

# JENNY RODRIGUEZ-FEE

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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA**

*Director, Children's Rights Clinic, July 2022-present*

Create and develop curriculum and clinic design for Children's Rights Clinic; directly supervise students in school discipline and special education cases; teach accompanying clinic seminar that covers substantive law, skills training, models of lawyering and professional ethics; develop unique practice-related curriculum on anti-racist lawyering; promote the clinic and school's mission within the local and national communities through partnerships with various public interest organizations.

### **Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA**

*Clinical Professor of Law, July 2020-present*

Teach in the areas of special education law, school discipline, disability law, legal ethics and professional responsibility, legal skills and bar-related programming; represent clients in matters relating to special education, school discipline, regional center eligibility and disability benefits; coach for Moot Court Honors Program; faculty advisor for Part-time Legal Education Alternative at Southwestern ("PLEAS") program; committee member for the Diversity and Inclusion Faculty Committee, Admissions Committee, Academic Standards Committee; taskforce member for the Dean's Task Force for Equity, Inclusion and Belonging; committee member for the Asynchronous Learning Policy Initiative

### **UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, CA**

*Lecturer in Law, August 2021-August 2023*

Teach in the area of professional responsibility using both synchronous and asynchronous methodology; develop formative assessments to evaluate student performance consistently through the period; develop 2-unit and 3-unit course offerings

### **Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA**

*Supervising Attorney and Associate Clinical Professor of Law, August 2018-July 2020*

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### **University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA**

*Visiting Associate Professor of Law, January 2019-present*

Teach in the areas of professional responsibility and bar-related programming

### **Southwestern Law School Children's Rights Clinic, Los Angeles, CA**

*Supervising Attorney and Lecturer in Law, August 2011-August 2018*

Representation of clients in matters relating to school discipline, special education and regional

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center eligibility and service; supervise clinic students and facilitate their advocacy of clients' rights and needs; assist in the development of course curricula; co-teach the clinic seminar; conduct research for professional development and academic scholarship; teach the Special Education Law Seminar

## **Woodsmall Law Group, San Marino, CA**

*Associate Attorney, August 2008-June 2010*

Representation in matters related to the educational and community access rights of children with special needs; drafted due process complaints, motions and memoranda; prepared evidence, witnesses and case briefs for hearing; represented clients at IEP/IPP meetings, resolution sessions, mediations and fair hearings; conducted community outreach events and teaching workshops; drafted legal articles for client distribution

## **EDUCATION**

### **Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, CA**

*Juris Doctor, May 2008*

### **UCLA, Los Angeles, CA**

*Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Minor in English, cum laude, December 2002*

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

*Once Upon a FAPE: Contrasting the Fabled Hope of IDEA with Present-Day Pandemic Realities, 11 Belmont L. Rev. 410 (2024)*

*Follow the LRE Road? How the Least Restrictive Environment Works, and Fails, to Provide an Appropriate Education for Children in America's Public School Systems, publication pending*

## **ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

*Co-Director, Southwestern Law School Moot Court Program, March 2024-present*

*Faculty Advisor, Advocates for Children's Rights student organization, 2022-present*

*Committee Member, Online JD Program Faculty Committee, 2023-present*

## **AREAS OF RESEARCH/INTEREST**

- Disability rights for students age 0-22;
- Intersection of disability and school discipline;
- Juvenile delinquency system's response to offenders with special needs;
- Educating law students with learning challenges;

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- Rights and protections for students in higher education;
- Teaching legal ethics to law students through a problem-based, clinical model;
- “Teaching to the bar” and the balance in teaching both legal theory and testing strategy;
- Utilizing asynchronous teaching to enhance student progress and target students’ individual learning profiles

### **CLASSES TAUGHT**

Clinical seminar; special education law; disability law; professional responsibility; bar-review programming; interviewing, counseling, negotiating; professional responsibility in an online and asynchronous format

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

- Belmont Law Review Symposium, Once Upon a FAPE, Presenter, September 2023
- Education Section Works-in-Progress Workshop, Presenter, July 2023
- California Special Education Law Update 2022, Speaker for PLI Webinar, September 2022
- Professional Responsibility Section Program, “Navigating Along the Intersection of Ethics, Client/Community Relationships and Professional Identity,” Facilitator at AALS Clinic Conference, April 2022
- Education Section Program, “Unfinished Learning: The Covid-19 Impact on Law Student Learning and Growth,” Speaker at AALS Annual Meeting, January 2022
- Education Working Group Facilitator, AALS Clinic Conference, April 2021
- “Post COVID-19 Online & Hybrid Learning Pedagogy Best Practices and Standards Development,” Discussion Group Presentation at AALS Annual Meeting, January 2021
- Child Advocacy and Family Law Review, Moderator at Southwestern Law School Pregerson Public Interest Boot Camp, January 2021
- “Special Education Overview,” Webinar Presentation for National Youth Law Center, January 2020
- “Teaching in a #MeToo World,” Panel Presentation at AALS Conference, Washington, DC, January 2020

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- “Closing the Justice Gap for Today’s Youth,” Moderator at Southwestern Law School Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 2018
- “Justice and Education for All,” Moderator at Southwestern Law School Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, CA, October 2017
- “Protecting Students with Special Needs,” Panel Presentation at Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA, April 2017
- “Our Most Vulnerable Students: Protecting the Rights and Needs of Students with Disabilities,” Panel Presentation at Loyola Law School, Los Angeles, CA, September 2016
- “Children’s Rights and the Law Student’s Role,” Panel Presentation at Trina Grillo Retreat, Los Angeles, CA, March 2014
- “The Manifestation Determination Review Process,” Webinar for COPAA, June 2013
- “Rethinking the Manifestation Determination Review Process: The Need for Meaningful Procedural Safeguards,” Panel Presentation at COPAA Conference, Albuquerque, NM, March 2013
- “Training and Transforming Law Students into Lawyers in One Semester,” Panel Presentation at AALS Clinical Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 2012
- “Understanding the Impact of Disciplinary Removals of Children with Special Needs and the Promise of Positive Behavior Alternatives,” Panel Presentation at COPAA Conference, Miami, FL, March 2012
- “IEP Basics,” Panel Presentation for Department of Mental Health, Los Angeles, CA, August 2011
- “Special Education Rights and Responsibilities,” Panel Presentation at Tessie Cleveland Community Services Corp., Los Angeles, CA, April, 2011
- “Special Education Update: Discipline in the Educational Setting,” Panel Presentation to Office of Clients’ Rights Advocacy, Los Angeles, CA, October, 2010

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **AALS Professional Responsibility Section**

*Board member, 2021*

#### **School Discipline Defense Coalition**

*Member, 2019-present*

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## **Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates**

*Member, 2012-present*

## **Juvenile Court 317.e Mental Health Panel, Los Angeles, CA**

*Member, August 2011-present*

## **California Association for Parent-Child Advocacy**

*Member, September 2009-present*

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

State of California, 2009