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CURRENT POSITION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL,

Clinical Instructor, 2020-present

Lecturer on Law, 2020-present

LEGAL SERVICES CENTER OF HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, LGBTQ+ ADVOCACY CLINIC,

Founding Director, 2020-present

EDUCATION

HARVARD LAW SCHOOL, J.D., *cum laude*, 2015

Harvard Law Review, Articles Editor

Co-Founder, Harvard Labor and Employment Action Project

Co-Founder, Harvard QTPOC

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY, M.A., English and Comparative Literature, 2012

Thesis: *Poverty as a Structuring Principle in Piers Plowman*

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD, B.A., *First Class Honours*, English Language and Literature, 2009

Wadham College Prize (outstanding performance in final-year examinations)

President, Oxford United Nations Association

PUBLICATIONS

Journals

Symposium: Transgender Health Equity and the Law, J. LAW MED. & ETHICS (forthcoming) (co-edited with Heather Walter-McCabe)

Legislation Restriction Gender-Affirming Care for Transgender Youth: Politics Eclipse Health Care, 3 CELL REP. MED. 100719 (2022) (co-authored with Katherine L. Kraschel, Jack L. Turban, & I. Glenn Cohen)

Book Chapters

Mental Health Legal and Policy Considerations for Transgender and Gender Diverse People, in GENDER-AFFIRMING PSYCHIATRIC CARE FOR TRANSGENDER AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE (Teddy G. Goetz & Alex S. Keuroghlian eds., Am. Psychol. Ass'n, forthcoming) (co-authored with Mason J. Dunn)

White Papers

How Federal Agencies Can Ensure Nondiscrimination and Advance Equity for Nonbinary and Gender Nonconforming People (Aug. 15, 2022) (co-authored with Beyond Binary Legal)

Notes

The Supreme Court 2013 Term, Leading Case: Federal Jurisdiction and Procedure—Daimler AG v. Bauman, 128 HARV. L. REV. 311 (2014)

Social Security Administration Eliminates Surgical Requirement for Changing Trans Individuals' Gender Markers, 127 HARV. L. REV. 1863 (2014)

Op-Eds and Writing for Public Audiences

Gender-Affirming Care Doesn't Just Help Trans Youth Survive. It Allows Them to Flourish., SLATE (Apr. 7, 2021)

The Trans Youth Handbook (2020) (co-authored with Asaf Orr)

Gay Rights and Trans Rights Are Indivisible. SCOTUS Just Showed Why, SLATE (Jun. 18, 2020)

The Supreme Court Doesn't Understand Transgender People, SLATE (Oct. 18, 2019)

COURSES

Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation, and the Law (Fall '20, Fall '21, Fall '22)

LGBTQ+ Advocacy Clinic Seminar (Fall '21, Spring '22, Fall '22) (co-taught with Anya Marino)

Gender Identity and the Law (Spring '20)

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

HON. M. MARGARET MCKEOWN, U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT,
Law Clerk, 2016–17

HON. GONZALO P. CUIEL, U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA,
Law Clerk, 2015–16

LEGAL WORK EXPERIENCE

NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS, Equal Justice Works Fellow (sponsored by Salesforce.org and Baker McKenzie LLP), 2017–19

Conducted national LGBTQ+ civil rights impact litigation, legislative and policy advocacy, and public education, including in education, employment, health care, housing, military, prison, conversion therapy, child welfare, and juvenile justice settings. Co-drafted CA AB 2119, a first-in-the-nation bill guaranteeing transition-related health care access for trans youth in foster care.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES SECTION, Legal Intern, Summer 2014

Drafted briefing, reviewed depositions, and prepared witnesses for desegregation hearing.
Performed legal research for U.S. Department of Education Title IX sexual violence guidelines and reviewed Title IX complaints.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR TRANSGENDER EQUALITY, Law Fellow, Summer 2014

Drafted policy guidance for federal agencies and performed legal research on employment, criminal, administrative, and education issues involving transgender people. Filed FOIA request.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, JON L. STRYKER AND SLOBODAN RANDJELOVIĆ LGBTQ & HIV PROJECT, Legal Intern, Summer 2013

Conducted legal research for LGBT civil rights impact litigation, including on marriage equality, family law, status decriminalization, health care access, and transgender rights.

LITIGATION EXPERIENCE

Served as lead counsel in:

Hersom v. Crouch, No. 2:21-cv-00450 (S.D.W. Va.)

Lopez v. Dep't of Homeless Servs., No. 21-3123 (2d Cir.), No. 1:17-cv-03014 (S.D.N.Y.)

Served as counsel in:

Amaya Cruz v. Miami-Dade Cty., No. 1:22-cv-20314 (S.D. Fla.)

Edmo v. Corizon, 935 F.3d 757 (9th Cir. 2019)

Doe 2 v. Shanahan, 917 F.3d 694 (D.C. Cir. 2019)

Stockman v. Trump, 331 F. Supp. 3d 990 (C.D. Cal. 2018)

Prescott v. Rady Children's Hosp.-San Diego, 265 F. Supp. 3d 1090 (S.D. Cal. 2017)

Served as amicus counsel in:

Rios v. United States, No. 21-0160 (10th Cir. Mar. 22, 2022) (brief on behalf of high-ranking former corrections officials)

Shorter v. United States, 12 F.4th 366 (3d Cir. 2021) (brief on behalf of high-ranking former corrections officials)

Bos. All. of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Youth v. United States Dep't of Health & Hum. Servs., 557 F. Supp. 3d 224 (D. Mass. 2021) (brief on behalf of AIDS United, the Center for Constitutional Rights, the National Center for Transgender Equality, the National LGBTQ Bar Association, and the National Trans Bar Association)

Quine v. Beard, 741 F. App'x 358 (9th Cir. 2018) (brief on behalf of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the National Center for Transgender Equality, GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders, and the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York)

BAR

Admitted to the California, Massachusetts, and New York Bars. Admitted to practice in the Second, Third, and Tenth Circuits, and in the Northern, Central, and Southern Districts of California.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

40 Best LGBTQ+ Lawyers Under 40, National LGBTQ Bar Association (2019)

Forbes 30 Under 30, Law and Policy (2018)

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans (2014) (1 of 30 nationwide)

AFFILIATIONS

Co-founder, National Trans Bar Association (2016–present); co-organizer, National Trans Bar Association Mentorship Summit (2019)

Co-organizer, Transgender Law Institute (2015–present)

Chair, Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education LGBTQ+ Law Update (2020)

Selection Committee, *Harvard Law Review* Public Interest Fellowship (2018)

SPEAKING, TWEETING, Etc.

I tweet @alexanderlchen.

I am regularly invited to discuss LGBTQ+ legal issues, constitutional law, and gender and sexual orientation law by external entities, including reporters, government agencies, universities, law firms, bar associations, corporations, and non-profit and educational organizations.

Recent notable speaking engagements include remarks delivered for the National Workshop for U.S. Magistrate Judges, the Mexican Supreme Court of Justice, the United States Agency for International Development, and the Sesame Street Workshop.

Universities I have spoken at include Berkeley, Columbia, Cornell, Northwestern, Notre Dame, NYU, Stanford, UPenn, and Yale.

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