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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Senior Fellow, Economic Policy Institute, January 2019 – present. Develop and contribute to briefing papers and reports on labor and collective bargaining issues; participate in panels and briefings on these issues.

Special Counsel, Actors' Equity Association, March 2019 – present. Advise national labor union on legal and governance issues; assist with other matters as needed.

General Counsel, AFL-CIO, October 2009 – July 2018. Chief legal advisor to federation of 56 national and international unions. Advise officers, governing bodies, and state and local chapters on legal issues, governance, and labor policy issues; represent the AFL-CIO before Congress, agencies, courts, and as a speaker at meetings and conferences; lead 2,100-member organization of union-side labor lawyers as Executive Director of the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee.

Associate General Counsel, AFL-CIO, September 1996 – October 2009

Law Clerk to the Honorable Joyce Hens Green, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, September 1994 - September 1996

Occupational Safety and Health Specialist, AFL-CIO, Department of Occupational Safety & Health, Washington, DC, July 1991 - August 1994

Service Employees International Union, Washington, DC. Law Clerk (summer 1993); Writer/Researcher (March 1990 – July 1991)

Professional Staff Member (1988-1990) and Staff Assistant (1987), U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Labor, Senator Howard Metzenbaum, Chairman

Paralegal, Bredhoff & Kaiser, PLLC, Washington, DC, July 1984 – December 1986

EDUCATION

Georgetown University Law Center, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 1994 University of Michigan, B.A. (high distinction), Psychology, 1984

PUBLICATIONS (Partial List)

Would Workers Be Better Protected If They Were Declared an Endangered Species? A Comparison of Criminal Enforcement Under Federal Workplace Safety & Environmental Protection Laws, 31 AM. CRIM. L. REV. 351 (1994)

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Collective Bargaining Beyond the Worksite: How Workers and Their Unions Build Power and Set Standards for Their Industries, Economic Policy Institute (May 4, 2020) (with Celine McNicholas)

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Explaining the Erosion of Private Sector Unions, Economic Policy Institute (Nov. 18, 2020) (with Larry Mishel and Lane Windham)

Shortchanged: Weak Anti-Retaliation Provisions in the National Labor Relations Act Cost Workers Billions (April 22, 2021) (with Celine McNicholas)

OTHER

National Employment Law Project (not-for-profit organization that advocates for low-wage workers) -- Member, Board of Directors

Labor and Employment Relations Association, vice-chair, Program Committee for annual national conference, 2020-21

Harvard Law School "Clean Slate" project. On advisory board and co-chair of working group for 18-month project to reimagine labor law and make recommendations for legislative reform. Report issued in January 2020.

Member, Labor Agency Review Team, Biden-Harris Transition, November-January 2020.