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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES (Dan Wei, James P. Nehf & Claudia Lima Marques, eds. 2020)

Improving Access to Justice in Texas Courts: A Case Study of Self-Help Resources for Debt Collection Claims in Justice Courts (Tex. Appleseed, White Paper Feb. 8, 2017) (with Ann Baddour and Brett Merfish)

Collection Texas Style: An Analysis of Consumer Collection Practices In and Out of the Courts, 67 HASTINGS L.J. 1476 (2016) (with Ann Baddour)

Where the FCRA meets the FDCPA: The Impact of Un-Fair Collection Practices on the Credit Report, 20 GEORGETOWN J. POVERTY L. & POL. 479

- 2021 *Consumer Observers' Presentation*, with Gina Calebrese, Uniform Law Commission, Drafting Committee on Debt Collection Default Judgments
- 2021 Interview, _____, FOX 4 News, available at <https://www.fox4news.com/video/887324>
- 2020 Interview _____ WFAA-Channel 8, ABC Affiliate, available at <https://www.wfaa.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/smu-law-students-covid-19-legal-helpline/287-73b4d9eb-493f-43e7-9a26-4781646339aa>
- 2019 *Cancellation of Consumer Transactions*, 14th Annual Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Austin, TX
- 2019 15th Annual Conference of the International Association of Consumer Law, Indiana University, Robert H. McKinney School of Law, Indianapolis, IN, *Collaborative Efforts to Promote Access to Justice: A Work in Progress*
- 2019 Capital Center for Law & Policy, McGeorge University, The CAP-Impact Podcast, Episode 41: SMU Law Prof. Mary Spector on the Personal Debt Crisis (Mar. 21, 2019)
- 2018 Co Conference, *Debt Collection*, Texas A&M University School of Law, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2018 Interview, *Medical Debt Epidemic*, NBC News DFW Affiliate, available at <https://www.nbcdfw.com/news/local/Family-Tries-To-Sell-Home-In-Order-To-Pay-For-Medical-Care-474765573.html>
- 2018 *Hot Topics in Debt Collection*, 14th Annual Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Austin, TX
- 2018 InsideArm, First Party Summit, Panelist, *Moving Forward with Debt Collection Rules: Where can Industry and Advocates find Common Ground*, Frisco, TX
- 2018 Global Ties: Merida Initiative, *Experiential Learning through Clinics*, Dallas, TX
- 2018 AALS 2018 Annual Meeting, Open Source Program: *Empirical Research Methods and the Experiential Curriculum: "New" Tools for Securing Justice in a Post-Fact Era?* (with Judith Fox and Michael Gregory), San Diego, CA
- 2017 *Supporting Success in the Experiential Curriculum*, co-host of half-day program, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX
- 2017 *Ethics and the Experiential Curriculum*, (with Luz Herrera) as part of *Supporting Success in the Experiential Curriculum*, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX

2017 *Collections Update 2017*, 13th Annual Advanced Consumer & Commercial Law Course, State Bar of Texas, Austin, TX

2016 *FDCPA Update 2016*

- 2012 Symposium on Credit Scoring and Credit Reporting, Suffolk University Law School and National Consumer Law Center, Boston, MA
Panelist, *Intersection with other Consumer Issues: Debt Collection*
- 2012 6th Teaching Consumer Law Conference, University of Houston, Houston, Texas, Speaker and Panel Moderator, *Teaching Debt Collection*
- 2012 University of Houston, Houston, Texas, Faculty Enrichment Program, *Exploring the Impact of Consumer Debt Collection Litigation*
- 2011 New York University, New York, NY
Fixing a “Broken System”: Using Data to Shape Meaningful Change in the Litigation of Consumer Debts
- 2011 5th Annual Bellow Scholar Workshop, New York University, New York, NY
Workshop Co-Chair (with Michael Gregory, Harvard Law School)
- 2011 13th Annual International Conference IACL, Brunel University, London, UK
Panelist: *Protecting Consumers in Collection Litigation*
- 2011 AALS, Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Seattle, WA, Moderator, Bellow Presentations
- 2010 4th Annual Bellow Scholar Workshop: Merging Access-to-Justice Work and Empirical Research, District of Columbia David Clark School of Law, Bellow Symposium
Speaker: *Litigation Research Update*
- 2010 Conference on Teaching Consumer Law, University of Houston, Houston, Texas,
Panelist: *Settlement, Collection and Modification: Debt Buyer Litigation Findings*
- 2010 AALS Conference on Clinical Legal Education, Baltimore, MD, *Works in Progress: Conducting an Empirical Study*

- 2009 Faculty Forum, SMU Dedman School of Law, Dallas, TX, *Work-in-Progress: Consumer Debt Project*
- 2009 Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program-Housing Crisis Center, Continuing Legal Education, *Common Tenant Problems and the Role of the Volunteer Attorney*
- 2008 Southern Methodist University, Center for Dispute Resolution & Conflict Management, Plano, TX, *Collecting and Litigating Consumer Debts: A Consumer's Perspective*
- 2008 Federal Trade Commission, Dallas, TX, *Green Lights and Red Flags: FTC/BBB Rules of the Road for Advertisers*, Panel topic: *Avoiding a Promotion Commotion: Prizes, Free Offers and Unsolicited Faxes and the Telemarketing Sales Rule*
- 2008 Center for Law and Social Justice, Seton Hall University, Newark, NJ, Conference: *Emerging Issues in Subprime Lending*. Presentation topic: *Debts, Defaults and Details: Exploring the Impact of Debt Collection Litigation on American Courts*
- 2008 AALS, Clinical Legal Education Conference, Tucson, Arizona, *Are We Crazy? Supervising Students in High-Risk Situations*, (with Professor Maureen Armour, Professor Lori A. Nessel and Visiting Professor Bryan Lonagan of Seton Hall University)
- 2007 Federal Trade Commission, Washington, DC. *Collecting Consumer Debts: The Challenge of Change, an FTC Workshop*, Panel presentation topic: *Concerns about Debt Collection: Consumers' Perspective*

LAW SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Mentor, *Data Science and Social Good*, SMU Summer REU Eviction Research Project
- Dean Search Committee 2022
- Meadow School of the Arts Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2021-22
- Law School Curriculum Committee *currently serving*
- Law School Honor Council Task Force
- Law School Diversity Committee
- Academic Programs Evaluation Committee 2012 -14

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Previously served on Law School Honor Council (twice as chair), Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate Ethics and Tenure Committee, University Athletic Council and Academic Subcommittee. Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Law School Executive Committee, Law School Public Service Committee and University Judicial Council

BAR AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

Consumer & Commercial Law Section Council, State Bar of Texas, 3-year term beginning 2018 through 2021, 2003-04

Temple Emanu-El, Board member 2001-05, Chair Religious School Committee 2003-05, Vice-Chair Youth Committee 2005-06, Board Development Committee 2005-08, Space Planning Task Force 2006-11; Education Director Search Committee 2006-09