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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2022–present | Director and Clinical Professor, Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic
Florida State University College of Law <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Teach and supervise law students representing low-income seniors in various matters related to estate planning, health care, elder abuse, 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.• Secured over \$350,000 in grant funding and <i>cy pres</i> awards for clinic initiatives. |
| 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, individual education plan development. |

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

Appellate Practice Section of the Florida Bar

Elder Law Section of the Florida Bar

Law School Liaison Committee Co-Chair

Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Committee Member

Guardianship Committee Member

Medicaid/Government Benefits Committee Member

Estate Planning Committee Member

Consumer Protection Law Committee of the Florida Bar

Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Section of the American Bar Association

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

Mentoring Committee

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys

Journal Contributor

TEACHING

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

PUBLICATIONS

Rima Nathan, Arnèle H. Francis & Gabriella Behar, Back in the Closet for Care: Sexual Orientation and Vulnerability in Long-Term Care Facilities, NAELA Journal (*forthcoming 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 United States*. 32:2 N.Y. Int'l L. Rev 1 (2019).

PRESENTATIONS

Speaker, Teaching Consumer Law Conference (2024) – *Facilitated session on making clinics impactful beyond individual clients*.

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](#).

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

- 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

Claude Pepper Elder Law Moot Court Competition, Director (2022 – present).

Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, Associate (2022 – present).

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

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

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

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

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

Clinical Education Committee (2024 – 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).

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)