

# **LUCY JOHNSTON-WALSH**

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW</b>	<b>2002-present</b>
<i>Clinical Professor, Director of Children’s Advocacy Clinic, Director of Center on Children and the Law</i>	<i>2005 to present</i>
<i>Supervising Attorney Family Law Clinic &amp; Disability Law Clinic</i>	<i>2002-2005</i>
<b>MIDPENN LEGAL SERVICES</b>	<b>2001-2002</b>
<i>Staff Attorney</i>	
<b>PENNSYLVANIA PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN</b>	<b>1997-2001</b>
<i>Director of Public Policy</i>	
<b>STAFFORD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, VA</b>	<b>1989-1994</b>
<i>School Social Worker</i>	

## **EDUCATION**

Penn State Dickinson Law, Juris Doctor, 1997  
University of Pennsylvania, Master of Social Work, 1989  
Juniata College, Bachelor of Science, 1987

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

*“Tele-Lawyering and The Virtual Learning Experience: Finding the Silver Lining for Remote Hybrid Externships & Law Clinics after the Pandemic,”* AKRON LAW REVIEW, Forthcoming 2021.

*“Kinship Care in Pennsylvania: Creating an Equitable System for Families,”* White Paper with ABA Center on Children and the Law, Community Legal Services, Juvenile Law Center, Temple Legal Aid Office and Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, February 2021.

*“Life is a Highway: Addressing Legal Obstacles to Foster Youth Driving,”* SEATTLE JOURNAL FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, Vol. 19, Issue 1, December 2020.

Assisted in passage of House Bill 1615; Act 16-2019 – “*Fostering Independence Tuition Waiver Program*,” signed by Governor Wolf June 28, 2019

“*Behind the Wheel: Driving as a Route to Independence for Foster Youth*,” White Paper for Annie E. Casey Foundation, State Policy Advocacy and Reform Center, *September 2018*.

“*The Unreasonably Uncertain Risks of ‘Reasonable Medical Certainty’ in Child Abuse Cases: Mechanisms for Risk Reduction*,” along with Carrie Russell, Mark S. Dias, Susan Boehmer, Raquel Muñiz, and Benjamin H. Levi, *DRAKE LAW REVIEW*, Volume 66, Number 2, 2018.

“*Keys to Independence: Driving for Foster Youth*” White Paper with Brian Bornman, June 2016.

“*Defining ‘Reasonable Medical Certainty’ in Court: What Does It Mean to Medical Experts in Child Abuse Cases?*” *CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT*, Vol. 50, pp. 218-227, December 2015

“*A Practitioner’s Guide to New Developments in Pennsylvania’s Child Protection Law*,” *PBA Quarterly*, Volume LXXXVI, No. 2, April 2015, with Megan Riesmeyer

“*Building on Best Practices: Transforming Legal Education in a Changing World*,” Section on Interprofessional Education, Reviewer and Editor, 2015

Assisted in drafting House Bill 477 / Act 75 – “*Activities and Experiences for Children in Out-of-Home Placements Act*,” signed by Governor Wolf December 10, 2015

“*Closing the Gap: A Meaningful Transition into Independent Living for Youth Aging Out of the Foster Care System*,” Transitional Youth Workgroup, Pennsylvania State Roundtable Report, contributing author, May 2014

Amicus Brief; PA Supreme Court, brief cited in the opinion and ruled in favor, June 2013

“*Assessing the Quality of Child Advocacy in Dependency Proceedings in Pennsylvania*,” White Paper, with Susan Kinnevy, Alan Lerner, and Jennifer Pokempner, October 2010.

“*Partners in Outreach and Advocacy: Interdisciplinary Opportunities in University-Based Legal Clinics*,” Katherine Pearson & Lucy Johnston-Walsh, *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement*, Volume 11, Number 4, 2006

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

*"COVID & The Practice of Law: Impacts of Legal Technology,"* Akron Law Review Symposium, March 12, 2021.

*"Impact of COVID-19 on Legal Rights of Youth in Foster Care,"* University of Oklahoma College of Law, April 24, 2020

*"Implementing ESSA in Juvenile Court,"* with Kate Lawrence, Leigh Dalton and Jennifer Archer, Cumberland County Courts Roundtable, November 13, 2019

*"Youth Involved in Child Welfare & Mental Health Systems"* with Megan Johnston, Mechanicsburg Area School District, February 15, 2019

*"Training Medical Residents on Legal Issues Impacting their Patients,"* Society of Neurological Surgeons, with Medha Makhlof, Hershey, PA, May 22, 2018

*"With a Little Help from My Friends: Managing Stress in Hostile Environment with Assistance from Non-Lawyers,"* AALS Conference, Chicago, IL, May 1, 2018

*"Reducing the Use of Congregate Care through FGDM,"* Pennsylvania Family Group Decision Making Statewide Conference, with Judge Sholley, Hershey, PA, April 17, 2018

*"Developing Holistic Responses to FGM Legislation,"* Panel Presentation, Crafting Legislative and Medication Solutions to Address Female Genital Mutilation Locally and Internationally, Dickinson Law, Carlisle, PA, April 12, 2018

*"Building Resilience and Hope"* Penn State's Child Maltreatment Solutions Network, Bryce Jordan Center, State College, April 7, 2018

*"Children in the Courts: A Developed or Developing System? Challenges in the System"* with Jaya Connors, Widener Commonwealth Law Review Symposium, Harrisburg, PA, March 23, 2018

*Ignite Presentation: "Re-Thinking Advanced Clinic: Life Beyond Law School,"* Educating Tomorrow's Lawyers Conference, Denver, CO, October 5, 2017

*"ESSA's Foster Care Provisions,"* Webinar, Pennsylvania School Boards Association, along with Katherine Fitz-Patrick, Melissa Laney, and Leigh Dalton, September 28, 2017

*"Implementing Change for Older Youth: Making Successful Transitions to Adulthood from the Foster Care System,"* One Child, Many Hands Conference, University of

Pennsylvania Law School, with Jennifer Pokempner and Stephanie Salvatori, June 8, 2017

*"ESSA's Foster Care Provisions: The Players, Requirements and Options,"* Pennsylvania Children & Youth Association CLE, June 29, 2017

*"Kids for Cash,"* CLE – Panelist, Cumberland County Bar Association, September 22, 2016

*"Making Federal Policy Real for Older Youth: Implementing the Normalcy and APPLA Provisions of the Strengthening Families Act,"* National Association of Counsel for Children, along with Stephanie Gendell, Sarah Helvey, Riya Shah, August 12, 2016

*"Effective Advocacy Strategies for Resumption of Jurisdiction, Act 91,"* CLE Pennsylvania Bar Institute, April 2014

*"Confronting Child Abuse,"* Pennsylvania WPSU Television Talk Show, September 2013

*"Making the Case: Education Rights Advocacy in the Court Room,"* CLE PA Bar Institute, November 2013

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

Children's Advocacy Clinic  
Advanced Clinic  
Juvenile Law  
Child Welfare Law & Policy Seminar

### **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Pennsylvania, 1997  
United States Supreme Court, 2003

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

AALS Interdisciplinary Committee  
Chair: 2015 to 2021  
Member: 2015 to present

Pennsylvania Bar Association, Children's Rights Committee  
Chair: 1998 to 2004  
1997-present

Administrative Office of PA Courts: Office of Children, Youth & Families 2012-2017  
Working Groups Member - Transitional Youth; Educational Success

Act 33 Review Committee, Cumberland County Child Death Review 2015 to present

**AWARDS**

Achieving Women Faculty Award, Penn State University, April 2019  
Thomson Reuters Super Lawyers, Pro Bono Award, 2014  
Pennsylvania Bar Association, Child Advocate of the Year, 2007  
Emerging Leader Fellow, Children's Defense Fund, 1999