

# **LUCY JOHNSTON-WALSH**

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>PENN STATE DICKINSON LAW</b>	<b>2002-present</b>
<i>Assistant Professor of Law, Director of Children’s Advocacy Clinic</i>	2022- present
<i>Clinical Professor, Director of Children’s Advocacy Clinic</i>	2005 to 2022
<i>Supervising Attorney, Family Law Clinic &amp; Disability Law Clinic</i>	2002-2005
<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

- Public Interest Law Fund President
- Lee Popp Award for excellence in service, extracurricular activities, and devotion to class

**UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**, Master of Social Work, 1989

- Graduate focus on children and family systems; public policy
- Semester Abroad: University of Edinburgh, Scotland - Department of Social Policy (focus essay: Consequences of Child Abuse -Implications for Social Work Practice)

**JUNIATA COLLEGE**, Bachelor of Science, 1987

- Study Abroad: Université de Lille, L’École de Service Social

## **CLINICAL SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES**

Supervision of certified legal interns includes the following actions year-round to provide high quality legal representation of child clients in juvenile dependency court proceedings:

- Conduct weekly case review meetings with student teams (law student and social work interns) to discuss client case status and develop action steps;
- Conduct meetings with students to prepare for court proceedings, including drafting subpoenas, interviewing witnesses, etc.;
- Review and approve all written correspondence - emails, pleadings, motions, briefs, etc. ;
- Supervise law students in approximately 100 hearings per year before the Cumberland County Court of Common Pleas and appellate courts;
- Supervise students in client interviews;
- Participate in education law meetings as court-appointed educational decision maker on behalf of clients, i.e. IEP meetings, BID meetings, disciplinary hearings
- Individually manage caseload during academic breaks, i.e. winter and spring breaks, summer
- Represent clients in correlated legal actions such as expungement hearings, small claims hearings, etc.
- File appeals with PA Superior Court and amicus briefs with PA Supreme Court as warranted

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS**

*“Out of State, Out of Mind: Legal Impact of Out-of-State Placement on Foster Youth,”* University of Pennsylvania Journal of Law and Public Affairs, Volume 9, Fall 2023.

*“Reflective Practice for Antiracist Teaching and Learning,”* chapter along with Medha Makhoul, and *“Antiracist Clinical Legal Education,”* chapter, Volume 5, Anti-Racist Development Institute, Forthcoming.

*“Dynamic Interdisciplinary Exercise for Juvenile and Family Law Students,”* Family Court Review, Volume 60, Issue 4, October 2022.

*“Tele-Lawyering and The Virtual Learning Experience: Finding the Silver Lining for Remote Hybrid Externships & Law Clinics after the Pandemic,”* 54 Akron L. Rev, 735 (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, available at [Kinship Care in Pennsylvania](#).

*“Life is a Highway: Addressing Legal Obstacles to Foster Youth Driving,”* Seattle Journal for Social Justice, Vol. 19, Issue 1, December 2020.

*“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, available at [Behind the Wheel](#).

*“The Unreasonably Uncertain Risks of ‘Reasonable Medical Certainty’ in Child Abuse Cases: Mechanisms for Risk Reduction,”* 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, available at [Keys to Independence](#).

*“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.

Reviewer and editor of *“Building on Best Practices: Transforming Legal Education in a Changing World,”* Deborah Maranville, Lisa Radtke Bliss, Carolyn Wilkes Kaas & Antoinette Sedillo López, eds., Carolina Academic Press, 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, available at [Closing the Gap: Meaningful Transition into Independent Living](#).

*“Assessing the Quality of Child Advocacy in Dependency Proceedings in Pennsylvania,”* White Paper, with Susan Kinnevy, Alan Lerner, and Jennifer Pokempner, October 2010 (not publicly available).

*“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.

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

“Impact of Providing Legal Representation for Youth in Small Claims Courts” – addressing the impact of lack of representation for dependent youth in Magisterial District Judge proceedings, specifically focused on impact of representation for youth of color.

“College for Free, but at What Cost” – examination of the impact of tuition waiver programs for foster youth and impact of school instability on preparing youth for higher education experiences.

### **LEGISLATIVE AND APPELLATE ADVOCACY**

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

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.

Amicus Brief: PA Supreme Court, brief cited in the opinion and ruled in favor of Amicus, In re P.G.F., 247 A. 3d 955 (Pa. 2021).

Amicus Brief: PA Supreme Court, brief cited in the opinion and ruled in favor of Amicus, In re T.S.M., 620 Pa. 602, 71 A.3d 251 (2013).

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

“*Carlisle Indian Industrial Boarding School*,” Co-Presenter with Prof. Andrea Martin, Race and Equal Protection course lecture, Penn State Dickinson Law, October 2023.

“*Criminalizing Family*,” along with Claire Donahue, Cynthia Godsoe, Carla Laroche, Laura Matthews-Jolly, and moderated by Keeshea Turner Roberts, Southeastern Association of Law Schools, SEALS Annual Conference, Florida, July 2023.

“*Fine is Bad: Preventing Unnecessary Criminal Records and Fines for Transition Age Youth*,” along with Samantha Barclay and Allison Ware, National Association of Counsel for Children annual conference, Baltimore, MD, August 2022.

“*Carlisle Indian School*,” Race and Equal Protection of Law course, Penn State Dickinson Law, March 17, 2021. Also served as group moderator throughout semester.

“*Tele-Lawyer and the Virtual Learning experience: Finding the Silver Lining for Remote Hybrid Externships & Law Clinics After the Pandemic*,” Akron Law Review Symposium on COVID & The Practice of Law, 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 Court 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 Makhoulf, Hershey, PA, May 22, 2018.

*“With a Little Help from My Friends: Managing Stress in a 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, 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, with Stephanie Gendell, Sarah Helvey, and 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 Courtroom,”* CLE PA Bar Institute, November 2013.

*“Value of Inter-disciplinary Collaboration in the Decision-Making Process,”* AALS Conference, Seattle, June 2011.

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE POST-SANDUSKY SCANDAL**

- Appointed to Presidential Task Force on Child Maltreatment, January 2012
- Developed “Train the Trainer” program on Child Abuse Reporting Laws
- Developed training video on Reporting Child Abuse for all Penn State employees; review and update as law changes
- Network on Child Protection and Wellbeing foundational partner
- Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship, forensic experience supervisor
- Developed the Fostering Lions Program within the Child Maltreatment Solutions Network to provide support to undergraduate foster youth, beginning in Fall 2018

#### **SELECTED SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Penn State Dickinson Law Loan Repayment, Committee Chair	2003-present
Penn State Dickinson Law, Faculty Vice Chair	2023-present
Penn State Dickinson Law, Curriculum Committee member	2023-present
Penn State Dickinson Law Faculty Development, committee member	2020-2022
Penn State Dickinson Law Faculty Rights and Responsibilities, committee member	2021-2022
Penn State Dickinson Law Non-Tenure-Line Promotion & Review, committee member	2021-2022
Penn State Dickinson Law Faculty Secretary	2017-2018

Penn State University Rebuilding Child Abuse Training Committee,  
 Youth Programs Council – Office of Ethics and Compliance 2015-present

Penn State Dickinson Law Coordinator:  
 Steele Family Leadership Program in Gender  
 and Racial Equity CLE “Justice for All? Addressing Systemic  
 Barriers Experienced by Victims of Color and Advocating for  
 Change March 2021

Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children, January 2022-present  
 Board member

Cumberland County Act 33 Child Death Review Committee 2012-present  
 Carlisle Area Health and Wellness Foundation 2005-2008  
 (now Partnership for Better Health), Board Member

Cumberland County Children & Youth Services Citizens Advisory Board 2007-2013

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Children’s Advocacy Clinic  
 Advanced Clinic  
 Juvenile Law  
 Child Welfare Law & Policy Seminar (created post-Sandusky)  
 Introduction to CASA Training and Dependency Law

*Annual guest lecturer in Penn State undergraduate course CMAS 466:  
 Community Response to Child Maltreatment*

**BAR ADMISSIONS**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1997  
 United States Supreme Court, 2003

**MEMBERSHIPS**

AALS Interdisciplinary Committee - member: 2012-present; Chair: 2015 -2021

National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity – member since 2023

National Association of Counsel for Children – member

National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition – member since 2023

Indigenous Consortium, Dickinson College Center for the Futures of Native Peoples  
 – member

Pennsylvania Bar Association Children’s Rights Committee -  
 Member: 1997-present; Chair: 1998 to 2004; Legislative Action Committee Chair:  
 2021-present

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

**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

Lee Popp Award for excellence in service, extracurricular activities, and devotion to class, Penn State Dickinson Law, 1997