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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022–present Director and Clinical Professor, Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic
Florida State University College of Law
- Teach and supervise law students representing low-income seniors in various matters related to estate planning, health care, elder abuse, probate, consumer protection, and housing.
 - Designed and developed the Elder Law Clinic and Aging & the Law upper-level seminar.
 - Developed the Claude Pepper Elder Law Moot Court Competition.
 - Oversee legislative advocacy projects and community legal education programs.
- 2021–2022 Associate Attorney, Bishop & Mills.
Civil trials and appeals, constitutional and commercial litigation.
- 2019–2022 Staff Attorney, Justice Jorge Labarge, The Florida Supreme Court.
- 2018–2019 Law Clerk, The Mills Firm.
Civil appeals.
- 2018–2019 Legal Extern, Southern Poverty Law Center.
Juvenile criminal defense, policy research.
- 2017–2019 Student Attorney & Research Assistant, Children’s Advocacy Clinic, Florida
State University College of Law.
Juvenile criminal defense, policy research, education law.

2017 Summer Associate, Harvard Legal Aid Bureau.
Landlord/tenant disputes, eviction and foreclosure defense, wage and hour theft.

EDUCATION

2025 End-of-Life Doula Professional Certificate, University of Vermont

2025 Connect First Certification in Nonviolent Communication, The Biggie Method, Florida State University Resilience Institute for Strength and Empowerment

2019 Juris Doctor, Florida State University College of Law. Cum Laude.

2016 B.S., Florida State University. Major: International Affairs & Political Science. Minor: French. Magna Cum Laude.

2015 Certificate in Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution, Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar
Law School Liaison Committee Co-Chair
Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Committee Member

Consumer Protection Law Committee of the Florida Bar
Legislative Subcommittee Co-Chair

First District Court of Appeal Appellate American Inn of Court, Barrister
Mentoring Committee

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys
Journal Contributor

TEACHING

JD

Aging and the Law (LAW7930-25)
Elder Law Clinic (LAW7949-0004)

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Torts
Insurance Contracts

PUBLICATIONS

Rima Nathan & Gabriella Behar, *Back in the Closet for Care: Sexual Orientation and Vulnerability in Long-Term Care Facilities*, NAELA Journal (December 2025).

Rima Nathan, *A Holistic Approach to the Aging Prison Population*, 16 *Stetson J. Aging L. & Pol'y* 3 (2025).

Rima Nathan, *Circumstantial Slips—How to Distinguish Your Slip-and-Fall Case from Kemp*. Florida Justice Association, 624 (2022).

Rima Nathan, *Human Rights Paradox: A Comparative Analysis of International Law Receptiveness in Mexico and the United States*. 32:2 *N.Y. Int'l L. Rev* 1 (2019).

PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar Annual Retreat (2025), *End-of-Life Doulas and What They Can do for Your Clients*.

Speaker, FSU Association of Retired Faculty and Staff (2025).

Speaker, FSU Gerontological Social Work class (2025).

Speaker, Gerontological Society of America Conference (2025) - *Aging in the Workplace: The Role of the ADEA, ADA, and AI in Shaping the Future of Work*.

Panelist, AALS “Supporting the Student Scholar (2025) – *Discussed student scholarship in clinical settings*.

Speaker, Tallahassee Regional Estate Planning Council (2025) – *Discussed elder law developments and financial planning*.

Speaker, FSU Women in Pre-Law Society (2025) – *Discussed legal career options and the importance of elder law*.

Presenter, The 2025 Elder Abuse Benchbook, Florida Office of the State Courts Administrator (2025) – *Curated a guide for judges and presented for an online forum on the issue of elder domestic violence in Florida*. Available [here](#).

Speaker, Teaching Consumer Law Conference (2024) – *Discussed leveraging media for clinical advocacy*.

MEDIA

Quoted, The Florida Bar Journal, March 15, 2023

[Law Students Support Eliminating Sales Taxes on Diapers and Adult Incontinence Products](#)

Quoted, Tampa Bay Times, June 28, 2023.

[Florida joins handful of states to make diapers more affordable](#)

Panel, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day with AARP Florida, June 15, 2023

[Live Stream](#)

[Florida Politics Report](#)

Interview, WXTL Tallahassee News, February 5, 2024.

[“They have nowhere to turn” - How one Tallahassee couple is helping victims of elder abuse](#)

HONORS & AWARDS

- Law Day Honoree, Legal Services of North Florida (2025).
- University Teaching Award for Community-Engaged Teaching (2024-2025).
- Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar, Member of the Year (2024, 2025).
- AARP Fraud Fighter (2024).
- Best Oralist, Bryant Moore Civil Rights Moot Court Competition (2019).
- Nat Stern Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Moot Court Team (2019).
- Quarterfinalist, Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition (2018).
- Best Advocate, Intramural Moot Court Competition (2017).

SERVICE

Florida State University

Academic Service

Admissions Committee (2025 – present).

Consumer Law Club, Faculty Advisor (2025 – present)

FSU Faculty Senate, Teaching Evaluation Committee (2024 – present).

Honors in the Major, Committee Member and Advisor (2024 – present).

Real Property Probate & Trust Law Society, Faculty Advisor (2024 – present).

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Research Mentor (2024 – 2025).

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Course Instructor (2024 – present).

Clinical Education Committee (2024 – present).
Claude Pepper Elder Law Moot Court Competition, Director (2022 – present).
Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Associate (2022 – present).
Social Science Scholars Program, Interviewer (2022 – present).

The Community

First District Court of Appeal Appellate American Inn of Court, Barrister (2018 – present).
Mentor
Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar (2022 – present).
Law School Liaison Committee Co-Chair
Consumer Protection Law Committee of the Florida Bar (2024 – present).
Legislative Subcommittee Co-Chair
Big Bend Hospice

FUNDING & GRANTS

- \$334,893.26 Cy Pres Award (*In re Disposable Contact Lens Antitrust Litigation*, 2025)
- \$5,500 (various projects, Office of the State Courts Administrator, 2024, 2025)
- \$625 (2024), \$1,250 (2023) (UROP Materials Grant)
- \$20,000 (AARP Foundation Sponsorship, Prize Money for the Claude Pepper Elder Law Moot Court Competition, 2024, \$15,000 in 2025)