

## LILIANA MANGIAFICO

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J.D. Northeastern University, LL.M. Harvard Law School, LL.M. University of Paris (honors), LL.B. UCAB (honors)

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### TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Northeastern University**, Boston, MA 2019-present

Adjunct Assistant Professor at the School of Law and the College of Sciences and Humanities Policy School

Courses: *Housing Law, Cradle To Prison Pipeline, Law, Policy and Society*

Researcher for the Center for Public Interest Advocacy and Collaboration (CPIAC).

Teach the doctrinal courses Housing Law and Restorative Justice-Cradle to Prison Pipeline and. Create writing assignments and in-class exercises, conduct individual student conferences, train and judge students in oral and written advocacy, provide individual feedback on students' written work, write interim and final student evaluations, supervise research and teaching assistants. Consultant and Member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Public Interest Advocacy and Collaboration. Conduct outreach to create lasting partnerships with community stakeholders. Research and blog on topics related to mass incarceration and access to justice. Advise student organizations (Pro-bono Society and LALSA).

Additional Activities:

\*Criminal Task Force, Chair of Latinx Stories Group

\*Presenter at the Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE): Indonesia, December 2019: *Providing Virtual Legal Services to Remote and Rural Areas: A proposed collaboration between Northeastern University School of Law and Vermont Legal Services*

\*Presenter at the Global Legal Skills Conference, Melbourne, Australia, 2018: *Challenges for non-native professors teaching a traditional LRW course.*

**Northeastern University School of Law**, Boston, MA, 2017-2019

Visiting Associate Professor of Law. Teach the Legal Skills in the Social Context course to 1<sup>st</sup> year law students. Create writing assignments and in-class exercises, conduct individual student conferences, train and judge students in oral advocacy, provide individual feedback on students' written work, select social justice projects for each law office, write interim and final student evaluations, supervise lawyering fellows and teaching assistants. Moot Court coaching and 1<sup>st</sup> year student Advisor. Member of the Advisory Board of the Center for Public Interest Advocacy and Collaboration. Advise student organizations (Pro-bono Society and LALSA). Teach the doctrinal class "Housing Matters" (an overview of fair housing laws and the social impact of homelessness). Attend faculty meetings and school/university organized events.

Additional activities:

\* Presenter at the one-day LWI workshop at NUSL on 12/7/2018: *Challenges for non-native professors teaching a traditional LRW curriculum*

\* Presenter at the Global Legal Skills Conference, Melbourne, Australia 12/12/2018: *Challenges for non-native professors teaching a traditional LRW curriculum*

**Boston University**, Center for Antiracist Research, 2020-present

Affiliated Faculty

Advance Restorative Justice as a means of dispute resolution. Conduct exhaustive racial research, research-based policy innovation, data-driven educational and advocacy campaigns, and narrative-change initiatives. Participate in public scholarship workshops to increase public engagement including converting research into media pitches.

**Penn State University Dickinson School of Law**, Carlisle, PA 2016-2017

Visiting Professor of Clinical Law, Director of Housing Law and Welfare Clinic. Supervised clinical students representing low income clients in housing, guardianships, welfare and social security disability matters.

Developed and designed curriculum, simulation exercises, learning materials and advocacy guides for students. Coached students for trial preparation, strategy planning and development of lawyering skills. Reviewed writing assignments and court pleadings. Grant reporting. Community outreach and promotion of the clinic's and university's work and resources. Taught the Housing and Benefits classroom component of the clinic. Student guidance and mentorship.

**Albany Law School**, Albany, NY 2015-2016

Visiting Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of the Family Violence Litigation Clinic. Taught the clinic's classroom component. Supervised second and third-year law students representing low income clients in family law matters. Case selection considering the best learning opportunities for students to make a holistic assessment of client needs, developing advocacy, client interviewing skills, fact investigation, negotiation skills, trial skills, domestic violence dynamics, and the substantive law and procedure of Family Court. Developed learning outcomes, designed syllabus and assignments, exercises and assessments to assist students become self-regulated learners. Conducted community outreach and engaged key players to promote the clinic's work and developed policy aspects included in grants that funded the clinic and established new collaborative partnerships. Grant writing and reporting.

**National Lawyers Guild**, Massachusetts Chapter, Boston, MA 2008-2015

Street Law Clinic Instructor: Provide experiential and clinical education to Northeastern University law students. Creation, organization and delivery of street law clinics to low income communities, churches and women shelters in immigration law, housing law, family law and domestic violence.

**Advocates, Inc.**, Framingham, MA 2005-2014

Director of the Advocates, Inc. Internship Program for Law and Criminal Justice students. Supervised, mentored and trained law students from Northeastern University Law School completing their co-op program and Criminal Justice Students from Lasell College completing their required internship. Students worked in the following areas: Immigration, Family law, Reentry, Discrimination complaints, Housing, Guardianships, Conservatorships and Administrative Law Hearings.

**Universidad Católica Andrés Bello**, Caracas, Venezuela 1986-1988

Teacher Assistant to Professor Osvaldo Mantero in the area of Labor Law and Collective Bargaining. Prepared, reviewed and delivered lectures. Guided students in selection of thesis topics.

## **PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

Attorney in Private Practice, Massachusetts, 2002-present

Own law firm that represents clients in family law housing, immigration administrative law hearings and before the USCIS, social security administrative law hearings, personal injury. Provide 500 hours of yearly Pro-bono work for my community.

**PARADISE VILLAS AND VACATIONS**, Puerto Rico, 2017-present

External Counsel. Document and contract drafting and review. Assist in legal, compliance, and regulatory issues. Advice in day-to-day legal matters and business issues.

**MACLA PROPERTY AND MACLA PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, LLC**, Houston, TX, 2018-present

External Counsel. Document and contract drafting and review. Assist in legal, compliance, and regulatory issues. Advice in day-to-day legal matters and business issues.

**USCES**, Houston, TX, 2019-present,

Credential Evaluation Expert: review professional foreign degrees and student credentials, issue and sign opinion letters to be used by international students to apply to United States Universities and employers who require foreign degree evaluation before entering the institution.

**Keefe Disability Law**, Framingham, MA, 2014-2015

Senior Attorney. Represented clients, including veterans, in Social Security claims at Administrative Law Judge Hearings, Appeals Council and Federal District Court. Supervised and trained new lawyers and paralegals in how to conduct direct client intake, oral argument, case analysis and development of litigation strategy.

**Advocates, Inc.**, Framingham, MA, 2001-2014

Advocacy, Benefits and Legal Services Director. Provided direct representation to low income clients and veterans in family law, immigration (including V.A.W.A and Asylum applications), criminal, social security, housing, special education, guardianships, welfare, consumer protection, reasonable accommodations, employment and discrimination matters. Implemented a Collaborative Law approach to resolution of landlord- tenant and family law matters. Supervised and trained team of volunteer attorneys, paralegals and law students. Community organizer for the Framingham area in charge of coordinating, conducting and presenting informational panels for Housing Authorities and other local organizations regarding access to affordable housing, health benefits and entitlements. Filed and pursued complaints before the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. Advised the Executive team on health and public policy matters. Management of the day to day activities of the program. Grant-writing to secure funding. Represented the agency in meetings at the state and local levels as a member of the Metro-West Regional Council on Homelessness.

**Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston, MA, 2000-2001**

Family Law Unit Staff Attorney. Represented undocumented indigent clients in domestic violence and family law matters. Assisted undocumented clients in conjunction with the immigration law unit in obtaining V.A.W.A. adjustments.

**Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Boston, MA 2000 (winter)**

Business and Labor Protection Bureau Intern. Researched and wrote memoranda on labor law subjects for the bureau's attorneys.

**Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston, MA 1999 (summer)**

Immigration Unit Intern. Interviewed clients seeking political asylum and victims of domestic violence adjusting their status under V.A.W.A. Researched and drafted memoranda on immigration law matters. Prepared affidavits in support of special immigrant juveniles.

**Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, 1995 -1998**

Visiting Researcher. Wrote scholarly articles on constitutional limitations and taxation of foreign investments in Brazil, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Peru and Venezuela. Advised graduate students and LL.M. candidates in the area of foreign investments and management of natural resources in Latin America. Organized and led panels on issues pertaining to Latin American poverty, political stability in the region and its impact on economic growth and development.

**Petróleos de Venezuela/Lagoven, S.A., Caracas, 1990 -1995**

In-house Corporate Counsel. Negotiated Cristobal Colon Project, a multi-national Six-Billion Dollar Joint Venture. Conducted due diligence, tax planning and reorganization procedures. Advised the board of directors on regulatory requirements. Monitored for the board of directors pending legislation affecting the company's business and policies. Lobbied before Congress to pass legislation allowing foreign and private national investments in the oil business. Prepared, reviewed and negotiated standard and individual contracts for sales, purchases, construction, services, inspection, leases, shrink wrap agreements, licenses for technological assistance, construction of electrical sub-stations, poliducts, gasoducts, and jack-up drilling rigs. Coordinated litigation. Negotiated contracts for distribution and marketing of oil products abroad. Advised on intellectual property matters and assisted in all stages of brand's registration.

**EDUCATION**

**Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA**

J.D. 2001

Greater Boston Legal Services Immigration Unit intern; Massachusetts Attorney General's Office Business & Labor Protection Bureau intern.

**Harvard Law School**, Cambridge,

MA Master of Laws (LL.M.), 1995

Honors: Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. Merit Scholarship; Lewis's Scholarship.

Specialization: Negotiation, Foreign Investments, International Commercial

Arbitration. Center for Justice and International Law, Washington, D.C., intern,

Summer 1995.

**University of Paris (V)** Paris, France

D.E.A. (Master of Laws) Public Law, 1989, with honors.

Honors: Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. Merit Scholarship.

Specialization: International and European Community Laws, Constitutional Law

Thesis: “La politique d’immigration française dans le cadre de l’intégration européenne”

**Catholic University Andres Bello School of Law**, Caracas, Venezuela

Civil Law Degree, *Cum Laude*, 1988

Honors: ***First in class*** (1/59)

Awards: Roberto Goldschmidt Prize for Academic Excellence

Legal Coordinator of the law school's Clinical Legal Assistance Program

**LANGUAGES**

Fluent in:

Spanish

French

Italian

Brazilian Portuguese

**LICENSES**

Admitted to Practice Venezuela 1988

Admitted to Massachusetts Bar 2002

Admitted to New York Bar, 2015

Admission to Pennsylvania 2016

England and Wales Solicitor: pending

## MEMBERSHIPS

Massachusetts Bar Association  
American Bar Association  
New York Bar Association  
Pennsylvania Bar Association  
Caracas Bar Association  
Ashland (MA) Business Association

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

\*Challenging Metro-Normativity in Clinical Education: Bringing Law Schools To Rural And Remote Areas. The research explores the role of lawyering in the digital age and the important role law schools can play by matching unmet legal needs in remote and rural areas with students, specifically by partnering with legal services offices and/or practitioners wishing to do pro bono work.

\*Manuscript for Housing Matters: The ultimate legal guide and advocacy tool to prevent homelessness. This is a book I am currently writing and that I intend to have ready for publication by the summer of 2021. Currently finishing a table of contents for submission and approval of publishing company. Some of the subjects explored in this book include the Mount Laurel doctrine, affirmative furthering housing rule, housing discrimination. The book will contain a section with practice tips for housing advocates representing clients facing eviction and homelessness.

\*Working on a law journal article based on my presentation at the Global Legal Skills Conference in Melbourne 2018: Challenges for non-native professors teaching a traditional Legal Research and Writing curriculum. This article contains my personal experiences, including difficulties and real life examples of my interactions with first year law students and implicit biases.

## OTHER

- \* Top Women of Law 2011 award by Lawyer's Weekly Massachusetts Chapter
- \* Special Advisor and member of the Framingham Advisory Board for the Reform of Welfare for the period of March 2011-2014, Appointed by the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Transitional Assistance
- \* Former Columnist of the Venezuelan paper *Tal Cual*.
- \* Triathlete



