

# **Jacqueline P. Gutter, J.D., M.S.W.**

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## BAR STATUS

Admitted to Ohio Bar, November 2005

Admitted to the Federal Bar, February 2009

## EDUCATION and AWARDS

### **Capital University Law School, Columbus, Ohio**

- Juris Doctor, May 2005
  - Trustees Merit Scholarship, Order of the Curia, Excellence for the Future Award

### **The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio**

- Master of Social Work, 2001
  - Emerson and Miriam Wollam Scholarship
- Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, 1996
  - Melton Center for Jewish Education Scholarship, Jewish Federation Scholarship
- Semester Abroad, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, 1995

## CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

### **Staff Attorney, The Legal Aid Society of Columbus, Columbus, Ohio, 2006 to present**

- Represent low income clients
- Focus on Consumer law, debt collection, and Foreclosure law
  - Focus on litigation
  - Set priorities to effect the greatest number of low income individuals
  - Engage in extensive litigation in both debt collection cases and foreclosures
- From 2009 – 2011 ran a monthly Consumer law debt defense clinic
- Practiced Domestic law from 2006 to 2009
- Staff Attorney for the TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) project
  - Collaboration with FCCS (Franklin County Children Services) taking cases referred from FCCS where domestic violence was impeding the client's ability to keep her/his children
- Work on several committees to enforce laws effecting low income clients
  - Pay Day lending committee
  - Civil Rule 10(D) violations committee
- Supervise MSW I student from 2007 to present

- Oversee social work assignments given to social work intern
- Meet with social work intern for supervision and to process individual assignments

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Adjunct Professor, The Ohio State University MSW Program, Columbus, Ohio, Fall Quarter, 2010**

- Taught in the Master of Social Work Department
- Course name: Social Welfare Policies and Programs I

### **Extern, Columbus Public Schools, Legal Department, Columbus, Ohio, 2004**

- Read new Senate and House Bills affecting Columbus Public Schools, and assist in developing new policies corresponding with the Bills.
- Research “No Child Left Behind” legislation.
- Organize Bureau of Worker’s Compensation files in preparation for suit.
- Observe Bureau of Worker’s Compensation hearings, Due Process hearings, and Civil Service hearings.
- Research Community/Charter schools for possible sponsorship.

### **Intake Coordinator/Community Support Provider, Huckleberry House, Columbus, Ohio, 2001-2004**

- Provide counseling to youths with mental health disabilities.
- Assist parents with innovative coping mechanisms to care for their children.
- Refer and link youths to resources in the community to help provide for their needs.
- Assess and diagnose youths to determine the level of care needed.
- Provide crisis support to youths in mental health crises and their families.
- Compile monthly statistics regarding current clients.

### **Contingent Youth Services Worker, Netcare Corporation, Columbus, Ohio, 2001-2003**

- Assess youths experiencing a mental health crisis.
- Develop a service plan catering to individual needs.
- Answer crisis calls and address callers’ needs.
- Coordinate appropriate services with social service agencies.

### **Intern, Specialized Therapeutic Offender Programming, Columbus, Ohio, 2000-2001**

- Co-facilitate group therapy for sex offenders.
- Complete group progress notes.
- Teach individual education course on sexual offending.
- Meet with clients for individual sessions.
- Research and modify additional assessment tools to measure dynamic traits of the offender.

**Intern, Directions for Youth, Columbus, Ohio, 1999-2000**

- Attend family counseling sessions.
- Participate in weekly review of team cases.
- Survey assessments of new families.
- Assist families in locating necessary resources to satisfy their primary needs.

**Part-time House Manager, C.H.O.I.C.E.S., for victims of domestic violence, Columbus, Ohio, 1998-2000**

- Responsible for answering crisis calls.
- Attend to the various needs of current house residents.
- Supervise safety and security of the shelter.
- Facilitate domestic violence support group.
- Complete assessments on incoming women and children.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Presentation to FCCS explaining legal component of TANF/PCFS project
- Presented at National Legal Aid and Defender Association
- Presented at Two Days in May
- Organized and taught CLE (continuing legal education) on consumer debt defense for pro bono attorneys