August 2017

The Emerging Conflict Between Non-Offending Parents, Their Children and the State in American Child Protection Proceedings, 16th World Conference of the International Society of Family Law, Vrije University, Amsterdam Netherlands, July 2017.

Testimonial Statements, Reliability, and the Sole or Decisive Evidence Rule: A Comparative Look at the Right of Confrontation in the United States, Canada, and Europe. University of Windsor School of Law, October 2016.

Panel, *Experiential Learning and Simulation Courses*, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Conference, Amelia Island, Florida, August 2016

A Comparative Perspective of Children's Hearsay Statements in Criminal Trials, Barry University School of Law, April 2016

A Comparative Perspective on the Right to Confrontation in Child Abuse Cases in the United States, Canada and England, Global Legal Skills Conference, John Marshall Law School and Northwestern Law School, May 2015.

Non-offending Parents, Children and the Fourteenth Amendment in Child Protection Proceedings, presented at the Central States Law School Assoc. 2014 Scholarship Conference, LSU Law Center October 2014.

Panel, *Bringing Outside In: Social Justice Collaborations in the Legal Writing Curriculum*, Legal Writing Institute Bi-Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, June 2014.

Putting the Child Back into Child Protection Proceedings, Southwest Regional Clinical Workshop, Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, April 2014.

Faculty Workshop, *Substantive Due Process Rights of Non-offending Parents in Child Protection Proceedings*, University of Toledo School of Law, April 2014.

Panel, *Experiential Learning: Simulation Courses in Child, Juvenile and Family Law*, Charleston Law School, December 2013

Presenter: *A Comparative View of the Treatment Accorded Children's Hearsay Statements in Sexual Abuse Cases in the United States and Canada*, 2013 Law & Education in the Americas Conference, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, June 2013.

Presenter: *Writing Across the Law School Curriculum: Continued Lessons from the Trenches*, Savannah Law School, April 2013.

Presenter: *Preparing Practice Ready Grads: UD Mercy School of Law's "Law Firm Program,"* New York Law School, December 2012.

Presenter: *Common Pitfalls and Hot Button Topics in Evidence*, National Association of Counsel for Children 35th National Child Welfare, Juvenile, and Family Law Conference, Chicago, IL August 15, 2012 (with Jennifer Pilette and William Ladd).

Presenter: *"Be Careful What You Wish For": The Challenges Confronting Legal Writing Directors and Professors on Tenure Track,*" 2012 Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law, Arizona State University, March 2012 (with Cristina Lockwood).

Presenter: *Compelled Disclosure of Patient Confidences in Court Ordered Treatment Plans*, National Association of Counsel for Children 34th National Child Welfare, Juvenile and Family Law Conference, San Diego, Calif., August 30, 2011.

Presenter, *Writing Across the Law School Curriculum: Lessons from the Trenches*, Rocky Mountain Legal Writing Conference, University of Arizona, March 20, 2010.

Presenter, *The Psychotherapist-Patient Privilege in the Family Courts*, Northern Illinois University Law School's 18th Annual Law Review Symposium: *Confronting the Challenges of Persons Who are Mentally Ill: Best Practices & Remaining Issues in the Law*, April 17, 2009.

Presenter, *The Orphaning of Underprivileged Children: America's Failed Child Welfare Law & Policy*, at *Protecting Children's Need for Nurturance: Proven Strategies and New Ideas* sponsored by the Oregon Child Advocacy Project, University of Oregon School of Law, March 24-25, 2006.

Presenter, *Child Protection Proceedings in Michigan*, University Health Education Committee Symposium on Child Abuse and Neglect, University of Detroit Mercy, January, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, American Bar Association
- Member, American Association of Law Schools
- Member, State Bar of Michigan
- Executive Committee Member, Children's Law Section – State Bar of Michigan
- Member of the Legislation Drafting Committee, Children's Law Section, SBM
- Elected to two-year term – Council – Children's Law Section, SBM (2021-2023).
- Member, Association of Legal Writing Directors. Served as member of the Publishing Committee of the Association of Legal Writing Directors for the 2012-2013 academic year and Program Committee, ALWD Conference, July 2009
- Member, Legal Writing Institute
- Inn of Court 2019- 2021

Professional and Community Service

- Volunteer, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (Member of Program and Finance Committees).
- Wish Coordinator, Make a Wish of Michigan.
South Oakland Shelter – a non-profit dedicated to serving the homeless population of Oakland County. Chairperson of the Board of Directors 2014-2016.
- Member of the planning committee for the Legal Writing Institute sessions for the 2014 AALS Conference.
- Member of the ALWD Publishing Committee 2012-2013. (Committee assisted Prof. Colleen Barger in reviewing the new edition of the ALWD Citation Manual.)

OTHER EMPLOYMENT - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/AFFORDABLE HOUSING EXPERIENCE

Community Builder Fellowship, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Detroit, Michigan (1999- 2000)

Responsibilities principally involved outreach and educational efforts to increase awareness of HUD's programs and policies. Served as a liaison between the agency and government executives, non-profits, foundations, bankers and developers.

Habitat for Humanity, Detroit (1994-1997)

Served as a member of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairperson (1994-1995) and as the Executive Director and Corporate Counsel (1995-1997).

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Beier Howlett, P.C., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan (2000-2005). Assisted the managing partner, on a contractual basis, with various cases involving land use issues and municipal litigation, together with Applications for Leave to Appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Attorney, Private Practice, (1993-1997). Represented clients in family law matters, including child protection proceedings, and civil rights litigation. Litigated an attorney malpractice case and prepared appeals to the Michigan Court of Appeals and a Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Dykema Gossett, Detroit, Michigan (1992-1993 and Summer 1991). Member of the Litigation and Real Estate Groups. Responsibilities included research and the preparation of memoranda, contracts and briefs on numerous issues including real estate, insurance, securities law, ERISA, and general contract law.