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Joseph P. Kozakiewicz

Professional Employment

2003 - Present Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
Director, Chance At Childhood Program

- Oversee a certificate program providing a cross-disciplinary educational experience in the field of children's law for graduate social work students and law students
- Manage a law clinic staffed by graduate social work students and law students to provide legal representation and advocacy for children
- Teach graduate level courses involving law and social work issues for MSU School of Social Work and MSU College of Law
- Develop and oversee a continuing education program for social workers, attorneys, and other practitioners in the field of children's law
- Develop a resource center on children's law to be utilized by professionals and by members of the community seeking counsel and/or referrals in the field of children's law
- Oversee program budget
- Coordinate and oversee all program fundraising activities and grant writing opportunities
- Oversee MSU Kinship Care Program and supervise program coordinator

2000 - 2003 Ottawa County Family Court Grand Haven, MI
Director, Friend of the Court

- Managed department of 33 staff
- Developed department policy and ensured department compliance with policy and law
- Oversaw department budget
- Oversaw department personnel matters
- Coordinated with family court judges regarding all legal issues
- Coordinated with county administration regarding department operation
- Appeared in court on behalf of staff when necessary
- Kept informed of, and sought to influence laws and public policies affecting department operations

1998 - 2000 Ottawa County Family Court West Olive, MI
Family Court Referee

- Conducted hearings in a variety of juvenile delinquency matters
- Conducted preliminary hearings in child abuse and neglect matters
- Conducted hearings in child custody, parenting time, and child support matters
- Worked with court staff to ensure that proper legal procedures were followed in all matters handled in the Juvenile Division of the Family Court
- Cooperated with police agencies, the Michigan Family Independence Agency, and a number of public schools to improve communication regarding a variety of legal issues and procedures
- Participated as member of the Juvenile Court Administrative Team

1999 - 2000 Tri-Cities Ministries Grand Haven, MI
Intern in Master's of Social Work Program

- Counseled families and individuals
- Assisted agency director in creating new policies and procedures
- Assisted agency director in developing a new model for the provision of counseling services
- Reviewed and revised agency's article of incorporation and bylaws
- Ensured agency's compliance with a variety of laws and regulations

1997-1998 Children's Law Center Grand Rapids, MI
Staff Attorney

- Served as guardian ad litem in custody disputes involving allegations of abuse and neglect
- Represented children in abuse and neglect cases
- Counseled families and children in custody disputes and child abuse proceedings
- Represented individuals seeking to become the guardian of abandoned or neglected children
- Provided legal advice to parents regarding children's mental health, child welfare, legal, and special education issues
- Provided trainings for mandated reporters under the Child Protection Law
- Spoke to numerous groups on child welfare issues

1994 – 1996 Appellate Defenders, Inc. San Diego, CA
Panel Attorney

- Drafted and filed appeals on behalf of indigent defendants in California criminal proceedings
- Counseled clients regarding their rights under California and federal law
- Advised clients on the course of their appeals
- Handled cases involving California's "three strikes" law, federal search and seizure law, and the constitutionality and propriety of state sentencing guidelines

1991-1995 University of San Diego Law School San Diego, CA
Instructor

- Taught first-year courses in legal research, legal analysis, and legal writing
- Taught courses in legal research, legal analysis, and legal writing to students seeking their Master's Degree in Comparative Law
- Taught an overview of California and federal substantive and procedural law
- Counseled individual students regarding their legal research, legal analysis, legal writing skills, and career goals and opportunities
- Administered students' annual moot-court competition

1988 – 1991 Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher San Diego, CA
Associate Attorney

- Advised clients and drafted documents in connection with corporate refinancing, venture capital financing, banking, real estate, and general corporate business matters
- Counseled privately and publicly held companies regarding compliance with state and federal securities laws
- Clients included Foodmaker, Inc., Rohr, Inc., IRT Corporation, WestFed Holdings, Inc., and Il Moro di Venezia, the Italian entry in the 1992 America's Cup competition

Served on office recruiting committee and served as 1991 summer recruiting coordinator

Education

1996 – 2000 Grand Valley State University Allendale, MI
Master's of Social Work

- Emphasis on families and children, public policy, and public administration
- Researched inter-racial adoption issues

- Master's thesis completed on the impact of family court legislation on social work practice in the family court
- 3.9 GPA

1985 – 1988 Columbia University School of Law New York, NY
Juris Doctor

- Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
- President, Columbia University Society of International Law, 1986-1987
- Moot Court Editor, 1986-1987

1981 - 1985 Columbia University New York, NY
Bachelor of Arts

- Major 1: Political Science
- Major 2: Sociology
- 3.7 G.P.A.
- Dean's List each semester

Publications,
Research and Grants

Kozakiewicz, J. (2011). Grant from the State Court Administrative Office (through the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice) to prepare training materials for Michigan's Lawyer-Guardian ad Litem. The contract amount is \$6000 for one year.

Kozakiewicz, J. (2010). Enabling Mandated Reporters to Fulfill Their Legal Obligations: Getting the Word Out Effectively and Affordably. *Michigan Child Welfare Law Journal, Summer 2010, 37-52.*

Kozakiewicz, J. (2010-12). Principal Investigator in State Court Administrative Office grant to evaluate the Genesee County Problem Solving Child Court. The grant amount is \$70,000 for fourteen months.

Kozakiewicz, J. (2009). Grant from the State Court Administrative Office (through the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice) to review the existing training materials for Michigan's Lawyer-Guardian ad Litem. The contract amount is \$8000 for one year.

Kozakiewicz, J. and Pope D. (2009). Child Support. In *The Encyclopedia of Social Work, 20th Ed.* Washington DC: NASW Press.

Kozakiewicz, J. (2008). Social Work and Law: A Model Approach to Interdisciplinary Education, Practice and Community-Based Advocacy. *Family Court Review, 46, 598-608.*

Kozakiewicz, J. (2006-present) Series of annual contracts with the Department of Human Services/Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice to publish the Michigan Child Welfare Law Journal, the official Publication of the State Bar of Michigan Children's Law Section. The contract amount is \$6000 each year.

Kozakiewicz, J. (2006). Chance at Childhood: An Interdisciplinary Educational Program for Social Work and Law Students. *Michigan Child Welfare Law Journal, Fall 2006, 2-8.*

Kozakiewicz, J. (2005) Contract with the State Court Administrative Office to administer the Prisoner Support Adjustment Project. The contract amount was \$62,500 for one year.

Kozakiewicz, J. (2001). Child Welfare Workers and Michigan's Family Court Legislation: The Relationship Between Policy and Practice. *Juvenile and Family Court Journal, Winter*, 11-23.

Kozakiewicz, J. (2000). The Effect of Trans-racial Adoption on Family Attitudes. Unpublished masters-level research project, Grand Valley State University, School of Social Work.

Course Taught, Select Presentations and Trainings

Seminar in Integrative Law and Social Work (MSU Law 541J/ SW 879)

Practice in Law and Social Work (MSU SW 892)

Social Work and Social Policy I (MSU SW 320)

Social Work and Social Policy II (MSU SW 420)

Social Work Practice in the Legal Arena (MSU SW 491)

"Helping the Judge Make the Right Decision: Effective Courtroom Testimony." Presentations for MSU Continuing Education Program, East Lansing, MI March 22, 2012, and Grand Rapids, MI April 13, 2012 (co-presented with Delanie Pope, JD).

"Effective LGAL Representation—One Family's Case Gone Wrong." Statewide training for the State Court Administrative Office, Lansing, MI. March 14, 2012 (co-presented with Delanie Pope, JD).

"Fatherhood & Michigan Family Courts—Effective System Navigation." Presentation at Michigan Fatherhood Coalition Annual Conference, Lowell, MI. February 17, 2012

"Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse for Providers of Substance Abuse Treatment Professionals." Training for Michigan Department of Community of Mental Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services, Charlotte, MI. October 21, 2011.

"Foster Parent Rights in Michigan." Training for staff at Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, Lansing, MI. February 16, 2011.

"Training for Child Welfare Attorneys." Statewide training for the State Court Administrative Office, Lansing, MI. August 12, 2010 and July 26, 2011 (co-presented with Delanie Pope, JD).

"Friend of the Court Mandated Reporting Responsibilities." Presentation at Annual Conference for Michigan Family Support Council, Boyne Highlands, MI. October 15, 2009.

"Resources and Legal Options for Kinship Caregivers of Children." Presentations for MSU Continuing Education Program, Berrien Springs, MI June 3, 2010, East Lansing, MI Sept 16, 2010, Kalamazoo, MI September 22, 2009, Mt. Pleasant, MI September 30, 2009, Lansing, MI November 3, 2008, Saginaw, MI July 9, 2006.

"Social Work Practice in the Legal Arena." Presentation for MSU Continuing

Education Program, Okemos, MI. July 22-23, 2010 and July 23-24, 2009.

“Mandated Reporting of Child Maltreatment.” Presentation for Calhoun County Friend of the Court, Battle Creek, MI. July 15, 2009; Presentation for Oakland County Friend of the Court, Pontiac, MI. May 26, 2009; Presentation for Michigan Friend of the Court Association Annual Conference, Traverse City, MI. February, 18, 2009; Presentation for Ottawa County Friend of the Court, Grand Haven, MI. December 12, 2008. Presentation at Sixteenth Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference, Lansing, MI. November 3, 2008.

“Effective Courtroom Advocacy.” Presentation at Oakland County Department of Human Services, Livonia, MI. November 5, 2008. (co-presented with Delanie Pope, JD).

“Law 101 for Social Workers.” Presentation for MSU Continuing Education Program, Grand Rapids, MI. October, 24, 2008. (co-presented with Delanie Pope, JD).

“Interactions Between Health Care Providers and Government Organization.” Presentation at An Approach to the Child and Family in Cases of Suspected Abuse: Clinical, Legal, and Public Health Aspects Conference, Lansing, MI. August 7, 2008.

“Ethics and Mandated Reporting of Child Maltreatment.” Presentation for MSU Continuing Education Program, Grand Rapids, MI. May 30, 2008 Lansing, MI. January 17, 2008. (co-presented with Kimberly Steed, MSW).

“Responsible Fathers Workshop.” Presentation and workshop at locations in Lansing, MI, Grand Rapids, MI and Southfield, MI on various dates between February 2008 and May 2008.

“Psychosocial Effects of Domestic relations Disputes on Families and Children.” Mediator training at the State Court Administrative Office Access and Visitation Domestic Relations Mediation Pilot Program, Lansing, MI. May, 2008 (co-presented with Kimberly Steed, MSW).

“Kinship Care Issues for Physicians.” Presentation at Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI. February 7, 2008.

“Interdisciplinary Law and Social Work Model for Child Welfare Education and Practice.” Presentation at Preparing the Next Generation of Educators, Council on Social Work Education 53rd Annual Program Meeting, San Francisco, CA. October 27-30, 2007 (co-presented with Kimberly Steed, MSW and Delanie Pope, JD).

“Ethics and Mandated Reporting of Child Maltreatment.” Presentation for MSU Continuing Education Program, Lansing, MI. September 21, 2007 (co-presented with Kimberly Steed, MSW).

“Legal Issues Surrounding Kinship Care Families.” Presentation at Eaton County Intermediate School District, Charlotte, MI. September 20, 2007.

“Mandated Reporter Responsibilities.” Training at Miracle Camp, Lawton,

MI. August 14, 2007

“Youth’s Rights in the State of Michigan.” Presentation at Footsteps to the Future, Mount Pleasant, MI. June 19-20, 2007.

“Legal Issues Surrounding Kinship Care Families.” Presentation at Alger-Marquette Counties service providers meeting, Marquette, MI. September 21, 2006; Presentation at Annual Kinship Care Providers Conference, Marquette, MI. September 22, 2006.

“Legal and Mediation Workshop.” Presentation and training at Relatives Raising Relative’s Children Program, Farmington Hills, MI. May 2006.

“Chance at Childhood: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Education in Child Welfare.” Presentation at the Third Annual Conference of the Multi-disciplinary Approach to the Investigation of Child Abuse, Miami, FL. April 2006 (co-presented with Kimberly Steed, MSW and Delanie Pope, JD).

“Legal and Mediation Workshop.” Presentation and training at Relatives Raising Relative’s Children Program, Grand Rapids, MI. April 2006.

“Psychosocial Effects of Domestic Relations Disputes on Families and Children.” Mediator training at the State Court Administrative Office Access and Visitation Domestic Relations Mediation Pilot Program, Lansing, MI. March 2007 and Gaylord, MI March 2006 (co-presented with Kimberly Steed, MSW).

“Fatherhood and the Law: Practical Strategies for the Courtroom.” Presentation and panel discussion at the Fourth Annual Fatherhood Conference, Grand Rapids, MI. March 2006.

“Understanding Legal Rights of Kinship Care.” Presentation at the annual conference of the Michigan Association for Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parents, Kalamazoo, MI. February 2006.

“Navigating Michigan’s Family Court System.” Presentation to staff at the National Home for Veterans of Foreign Wars, Eaton Rapids, MI. December 2005.

“Interdisciplinary Child Welfare Education and Practice.” Poster presentation at the annual conference of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, New Orleans, LA. June 2005.

“Legal Issues Regarding Single Fathers in the Family Court System.” Presentation to Ingham County Nurturing Fathers Group, Lansing, MI. February 2005.

“In the Best Interest of the Child: Legal Issues in Child Welfare and the Interplay between Social Work and Law.” Presentation to MSU Social Work Alumni Association, Lansing, MI. January 2005.

“Issues in Michigan’s Guardianship System.” Presentation to General Motor’s employees, Lansing, MI. May 2004 (co-presented with Dr. Teresa Jones).

“Overview of Michigan’s Family Court System.” Presentation to Catholic Social Services, Lansing, MI. February 2004.

“Michigan’s Child Welfare Child Welfare System.” Presentation to Ingham County Court Appointed Special Advocates, Lansing, MI. February 2004.

“Father’s Rights in the Family Court.” Presentation at Father’s Rights Initiative Conference, West Ottawa, MI. March 2003.

“Michigan Child and Family Law.” Presentation at Day of Child Conference, Holland MI. May 2002.

“The Friend of the Court System and Caseworkers.” Presentation to Child and Family Services, Grand Haven MI. May 2001.

“Family Court Practice as Law and Social Work.” Presentation to court staff. West Olive, MI. April 2000.

“Juvenile Court and Law Enforcement.” Presentation to court staff and law enforcement personnel. Grand Haven, MI. February 2000.

“Juvenile Court and the Schools.” Presentation to court staff and school personnel. Holland, MI. January 1999.

“Legal Issues Surrounding Foster Care Placements.” Presentation to Foster Care Providers, Muskegon, MI. November 1998.

“Grandparent’s Rights in Family Court Matters.” Presentation at Bethany Christian Services, Holland, MI. June 1998.

Professional Memberships,
Certifications and
Activities

Editor in Chief, Michigan Child Welfare Journal

Licensed Macro Social Worker

Chair, Michigan Court Improvement Project Committee on Quality Representation

Member, Association of American Law Schools Interdisciplinary Clinical Education Committee

Member, Michigan Substance Abuse/Child Welfare State Team

Member, American Bar Association

Member, Michigan State Bar, Family Law Section

Member, Michigan State Bar, Children’s Law Section

Member, National Association of Social Work

JD/MSW Program Student Advisor, MSU College of Law

Faculty Advisor, Michigan State University Spartan Youth Advocacy Society

References

Upon request