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### Education

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**New York University Law School**, New York, NY

J.D., 1991

Root-Tilden Scholar, Anne Petluck Poses Prize in Clinical Advocacy

**Trinity College**, Hartford, CT

B.A., with Honors in Political Science and Philosophy, 1988

Phi Beta Kappa, The Ferguson Prize for Government, The Means Prize for Philosophy

### Employment

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**Michigan Supreme Court**, Lansing, MI

*Chief Justice* 2019 – present

*Justice*, 2013 – 2018

Elected by Michigan voters to serve as the 108<sup>th</sup> Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court in November 2012.

**University of Michigan Law School**, Ann Arbor, MI

*Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law*, 2013 - present

*Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs*, 2002 - 2012

Responsible for law school's clinical curriculum, hiring and promotion of faculty, advising the Dean on issues related to practical legal education.

*Clinical Professor of Law*, 2002 - 2012; Assistant *Clinical Professor of Law* 1998—2002

Teach and supervise clinic students in clinical classes including Innocence Clinic, General Litigation Clinic, Pediatric Advocacy Clinic and Domestic Violence Clinic. Classes include weekly seminars on substantive law, advocacy skills and professional responsibility and ethics as well as supervision of litigation in state and federal courts at all levels. Teach academic classes in criminal law, ethics and domestic violence. Recipient of Edwin N. West Faculty Recognition Award, 2002.

**University of Tokyo Law School**, Tokyo, Japan

*Visiting Professor*, May 2010, June 2004

Taught two short courses to law students focusing on intentional wrongs to persons and on remedies in exoneration cases.

**Yale Law School, New Haven, CT**

*Fellow*, 1996-1998

Taught and supervised students in clinical classes practicing in the state and federal courts of Connecticut and taught Professional Responsibility Seminar.

**Office of the Appellate Defender, New York, NY**

*Staff Attorney*, 1995—1996

Represented indigent defendants in appeals throughout New York State. Extensive practice experience in trial and appellate courts.

**The Legal Aid Society, New York, NY**

Senior Trial Attorney, 1994—1995, Trial Attorney 1991- 1994

Represented defendants in the state trial courts throughout the trial process. Extensive trial experience.

Bar Admissions

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Michigan (1998)

New York (1992) (inactive)

Eastern District of Michigan, Western District of Michigan, D.C. Circuit, 6<sup>th</sup> Circuit

Professional Organizations, Committees, Public Citizenship

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Kids Kicking Cancer Board Member, 2020 – present

Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration, Co-Chair, 2019-present

University Musical Society National Council, University of Michigan, 2018-present

National Commission on Forensic Science, 2014-2017

American Bar Foundation Fellow, elected 2014

American Bar Association Access to Justice Committee, 2013-present

American Bar Association *Litigation*, Board of Editors, 2016-present; Associate Editor for *Litigation Magazine*, 2018-2019.

American Law Institute, elected 2013

American Law Institute Adviser, Restatement of the Law of American Indians, 2013-present

*Fellow*, Michigan State Bar Foundation

Michigan Civil Rights Academy, Advisory Board, 2016-present

Michigan Supreme Court Business Court Liaison, 2016-present

Michigan Supreme Court Limited English Proficiency Implementation Advisory Committee Chair, 2013-2014

Michigan Supreme Court Pretrial Justice Workgroup Chair, 2016-2017

Michigan Supreme Court Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum Liaison, 2013-2019

National Consortium on Racial and Ethnic Fairness in the Courts, Advisory Board, 2013-2014

National Association of Women Judges, Judicial Elections Committee, 2013-2014  
Michigan State Bar Planning Committee for Legal Services, 2011–2013  
National Board of Legal Specialty Certification, Board Member, 1998 – present  
National Conference of Bar Examiners Torts Drafting Committee, 2018 – present  
American Association of Law Schools, Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, 2008 – 2012  
American Association of Law Schools, Committee on Clinical Education, 2005-2009  
Board of Editors, Clinical Law Review, 2003-2010  
Expert witness, Detroit City Council Investigation of the City Attorney’s Office role in Kwame Kilpatrick case, 2008  
Member, Child Health Evaluation and Research (CHEAR) Unit’s Core Group, University of Michigan, 2005 – 2009

#### Authored Opinions

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*In re Reliability Plans of Electric Utilities for 2017-2021*, \_\_\_ Mich. \_\_\_ (2020)  
*In re Theresa Brennan, Judge*, \_\_\_ Mich. \_\_\_ (2019)  
*People v. Mead*, \_\_\_ Mich. \_\_\_ (2019)  
*People v. Carter*, \_\_\_ Mich. \_\_\_ (2019)  
*In Re Ferranti, Minor*, \_\_\_ Mich. \_\_\_ (2019)  
*Genesee County Drain Commissioner v. Genesee County*, \_\_\_ Mich. \_\_\_ (2019)  
*People v. Beck*, \_\_\_ Mich. \_\_\_ (2019)  
*Matthew Thiel v David Goyings*, 922 N.W.2d 613 (2019)  
*Mich. Gun Owners, Inc. v. Ann Arbor Pub. Sch.* and *Mich. Open Carry, Inc. v. Clio Area Sch. Dist.*, 907 N.W.2d 576 (2018)  
*In re Williams, minors*, 320 Mich. App 88 (2018)  
*People v. Bruner*, 912 N.W.2d 514 (2018)  
*Millar v. Constr. Code Auth.*, 501 Mich. 233, 912 N.W.2d 521 (2018)  
*Baruch SLS, Inc. v. Tittabawassee Twp.*, 500 Mich. 345 (2017)  
*People v. Frederick* and *People v. Van Doorne*, 500 Mich. 228 (2017)  
*People v. Steanhouse* and *People v. Masroor*, 500 Mich. 453 (2017)  
*Winkler v. Marist Fathers of Detroit, Inc.*, 500 Mich. 327 (2017)  
*Innovation Ventures, LLC v. Liquid Mfg., LLC*, 499 Mich. 491, 885 N.W.2d 861 (2016)  
*Jespersion v. Auto Club Ins. Ass'n*, 499 Mich. 29, 878 N.W.2d 799 (2016)  
*People v. Smith*, 498 Mich. 466, 870 N.W.2d 299 (2015)  
*People v. Lockridge*, 498 Mich. 358, 870 N.W.2d 502 (2015)  
*People v. Jackson*, 498 Mich. 246, 869 N.W.2d 253 (2015)

*People v. Ackley*, 497 Mich. 381, 870 N.W.2d 858 (2015)  
*Fraser Trebilcock Davis & Dunlap PC v. Boyce Tr. 2350*, 497 Mich. 265, 870 N.W.2d 494 (2015)  
*People v. Douglas*, 496 Mich. 557, 852 N.W.2d 587 (2014)  
*People v. McKinley*, 496 Mich. 410, 852 N.W.2d 770 (2014)  
*People v. Wilson*, 496 Mich. 91, 852 N.W.2d 134 (2014)  
*In re Sanders*, 493 Mich. 959, 828 N.W.2d 391 (2013)  
*People v. Chenault*, 495 Mich. 142, 845 N.W.2d 731 (2014)  
*Ter Beek v. City of Wyo.*, 495 Mich. 1, 846 N.W.2d 531 (2014)  
*People v. Burns*, 494 Mich. 104, 832 N.W.2d 738 (2013)

## Publications

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*Leveraging Technology for Long-Term Change in the Face of COVID-19*, The Hill, Summer 2020  
*There is no Work-Life Balance*, with Len Niehoff, ABA Litigation Journal, Fall 2019 (46:1).  
*Judicial Deliberation Unmasked*, ABA Litigation Journal, Summer 2019 (45:4).  
*Science Bench Book for Judges*, The National Judicial College, July 1, 2019.  
*Better Science for Better Justice: A Proposal for Joint Experts*, with Itiel Dror and Jules Epstein, Science & Justice, Journal of the Chartered Society of Forensic Science (June 13, 2018)  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scijus.2018.06.002>  
*May it Displease the Court*, with Len Niehoff, ABA Litigation Journal, Winter 2018 (44: 2).  
*The Forensic Science Frontier: It's up to the Lawyers (as Always)*, International Society of Barristers Quarterly, 2017 (50: 3) p. 5.  
*A Requiem for the Forensic Science Commission*, with Itiel E. Dror and Jules Epstein, International Society of Barristers Quarterly, 2017 (50: 3) p. 37.  
*Seeking Justice from the Bench*, ABA Litigation Section's Children's Rights Newsletter.  
*Michigan's Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum: Attempting Great Things*, The Judges' Journal, Fall 2016 (55: 4) p. 12.  
*Cognitive Bias and Its Impact on Expert Witnesses and the Court*, with Itiel E. Dror and Jules Epstein, ABA The Judges' Journal, Fall 2015 (54: 4) p. 8  
*When Stereotypes Attack*, with Len Niehoff, ABA Litigation Journal, Summer 2015 (41: 4) p. 28  
*Lessons from Forty Years of Interference in Law School Clinics*, with Robert Keuhn, Geo. J Leg. Ethics, Vol. 24, No. 59, 2011  
*Teaching Professionalism*, 75 Tenn. L. Rev. 251 (2008)  
*Economic Incarceration*, 25 Windsor Y.B. Access to Just 223 (2007)  
Interactive Criminal Law, CD-ROM, 2006  
*Dial-In Testimony*, with Richard Friedman, 150 U Pa. L. Rev. 1171 (2002)

## Honors and Awards

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*Diversity and Inclusion Award*, State Bar of Michigan, Alternative Dispute Resolution Section, 2020

*Leader of the Year Award*, The Joyce Ivy Foundation, 2020

*Lifetime Judicial Achievement Award*, American Board of Trial Advocates Michigan Chapter, 2019

*Judicial Excellence Award*, Michigan Association for Justice, 2018

*Impact Award*, Washtenaw County Dispute Resolution Center, 2017

*Guardian of Justice Award*, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, 2014

*Hon. Kaye Tertzag Purple Sport Coat Award*, 2013

*Mary Foster Award*, Washtenaw County Women Lawyers, 2012

*Millie Jeffrey Award*, Justice Caucus, 2012

*Distinguished Brief Award*, Cooley Law School, 2012

*Patriot Award*, Washtenaw County Bar Association, 2011

*Justice for All Award*, Criminal Defense Attorneys of Michigan, 2010

## Personal

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Married to Steven Croley, a partner at Latham and Watkins and the Harry Burns Hutchins Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School. Four adult children. Enjoy spending time in Western Michigan swimming, hiking, biking and running.