EXPERT BIOGRAPHIES

TUSHAR ANCHAL is working as National Advisor - Child Protection with Plan International (India Chapter), an organization which is working in India to address the various forms of violence, exploitation and abuse. He possesses an experience of over 14 years on working with issues related to child protection, especially on street children, child marriage and juvenile justice. He has been actively engaged in national and international level advocacy efforts to strengthen child protection systems. His expertise is in the field of designing programs to address the issues related to child marriage and street connected children, as well as, accessing the rights of the children through Public Interest Litigation (PIL). His other areas of expertise has been research, training of young persons, developing informative manuals. He has also been a guest faculty to some of the social works and management institute. He has also been a representative Member in Allahabad High Court Committee on Juvenile Homes, advisory member of National Advisory Committee of NCPCR (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights) and actively engaged with SAIEVAC (South Asia Initiative for Eliminating Violence against Children).

ANNA-MAI ANDREWS is the CEO of Chance for Childhood, an international children’s charity which strengthens and empowers local communities to protect children facing the gravest injustices.

She has over fifteen years experience working in the humanitarian and international development sectors, with a specific focus on vulnerable children.

CRAIG H. BAAB chairs the ABA Commission on Homelessness & Poverty. Craig served as a Commission member and a liaison and has actively participated in Commission initiatives for the better part of the last decade. Craig recently retired from Alabama Appleseed where he served as Senior Fellow, leading the Civil Legal Services Funding, Constitutional Reform, and Heir Property projects.

Before working at Appleseed, Craig’s non-profit legal career began with a 19-year tenure in the Governmental Affairs Office of the American Bar Association in Washington, DC. More recently he served as the Chief of Party for the Palestinian Judicial Reform Project in Ramallah and the Gaza Strip. During a brief government service with the U.S. Agency for International Development, he was a Senior Advisor in the Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination, and, also, the Center for Democracy & Governance. Craig was the General Counsel and Director of Governmental Affairs for the Armenian Assembly of America.

Craig grew up in the Chicago suburb of Hinsdale. He received his B.A. in Political Science from Elmhurst College and his J.D. from American University’s Washington College of Law. Craig and his wife, Marion, live in Montgomery, AL. Their son, Ted, is an architect in Brooklyn.
**HILARIE BASS** is Co-President of international law firm Greenberg Traurig and a prolific trial attorney with a highly successful 30-plus year career. She is one of the most recognized women attorneys in the United States. Hilarie is currently President of the American Bar Association, the world’s largest voluntary professional organization with more than 400,000 members. At Greenberg Traurig, she helps chart the course for the multi-practice firm with approximately 2,000 attorneys across 38 offices worldwide. She currently serves on the firm’s Executive Committee and previously served an eight-year term as national chair of its 600-member litigation department. Hilarie is also the founder and former chair of Greenberg Traurig’s Women’s Initiative.

Hilarie has successfully represented high-profile corporate clients in jury and non-jury trials involving hundreds of millions of dollars in controversy. She has worked and settled more than 100 cases, tried more than 20 cases to conclusion, and argued numerous appeals. In recognition of that success, she was inducted into The American College of Trial Lawyers. Hilarie is widely recognized for her pro bono work on behalf of two foster children that led to the elimination and declaration as unconstitutional Florida’s 20-year-old ban on gay adoption.

Mentoring others in the legal field and giving back to the community has always been a top priority for Hilarie. She has led top legal and community organizations and received numerous prestigious awards for her achievements. She has dedicated herself to supporting the mission of the ABA for more than 30 years, beginning as a young lawyer and now serving a one-year term as President. She previously served as Chair of the Section of Litigation, the ABA’s largest section, where she spearheaded the creation of a Task Force on Implicit Bias in the Justice System. She also served as Chair of the Committee on Rules and Calendar, and as a member of the Board of Governors, House of Delegates and the State of Florida representative, on the Nominating Committee. Hilarie serves as Vice Chair of University of Miami’s Board of Trustees. She was formerly Chair of the United Way of Miami-Dade County and a member of the ABA Commission on Women.

Her work is recognized throughout the industry, as Hilarie is consistently ranked in leading legal guides including Chambers USA Guide, The Best Lawyers in America, Lawdragon 500, Legal 500 United States, South Florida Legal Guide, Super Lawyers magazine, Florida Trend magazine’s “Legal Elite” and many others. Hilarie was most recently named “Lawyer of the Year” in Litigation – Securities in 2016 by The Best Lawyers in America.

*Significant Representations:*

- Obtained defense verdict in multi-week federal 10b5 securities fraud trial on behalf of Stieffel Laboratories.
-Secured dismissal of securities class action lawsuit against OPKO Health by shareholders of PROLOR Biotech who sought to block the 2013 acquisition of PROLOR by OPKO. Previously defeated a motion to enjoin the special meeting of PROLOR stockholders at which the merger was approved.

-Achieved payments of tens of millions of dollars in settlements as lead counsel for Homebuilder Group Committee, Chinese Drywall MDL, one of the largest construction defects cases in U.S. history. This pivotal case is the first of its kind holding a Chinese manufacturer of defective drywall subject to U.S. court jurisdiction.

-Represented Microsoft Corporation in defense of the Florida class action brought under Florida Unfair Trade Practices Act. Main action resulted in class action settlement.

-Served as defense liaison counsel in MDL Rico class action against managed care companies throughout the country, representing Aetna, Inc.

-Defended Hilton Hotels Corporation in five-week arbitration for breach of fiduciary duty claims in which plaintiff sought in excess of $100 million; resulted in judgment in favor of the defense.

-Prosecuted claims on behalf of Interval International in eight-day trial leading to entry of permanent injunction on breach of fiduciary duty and theft of trade secret claims.

**PRUDENCE BEIDLER CARR** is the Director of the American Bar Association’s Center on Children and the Law in Washington DC, where she manages a team of attorneys and core staff who work on children’s law projects throughout the country. Prudence joined the ABA Center in July 2016 and brings a background in government, nonprofit management, and children’s advocacy to her role. Immediately before joining the ABA Center, Prudence lived in Mexico City where she partnered with JUCONI, a Mexican organization that helps street-living youth reintegrate with their families. Previously, Prudence worked at the Department of Homeland Security Office of General Counsel, where she managed class action, appellate and Supreme Court litigation and advised senior leaders on the legal effects of immigration and national security policies. Prudence also served as the office’s Deputy Managing Counsel, in which she helped manage a $30 Million budget for a 150-person staff and conducted strategic planning across all DHS legal offices, encompassing approximately 1,800 attorneys. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Prudence worked on numerous children’s advocacy projects in child welfare, early care and education, and afterschool program contexts. Prudence has served on several boards in the U.S., including at the Insight Center for Community Economic Development in California, and the Law Board at Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. Prudence has an undergraduate degree from Harvard University and a JD from Northwestern.

**YORRI BERRY** serves as the Director of Youth Engagement at the National Network for Youth (NN4Y) in Washington, DC. At NN4Y, she oversees a 20+ member National Youth Advisory Council who educates policymakers, service providers and community officials throughout the country about youth and young adult homelessness in America and advocate for solutions The program trains formerly homeless young leaders to define a policy agenda, partner with and educate organizational leaders and the general public to effect positive and productive changes to existing structures and policies. She has a decade of combined youth development, project management, youth development, program design, and organizational oversight experience in both the private and public sectors.

**NÉIA BUENO** – Educadora Social – Atua como educadora social com crianças e adolescentes em situação de rua e na organização e formação de meninos e meninas, inserindo nos grupos o debate sobre o ECA – Estatuto da Criança e do Adolescente, questão racial, questão de gênero e o empoderamento de crianças e adolescentes referente aos seus direitos e na busca da efetivação dos mesmos.
Coordenadora do Bloco EURECA – Eu Reconheço o Estatuto da Criança e do Adolescente – Com o Bloco EURECA, tem atuado na organização das organizações sociais que atuam em defesa dos direitos de crianças e adolescentes durante o processo de formação do Bloco, organizando as formações com os adolescentes.

Conselheira Municipal dos Direitos da Criança e do Adolescente de São Bernardo do Campo – Tem contribuído no processo de organização das conferências lúdicas a nível municipal e regional.

Coordenadora Projeto Meninos e Meninas de Rua; Frente Nacional Contra a Redução da Maioridade Penal; Membro do Fórum Municipal dos Direitos da Criança e do Adolescente; Membro do GT Nacional para construção da Política para Crianças em Situação de Rua; Militante do Movimento Nacional de Meninos e Meninas de Rua.

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**VANESSA BUvens** has been working with UK Child Rights NGO Chance for Childhood for 5 years, leading the design and development of various education and justice programmes supporting street-connected young people across East and Central Africa. Most recently, she has been working with local organisations in Northern Uganda, to deliver a 4-year initiative promoting child-friendly justice and alternatives to detention for young people in conflict with the law, with street girls organisations in Accra, to support street-connected adolescents girls and young mothers access pre and post-natal care, and with partners in Eastern DRC, to prevent the arbitrary detention of street-connected young people, including children previously associated with combatting forces. Vanessa’s academic background is in political science and international relations. She is also a Fellow of the Amani Institute in Sao Paulo where she studied social innovation management.

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**Iain Byrne** is an international human rights lawyer with over 20 years of experience of working in the field. He has been with the International Secretariat of Amnesty International for over six years carrying out various roles including Head of the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Refugee teams and Deputy Director (acting) in the Global Thematic Initiatives Programme and Director of the Gender, Sexuality and Identity Programme (acting) in the Law and Policy Directorate. He is currently an ESCR Research and Policy Advisor in the ESCR team. He is a member of Amnesty International’s Litigation Committee. From September 2001 until November 2011 he held various positions at INTERIGHTS, the international centre for the legal protection of human rights, including Legal Practice Director (acting) and Senior Lawyer with lead responsibility for litigation work on economic and social rights.

Since 2000 he has been a Fellow of the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex from where he graduated with MA (distinction) in 1994 after obtaining a LLB (Hons) degree from the University of Manchester. He has a diploma (distinction) from the University of Turku in advanced human rights law.

He has worked on issues concerning the rights of street children for many years. He has been a member of the board and the advocacy steering group of the Consortium for Street Children and is the author of *The Human Rights of Street Children: A Practical Manual for Advocates*. Recently he advised the Consortium on the elaboration of the new General Comment by the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

He has been involved in litigation before a wide range of international, regional and domestic courts and bodies including the European Social Rights Committee, the European Court of Human Rights, the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the UN Human Rights Committee. His Social Charter litigation includes the landmark cases concerning sexual and reproductive health rights education in Croatia and the housing rights of the Roma in Greece addressing systematic and ongoing forced evictions. European Court of Human Rights cases include *Catan v Moldova and Russia* regarding denial of education in Transnistria; third party interventions in *Orsus v Croatia* concerning the education rights of linguistic minorities and *Jones v UK* concerning foreign state immunity for torture and co-representation in the *Campeanu v Romania* and the *Poine Mare Hospital* cases. UN Human Rights Committee cases include *Sanjeevan v Sri Lanka*. He is currently leading Amnesty International’s work on infringement proceedings against the Czech Republic under the Race Equality Directive with respect to segregated education of Roma children.
He has lectured widely in many countries and conducted training courses for amongst others the United Nations, European Union, Council of Europe and the British Council. In 2007 he was Visiting Professor at the Human Rights Centre, UN University of Peace, Costa Rica. He is widely published on a range of issues concerning human rights and democracy. He has sat on numerous NGO boards and advisory groups including the International Justice Resource Centre, a member of the ESCR-Net’s Strategic Litigation Advisory Group and the Right to Education project Steering Committee. He was previously a member of the Executive Committee of the Euro-Med Human Rights Network, participating in the first international mission to Israel and the Occupied Territories during the 2000 intifada, and Open Society Foundation’s public health programme technical advisory committee.

CLAUDIA CABRAL is the Executive Director of Terra dos Homens in Brazil which she founded in 1996 as an independent organization with a strategic partnership with Fondation Terre des hommes -Lausanne. Claudia is a psychologist, specialized in Systemic approach, and has a masters degree from the Institut Superieur de Pedagogie- Catholic University in Paris. She worked as a consultant for different UNICEF agencies from various countries in Latin America and Africa and has also spent time in France studying the European system of assistance to children separated from their families. Claudia is the current President of Familiy for Every child - FFEC and member of different international networks such as the Advisory Group of Better Care Network BCN of the United Nations, International Foster Care IFCO, Red Latino-Americana de Acogimiento Familiar RELAF, International Social Service ISS in Genebra.

RITA DE CÁCIA OENNING DA SILVA was born in a peasant family that had lost its land in the south of Brazil, but she went to university on scholarship and then worked as a professional actress for many years; she rebelled against what everyone around her knew to be impossible for an impoverished girl. Later, working with KURT SHAW—whose anger at the limited possibilities of a Harvard doctorate took him to the favelas of Brazil and Colombia—she developed methods to use theater and film to teach other marginalized children to disobey the impossible.

Working with children in Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Paraguay, and Bolivia, they produced the world’s first feature fictional film made by ex-child soldiers, a telenovela by indigenous children that showed on Bolivian national TV, and an award winning hip- hop album where children from the favelas protest gang and police violence. Their work became the basis for a successful and groundbreaking new children’s policy of the Paraguayan government.

In addition to their artistic work, da Silva and Shaw have produced a dozen academic books, several children’s stories, and two novels about marginalized children. Together, they have won the United Nations/BMW Intercultural Innovation Award (2016), the UN Online Volunteering award (4 times), a Wenner Gren Fellowship (2007), the Harvard First Decade Award (2007), The Freedom to Create Youth Prize (2008, finalist 2011), and have been named to the GOOD 100, among others.

They live in Florianópolis, in the south of Brazil, with their seven year old daughter, Helena.

REV. WILLIAM DAVID CREWS was born in England in 1944 and educated in Australia. He studied Electrical Engineering at the University of NSW under a scholar ship provided by A.W.A. and then until 1971 worked with A.W.A in microelectronic research studying the properties of silicon. During this time he built the first machine to grow ultra pure single crystal silicon in Australia.

In late 1969 he first visited the Wayside Chapel in Sydney’s red-light district of Kings Cross and ultimately became involved in voluntary programmes; visiting the elderly, sick and shut-ins of the Woolloomooloo-Kings Cross area. By 1971 he had decided to quit engineering and work full time at the Wayside Chapel. Bill was a member of the team that created the first 24-hour Crisis Centre in Australia. By 1972 he was Director of the Crisis Centre and directed all the social work programmes of the Wayside Chapel until 1983. During that time he established the first programme in Australia to reunite adoptees and birth parents (Reunion Register), and the first programme to assist parents who were at risk of abusing their children (Child Abuse Prevention Service). He also established the first modern youth refuge in Australia. In 1973 he was
made a member of the New South Wales Drug and Alcohol Authority and was intimately involved in establishing drug rehabilitation, education and prevention programmes throughout New South Wales.

In 1978 he and the Rev. Ted Noffs created the first Life Education Centre. Life Education Centres are now all over Australia, Hong Kong, Thailand, New Zealand, England and America. In 1983 he left the Wayside Chapel to study Theology at the Uniting Church’s United Theological College and graduated in 1986. In that same year he was ordained as minister of the Ashfield Uniting Church in Sydney’s inner-west. At Ashfield he created The Exodus Foundation to assist homeless and abandoned youth, and other people in need. Today The Exodus Foundation is one of Sydney’s largest frontline charities. It runs the Loaves & Fishes Free Restaurant, serving 1,000 meals to the needy every day. The Foundation also operates Tutorial Centres which teach literacy skills to children who have fallen through the cracks in the mainstream education system. It runs a free dental and medical clinic, provides help and support services such as social workers, chaplaincy, counselling, and food parcel assistance.

Rev. Crews has been awarded The Rotary Foundation International Award ‘Paul Harris Fellow.’ He has been voted Father of the Year and Humanitarian of the Year (1992). In February 1998 Rev. Crews was included in the National Trust’s 100 National Living Treasures. In 1999 Rev. Crews was awarded an Order of Australia (AM) for his services to the disadvantaged and his work with homeless youth. As part of the Sydney 2000 Olympics, Bill ran a leg of the Olympic Torch Relay and the Paralympic Torch Relay. He also distributed hundreds of donated tickets to those who would otherwise not have had the financial means to partake in the Olympic experience.

Rev. Bill Crews’s achievements demonstrate his capacity to lead and positively influence the community in a myriad of tangible ways. In 2001 Bill was named Ashfield Citizen of the Year for his contribution to the local community. He received the William R. Tresise Fellowship Award from the Australian Lions Foundation in June 2001 – the highest honour the Foundation bestows for humanitarian services. In 2001 Rev. Crews also received an Alumni Award from the University of New South Wales.

Bill actively supports multi-faith dialogue and understanding between cultures. He meets regularly with the Dalai Lama and supports the Free Tibet movement in Australia. Rev. Crews appeared as a guest judge alongside his Holiness Dalai Lama on Network Ten’s Masterchef programme in 2010. Rev. Crews is a Patron of Australians For Just Refugee Programmes, and Chairman of Fair Go Australia – an anti-racism project sponsored by the NSW Government through the Department of Community Relations Commission.

Since August 2002 Rev. Crews has broadcast his Sunday Night Crews radio programme on Sydney station 2GB-873AM. The programme is the highest rating Sunday night radio show in the nation, with an audience share of 17.8% and 102,000 listeners.

In 2006 Bill was awarded the Ernst & Young Social Entrepreneur of the Year Award in recognition of his world-class leadership and innovation in social programmes. In 2007 Rev. Crews was named as one of Australia’s 100 most influential people by the prestigious Bulletin & Newsweek magazine. In 2010 The Bill Crews Charitable Trust was established to encourage and develop new and innovative projects aimed at alleviating poverty, mostly in developing regions. The Trust works in close partnership with ‘social entrepreneurs’ making positive change through hands-on work supporting local people.

In 2012 Rev. Crews founded The Big Picture Film Festival which first screened in February 2013 at Event Cinemas in the heart of Sydney. The festival was extremely successful and plans for the 2014 festival are already well underway.

In September 2015 Rev. Crews was announced as the recipient of the 2015 NSW Human Rights Award. The NSW Human Rights Award pays tribute to those who support the disadvantaged and marginalized and endeavour to make NSW a better community. Bill Crews lives in Sydney and has four children

CLAUDIANE DOS DORES SANTOS (Drika) is 21 years old and is a coach at the Safe Space program run by Street Child United Brazil. Drika and the coaches run soccer training and life skills for girls and boys in one of Rio’s most dangerous communities. Drika captained Team Brazil girls to victory at the Street Child World Cup 2014. Since then, Drika has
participated in the Global Girl project, Michael Johnson's positive track and was chosen as one of the BBC's 100 inspirational women of the world in 2017.

JUDGE MARGUERITE DOWNING presides over dependency cases at the Edelman Children’s Court, Los Angeles Superior Court. She chairs the Incarcerated Parents Working Group for Los Angeles County, one of the first court supported efforts addressing issues affecting these parents and the effect incarceration has on dependent children in the child welfare system.

Judge Downing is the current chair of the ABA Commission on Youth at Risk and serves as their liaison to the Commission of Disability Rights and as a member of the Advisory Council on the Legal Rights of Homeless Youth. She is the immediate past current chair of the State Bar of California Council on Access and Fairness. She is also a past president of Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, Inc, the California Association of Black Lawyers and California Women Lawyers. Judge Downing currently serves as the Chair of the State of California Bar Mentoring Task Force in addition to serving on numerous boards and committees.

Judge Downing has lectured and presented CLE training on dependency, professional civility, judicial appointments and other legal topics throughout California and in such far flung places as Beijing, China, Dubai, Mozambique, South Africa, Bangkok, Thailand, Guam and Saipan. Judge Downing received her Bachelor of Science in International Law, Relations and Organization from Georgetown University, D.C. and her Juris Doctorate from the University of West Los Angeles, School of Law.

VICKY FERGUSON is the Chief Executive Officer of Glad’s House, an organisation in Mombasa, Kenya working with children and young people living and/or working on the streets and dumpsites and children and young people in conflict with the law. Glad’s House delivers a range of services to the children and young people they support including Outreach, Education and Transitional Programmes. Glad’s House also delivers an Advocacy Programme challenging the current treatment of children and young people within the Criminal Justice System and stigmatisation of the homeless community in Mombasa.

Vicky has also worked with children and young people in the UK since 2005 in both the Third and Public Sector. She worked predominantly within the Homelessness and Substance Misuse Services but has also spent time in more generic Youth Services.

CAROLINE FORD is the CEO of the Consortium for Street Children. Caroline has worked for over 20 years in the field of human rights and development, with a focus on Africa and Europe. A political science and human rights law graduate, Caroline began her career working with street youth in Canada, designing pioneering access to justice, legal advocacy, and HIV education programmes. She then worked at the regional and global levels on human rights, international development, emergency humanitarian response and communications for development in several countries in West, Central and East Africa; and the Balkans.

Caroline has worked for many industry leading organisations in the world, including high-profile roles with Amnesty International, BBC Media Action, Médecins Sans Frontières, Oxfam, Red Cross International and UNDP, and has personally managed portfolios of up to $40m at any one time. Caroline has the vision and the experience to place street children at the heart of the international agenda, raising hope that we are on the cusp of long term impact and change for these children. Caroline can be contacted at caroline@streetchildren.org.

DR. STEPHEN GAETZ is a leading scholar on homelessness, and is director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness at York University. He focuses his efforts on conducting research and mobilizing this knowledge so as to have a greater
impact on solutions to homelessness. Stephen has played a leading international role in knowledge mobilization through the Homeless Hub.

**BERNARD GASTAUD** is a member of the U.N. Committee on the Rights of the Child. He was elected for a four year term commencing in 2011, then elected for a second term commencing in May 2015. He was the Coordinator of the Working Group in charge of drafting the General Comment No 21 on "Children in street situations."

He is from Monaco and comes to the position with a wealth of experience including as the Legal Adviser for legal and international affairs to the Department of External Relations and Cooperation (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco) and as a Member of the Committee of Legal Advisers on public international law (CADHI) of Council of Europe (Strasbourg). He is a member of the World Association of Children’s Friends (AMADE).

**MARY GATAMA** works for Railway Children Africa (RCA) as the Technical Lead for Children Living and Working in the streets. RCA works to support Children Living and Working in the streets (CLWS) across East Africa by responding to their immediate needs; challenging communities perceptions on street connected children; and advocating to Governments to ensure issues of street connected children remain as part of their political agenda.

Mary has 8 years’ working experience with vulnerable populations across East Africa. She has been involved in building practice of civil society organizations (CSOs) to understand and respond to the psychological and emotional needs of children living and working in the streets (CLWS) and their families. She has been instrumental in supporting local NGOs to contextualize and apply the educational therapeutic approach adopted from Juconi, a strategic partner for RCA in providing technical support in developing RCA family work programme. Mary is passionate about sharing and learning from others, especially practices that seek to support families in raising children in a protective environment that provide safety.

**PROFESSOR DIANE GERAGHTY** is the A. Kathleen Beazley Chair in Children’s Law at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Director of the Civitas ChildLaw Center and Co-Director of the University’s Center on Criminal Justice: Research, Policy and Practice. In her role as director of the ChildLaw Center, she is responsible for overseeing its comprehensive educational, service and law reform initiatives. From 2005-2015 she directed the MacArthur Foundation’s Models for Change juvenile justice reform work in Illinois. She has also served as a UNICEF consultant in South East Asia and Africa on issues of juvenile justice and child welfare. Professor Geraghty is the recipient of numerous awards for her work on behalf of children, including from the American Bar Association, the National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the National Association of Counsel for Children, the American Constitution Society, and International Women of Concern. Professor Geraghty served as interim dean of the Law School from 2004 - 2005. In 2010 she was named Loyola University Chicago's Faculty Member of the Year.

**THOMAS GERAGHTY** is the Class of 1967 James B. Haddad Professor of Law and Director Emeritus of the Bluhm Legal Clinic at the Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law.

The Bluhm Legal Clinic houses 35 clinical faculty members and enrolls 170 students each year in its various programs. In addition to teaching and fund-raising, Thomas Geraghty maintains an active caseload at the Bluhm Legal Clinic, concentrating primarily in criminal and juvenile defense, child-centered projects dealing with the representation of children, and criminal justice reform. He has worked internationally on issues involved children’s rights and clinical legal education. Professor Geraghty is an emeritus member of The Board of Trustees of The National Institute for Trial Advocacy.
SANJAY GUPTA is an Engineer turned social worker, director of NGO Childhood Enhancement through Training and Action (CHETNA) that works for empowerment of 10000 Street and Working children in India's capital Delhi and neighboring states. In his leadership CHETNA has grown as very reputed and credible organization that has dedicated 14 years to showcase and replicable models that has got national and international acknowledgements. He is well known for his innovations and media friendly image. He motivated street children to form their own federation called "Badthe Kadam"(Stepping forward). This federation is now almost independent and well known for publishing first of its kind unique newspaper called "Balak Nama" (children's voice). He brings wide experience on children issues in general and street and working children in particular. He has been awarded young’s achiever award by prestigious Outlook Magazine, in 2005 and is member of executive council and national board member of National Action Coordination Group (NACG) that is part of South Asia Initiative to end Violence against Children (SAIEVAC). He has travelled around 10 European and Asian countries and participated in various international consultations at Geneva, London, Sri Lanka etc as resource person. His passionate working style gave CHETNA a new boost in year 2011, when a project called Realizing Rights was launched with support of Hope for Children, Consortium for Street Children and Comic Relief. The project has been able to raise issue of right of identity, dignity, participation, of Street Children. He is member of various committees setup by Government of India and National Commission for protection of Rights of Children. His most recent achievement is his engagement with Indian Corporate Hub, who is seeking his advice on how to initiate corporate social responsibility initiatives.

LUIS ENRIQUE HERNÁNDEZ es licenciado en psicología por parte de la Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana. Es Socio fundador de El Caracol AC, organización dedicada a la atención de las poblaciones callejeras desde un enfoque de derechos y perspectiva de género. Entre el 2002 y 2009 fue coordinador ejecutivo de El Caracol AC. Desde enero de 2010 se desempeña como director de la misma organización.

Ha sido ponente a nivel nacional e internacional en el tema de poblaciones callejeras, metodologías de trabajo y fortalecimiento institucional con enfoque de derechos humanos; además, formó parte de la plantilla docente del Diplomado universitario Intervención educativa con poblaciones callejeras coordinado por la Facultad de Psicología de la UNAM y El Caracol AC. Ha participado como consultor en México y Centroamérica. Actualmente acompaña procesos de defensoría con grupos callejeros, algunos de los cuales han desembocado en recomendaciones emitidas por la Comisión de Derechos Humanos del Distrito Federal.

JOE HEWITT began his career as a youth worker for the Tower Hamlets Education Service in London, England. In 2010 he joined Street Child United at the inaugural Street Child World Cup. Working on communications Joe was detained with a photographer from Britain's largest selling newspaper for covering the illegal round ups of street children in Durban, South Africa when visiting the Umthombo project. This compelled Joe to help share the stories of street-connected children through his work with Street Child United. Joe has taken journalists to cover a variety of stories including children sleeping in underground tunnels in the Ukraine, Premiership footballers hosting football sessions for street children in Tanzania and arranging access for journalists to the 'unpacified' favelas and streets of Rio de Janeiro.

Joe spent three years living in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, heading up Street Child United's Brazil office until 2016 and is now heading up the Americas office in New York City.

AMY E. HORTON-NEWELL has served as the Director of the American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness & Poverty since 2001. She coordinates ABA policy development and educational programming related to the special legal needs of people experiencing homelessness and poverty, and she collaborates with lawyers, national, state and local advocacy groups, associations, and government agencies to provide technical assistance and address issues related to homelessness and poverty. She developed and leads the ABA Homeless Youth Legal Network, an innovative national network that provides information and fosters collaboration in order to help attorneys and other advocates address
existing gaps in legal services, and improve outcomes for homeless youth and young adults—including those transitioning from the child welfare system and exiting the juvenile justice system. Amy has chaired the Montgomery County, Maryland Interagency Commission on Homelessness since 2014. Amy was honored by the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans for her leadership and personal commitment to ending veteran homelessness in the United States.

CATHY KREBS serves as the Committee Director of the ABA Section of Litigation Children’s Rights Litigation Committee (CRLC). Cathy works with CRLC leaders to implement the ambitious agenda of the Committee, which was created to address the vast under representation of children in all aspects of the legal system. The committee endeavors to inspire and assist lawyers to undertake the direct pro bono representation of children and to support and multiply the number, range and quality of children’s legal projects. The committee offers support, training, referrals and information to lawyers and children’s law programs to assist them in providing the highest quality of representation for children. Prior to her position with the committee she worked at the Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts (CLCM), first as a Skadden Fellow where her project focused on representing children in abuse and neglect cases and expediting their cases to a permanent plan. Following this fellowship she became a staff attorney at CLCM where she continued to represented children in abuse and neglect cases as well as education cases.

JO DE LAMAR BL was called to the Irish Bar in 2001, where she practised in a number of areas of law including criminal, constitutional, asylum law, employment and labour law and human rights law. Jo also worked as a legal counsel to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission. Jo was previously appointed a Chairperson to the Refugee Appeals Tribunal by the Irish Minister for Justice. Jo has an LLM in Human Rights Law and an M.Phil in International Relations. Jo took up her post with Railway Children in Tanzania in 2015, currently she has a number of responsibilities including as Government liaison and in this regard sits on a Ministry for Health and Children Taskforce set up to domesticate the International Guidelines on Family Reintegration, is liaising with the Government on the implementation of the UN General Comment No 21 and liaises on programmes for street connected children and youth being carried out both on behalf and in cooperation with the Tanzanian Government. Jo is also examining domestic legislation for compliance with the CRC and UN General Comment No 21 with a view to challenging legislation that does not comply. Jo is also working on a new programme to assist juveniles in conflict with the law to access justice and juveniles who are victims of abuse to have their cases prosecuted.

DARLENE LYNCH is a U.S.-trained attorney, who has been engaged in law and advocacy on behalf of child victims of sexual exploitation and trafficking for many years. She currently serves as a senior legal advisor to ECPAT International, the largest global network dedicated to ending the sexual exploitation of children worldwide. Darlene led ECPAT’s 2017 Study on Access to Justice and Remedies for CSEC survivors and helped develop a child-friendly, global Bill of Rights for survivors. Darlene previously served as ECPAT’s Geneva representative to the United Nations. Darlene now lives in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, where she continues to work on child trafficking issues and serves on the Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force.

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BONIFACE OKARI MAGATI holds over 7 years in designing and developing adaptive monitoring and evaluation systems. His current focus is research and development of problem specific theories of change on children and youth especially those living in street situations in the urban slum settlements across East Africa.

His current role in Pendekezo Letu as the Program Development manager involves developing and monitoring implementation of projects aligned to rescue, rehabilitation and reintegration of children in street situations. He is the current coordinator of the Nairobi street children and Youth consortium that brings over 35 organizations working to
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Boniface is currently undertaking an MSc in Epidemiology from the College of Health Sciences (JKUAT), Nairobi and holds various professional courses aligned to M&E and research.

**EMILY MALCOLM** is the Programme (Africa, Asia) and MEAL Manager at Toybox, a UK-based charity with 25 years’ experience supporting and protecting street-connected children in Latin America, Kenya and India. Emily develops and manages child protection and rights based programmes in India and Kenya, and spearheads Toybox’s Adaptive Programming work. She has facilitated partner and multi-stakeholder Theory of Change workshops to strengthen programmes and child protection systems in-country. Emily recently co-authored Toybox’s policy report on the ‘Ways of Coping: Children Growing Up on the Streets of Nairobi’. Emily’s previous roles were with UNHCR and UNSSC, and civil society in Ghana. She also has a MA in Global Politics & Law, focusing on legal citizenship of second generation immigrants in Italy.

**SABAS MASAWE** is the current Chairperson of THE TANZANIA CHILD RIGHTS FORUM (TCRF). TCRF is an umbrella organization that has 250 members across the country (Tanzania Mainland). His work is to oversee the Secretariat to ensure that they perform their duties according to the strategic plan and also to coordinate the other Board members so that they together support the Secretariat. TCRF is responsible for ensuring that alternative reports to UNCRC and Africa Committee of Experts for the Rights and Welfare of Children (ACERWC) are prepared timely. He also works hand in hand with the Secretariat together with Board members in looking for operating funds for the Forum.

On top of this task he is the Project Coordinator of an organization called Dogodogo Street Children Trust that advocates for child rights with a special focus on street children and youth. It is in this organization that he supervises a street children “mobile education” in which children working and living on the streets meet daily at different locations in the city of Dar es Salaam to study 3Rs, life skills and entrepreneurship. They also meet with counselors and social workers for psychosocial support and counselling.

Mr. Masawe also serves in the Management Committee of East Africa Child Rights Network (EACRN), he is the Chair of Steering Committee of Men Engage Tanzania (MET) Chapter, member of Tanzania Education Network (TEN/MET) and a member of Tanzania End Child Marriage Network (TECMN).

**JESSICA MEDEIROS** is 26 years old and is a coach at the Safe Space program run by Street Child United Brazil. Jessica and the coaches run soccer training and life skills for girls and boys in one of Rio's most dangerous communities. Jessica also grew up in an extremely dangerous community and was involved in drug and weapon trafficking in her youth. Jessica found her love for soccer through an organization called Favela Street who selected Team Brazil girls for the Street Child World Cup 2014. Jessica was a coach of the team and started working for Street Child United following the event.

**JUDGE EDUARDO MELO** has been a Judge in Brazil since 1991, has a Master degrees in Philosophy (Pontificial Catholic University of São Paulo) and in Advanced Studies in Children’s Rights (University of Fribourg, Switzerland) and is currently engaged in his PhD Studies on Human Rights at the University of São Paulo. Judge Melo is the former Secretary General of the International Association of Youth and Family Judges and Magistrates and former President of the Brazilian Association of Child Protection and Youth Magistrates. He is the Coordinator for Children’s Rights Studies at the São Paulo State Judicial School.
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MIKIKO OTANI is an international human rights lawyer based in Tokyo where practicing family law with focus on women’s and children’s rights. She is Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child, Council Member of the International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute and former Chair of the Committee on International Human Rights of the Japan Federation of Bar Associations. She is also the country representative of Japan for the Family Law and Family Rights Section of LAWASIA (The Law Association for Asia and the Pacific). The areas of her focus include human rights education, early childhood development, child participation, girl child, child marriage, human trafficking and migrant children.

As a leading woman lawyer representing civil society in Japan, Ms. Otani was an Alternate Representative of the Delegation of Japan to the 60th and the 61st UN General Assembly (Third Committee) (2005-2006) and an Advisor (NGO Representative) of the Delegation of Japan to the 53rd UN Commission on the Status of Women (2009). Ms. Otani has been actively involved with NGOs and professional organizations at the regional and the international levels, having served as a Regional Council member of the Asia-Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (2005-2014) and as Co-Chair of the Women Lawyers’ Interest Group of the International Bar Association (2013-2014).

Ms. Otani is also active in academic, research and teaching works. She is a Member of the Executive Council of the Japan Chapter of the Asian Society of International Law. She has been a lecturer on international human rights at Soka University Graduate School of Law. She was invited to give lectures at the training seminars for lawyers of Cambodia, Mongolia, Iraq, Iran and Malaysia on the international human rights law, women’s rights and children’s rights. She taught women and children’s issues in Japan and East Asia as a visiting professor at the William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai’i at Manoa in 2011. She participated as an invited expert at the Ernst Strüngmann Forum on “Formative Childhoods: A Path to Peace?” in Frankfurt in 2013.

Ms. Otani was admitted to Tokyo Bar Association in 1990. She holds Bachelor of Law from Sophia University in Tokyo (1987), Master of International and Public Affairs from Columbia University in New York (1999) and Master of Law from University of Tokyo (2003).

KAVITA RATNA is presently the Director of Advocacy of the Concerned for Working Children (CWC), which has been thrice nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. She has been working with CWC in various capacities related to communications, capacity building, policy advocacy and resource mobilisation for the past 25 years both nationally and internationally. The Concerned for Working Children is a not-for-profit secular, democratic private development agency, focusing on the issue of working children and children’s rights, with a special emphasis on children’s right to self-determination. It works in partnership with children and their communities, local governments and national and international agencies to implement viable, comprehensive and appropriate solutions to address the various problems that children and their communities face.

She is actively engaged with grassroot mobilisation, constituency capacity building as well as State and National policy interventions in the areas of child labour, child marriage, girl children, children’s protection, juvenile justice, education, children’s right to participation, children’s citizenship, developmental communication and democratic decentralisation.
She is a member of Expert Group Committees on Children’s Participation as well as Rights of Adolescents set up by the Committee on the Rights of the Child and UNICEF to input into the General Comments of the CRC Committee on Article 12 (Right to Participation) as well as the General Comment on Adolescents. She has also facilitated the South Asian Regional Consultation of children in contact with streets to input into the UNCRC General Comment on Children in Contact with Streets. She is an external advocacy adviser of Consortium of Street Children.

She has been associated with the International Working Group on Child Labour (IWGCL) and the facilitation of children’s participation at local, national, regional and international levels. She has also been a Steering Group member of the International Interagency Steering Group on creating a Step Change on Monitoring and Evaluating Children’s Participation. She is a member of the International Advisory Group on Child Labour set up by Save the Children Canada.

Kavita has been a resource person for several international and national agencies including Save the Children, Sweden, SIDA, Save the Children, Norway, Save the Children Canada, UNICEF Nepal, UNICEF Mongolia, ECPAT – International, ILO, FORUT – IOGT, Norway, Japan International Children’s Rights Centre, World Vision International, Plan International as well as to the National Government of India.

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BRUCE RIVERS is the Executive Director of Covenant House Toronto, a position he assumed five years ago. Bruce currently directs the efficient and effective administration and operation of Canada’s largest and most comprehensive agency for homeless and trafficked youth, ages 16-24.

In 2015, Bruce served as a member of the Ontario government’s Expert Advisory Panel on Homelessness, part of the province’s Poverty Reduction Strategy. Bruce was also appointed by the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services Working Group in 2012 that produced its report, A Blue Print for Fundamental Change to Ontario’s Child Welfare System, in January 2013.

Previously, Bruce served as Chief Executive Officer for Community Living Toronto, the largest organization of its kind in Canada, supporting individuals who have an intellectual disability, through a budget of $69 million.

In 2004, Bruce was seconded to Ontario’s Ministry of Children and Youth Services, as Executive Director to the then newly formed Child Welfare Secretariat and assumed responsibility as the designated Director of Child Welfare for Ontario. As former Executive Director of the Children’s Aid Society of Toronto, where he presided for 15 years, Bruce was responsible for directing one of the largest child welfare agencies in North America.

Bruce is the former President of the Child Welfare League of Canada and at an international level is the past President for the International Forum for Child Welfare. In 2015, Bruce was reappointed as Adjunct Professor in the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto.

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Professor Rizzini has conducted many research and policy studies and written extensively on children, families and their communities in Brazil especially on children living in situations of vulnerability such as poverty, violence, urban slums, and on the streets. She has also conducted studies on family support structures, children with mental and developmental disabilities and on children in the juvenile justice system. Under her direction CIESPI research teams are currently researching the functioning of federally mandated Children’s Rights Councils and their role of proposing and monitoring the implementation of children’s policies at the municipal level, and the development of tools to assist key public, private, and nonprofit sector actors to improve the state of and implementation of policies for children in contexts of vulnerability.
Professor Rizzini also directs CIESPI’s efforts in training professionals involved with children throughout Brazil especially professionals connected to the federal System for the Guarantee of Rights.

Professor Rizzini served as President of Childwatch International Research Network, a network of over forty university based research centers in over forty countries, from 2002 to 2009. Irene Rizzini held the visiting chair in Brazilian Cultural Studies at the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame in 2006, and was appointed a John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation fellow in 2008.

JUSTIN RUSH is the Director of Public Policy for the True Colors Fund. He leads the organization’s work to enact administrative and legislative policy change at the federal, state, and local level to prevent and end LGBT youth homelessness.

Before joining the team, Justin served as a Manager of Policy & Legislative Affairs at NASTAD (National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors). It is through this role that Justin provided technical assistance to ensure internal health department policy compliance with federal guidance while simultaneously working to push the organization’s policy positions through state agencies, legislatures, build strategic partnerships, nurture external partnerships, and support existing HIV and Hepatitis advocacy efforts within states and in Congress.

Justin received his Juris Doctor degree from the University Of Mississippi School Of Law leading to clerkships at the Cook County (Chicago) State’s Attorney’s Office – Juvenile Justice Bureau and the Mississippi Secretary of State’s Office – Policy & Research Division. Additionally, Justin brings nearly a decade of rich public affairs and communications experience after serving as Press Secretary and Community Liaison for the New York State Senate, during which time he implemented the East Harlem LGBT Task Force working to reduce stigma in local communities, support access to treatment and care in East Harlem and the South Bronx, and advocate for equitable policies for New York City’s LGBT community.

MICHAEL SANTOS is an attorney at the Law Center whose work focuses on advocating for homeless youth access to education through public education, impact litigation, and policy advocacy.

Prior to joining the Law Center, Michael Santos has had a long history of working on the rights of low-income and underrepresented communities through the Department of Health and Human Services and various non-profit organizations. Most recently, he was a fellow at the Clinton Foundation where he worked on an initiative to decrease the upward trend of childhood obesity in the United States.

Michael graduated from Brown University with a double concentration in Biomedical Engineering and Ethnic Studies. He received his JD from University of Southern California Gould School of Law.

PROFESSOR ANN SKELTON has worked as a children’s rights lawyer in South Africa for over 25 years. She played a leading role in child law reform through her involvement with the committees of the South African Law Reform Commission that drafted the Child Justice Act and the Children’s Act. Ann is currently the Director of the Centre for Child Law and a Law Professor at the University of Pretoria, where she also holds the UNESCO chair for Education Law in Africa. She is an advocate who often appears in the superior courts arguing children’s rights issues in strategic public interest law matters. She is an internationally recognised researcher and has published widely. In 2012 she received the Honorary Worlds’ Children’s Prize, presented by the Queen of Sweden. In December 2016 she was awarded the Juvenile Justice Without Borders award presented by the International Observatory on Juvenile Justice. Ann is currently a member of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, her term of office started in 2017.
**SARAH THOMAS DE BENITEZ** – With more than 25 years experience working with and for street-connected children, I am still learning from children and their champions. In the 1980s-1990s I co-founded and led the JUCONI Foundations for children in street situations in Mexico (1988-94) and Ecuador (1994-1996), which have matured to become global pioneers of family-centred work with street-connected children. As CEO of International Children’s Trust (2001-2003), I spearheaded organizational reform, turning a UK-based charity into a north-south alliance of civil society partners. As founding chair of the Consortium for Street Children’s Research Expert Forum (2011-2014), I developed an innovative research-practice partnership that has thrived, coming together in 4 annual research conferences to date. As CEO of Consortium for Street Children (2014-2016) I led the successful NGO campaign for a UN General Comment on Children in Street Situations, chaired the Advisory Group to the UN Committee’s Working Group, secured a highly consultative process with children, and delivered the required external support for a well-informed, evidence-based UN General Comment.

As a senior independent researcher and consultant since 2000, I have also provided technical assistance to national governments and international donors, advice to international policy makers, and support to grassroots NGOs and networks in the Americas, Africa, Europe and Asia, as well as conducting academic and policy research in Latin America. I hold a Ph.D. in Social Policy from the London School of Economics (LSE - 2007), with a doctoral thesis on street children’s experiences of social policies; with master of science degrees in Social Policy - Research (also LSE - 2002) and Public Policy (Princeton - 2000). I have conducted extensive post-doctoral research in Mexico with Professor Gareth Jones. I have written both *State of the World’s Street Children* publications for CSC – on Violence (2007) and on Research (2011). I was lead researcher (2011-12) for the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights’ *Global research study on the promotion and protection of the rights of children working and/or living on the street* and for Aviva plc (2012-2014), I led ‘PASSPORT 2012’ an international participatory research study and ‘PASSPORT Plus’ a resource pack for NGOs wanting to consult children in order to improve their programmes and practices.
I am currently researching street-family-work interfaces with street-connected children for publication, while providing consultancy services to entities working to support governments in applying UN General Comment 21 on children in street situations.

SUSANA TIerno BEAL is a social worker and graduated from the University of the Eastern Republic of Uruguay. She has worked in the Institute of Children and Adolescents of Uruguay since 1987, linked to the care of children and adolescents in situations of social vulnerability.

From the year 1992 to the present she has developed within the Institute, tasks of care and management in the theme of children and adolescents in street situation. She has also managed a project in the capital and other localities of the country. She has participated in trainings, exchanges and seminars internally, and with other countries.

Integrating the Pioneer Country Commission (INAU), for the elaboration and implementation of a National Plan of Action specific to Children and Adolescents in street situation. (General Comment No. 21 (2017) on street children, Committee on the Rights of the Child, United Nations).

CASEY TRUPIN works on ending youth homelessness at the Raikes Foundation. Previously, he served as the Directing Attorney for the Children and Youth Project at Columbia Legal Services in Seattle, advocating for at-risk, homeless and foster children and youth. Trupin represented thousands of foster youth and homeless adults in litigation and worked on state and federal legislation designed to improve services to low-income children, youth and adults in Washington State and nationwide. Trupin also consulted with the Casey Family Programs Judicial Engagement Team, a national project to improve outcomes for children and families and safely reduce the number of children in foster care through improved judicial and legal practice. Trupin is a Special Advisor to the American Bar Association’s (ABA) Commission on Homelessness and Poverty, which he chaired from 2006-09, as well as a former Co-Chair of the Children’s Rights Litigation Committee of the ABA. Trupin has co-taught the Legislative Advocacy Clinic and Street Law at the University of Washington School of Law. Trupin has authored or edited numerous books and articles on at-risk, homeless, and foster children, including Educating Children without Housing: A Primer on Legal Requirements and Implementation Strategies for Educators, Advocates and Policymakers (3d Ed.) (ABA, 2009). In 1997, Trupin co-founded Street Youth Legal Advocates of Washington (SYLAW), and went on to direct the program until 2005. From 2005-06, Trupin worked on federal child welfare policy as Counsel for Special Projects at the Center for Law and Social Policy (CLASP) in Washington, D.C. Trupin has received national recognition for his work, including the ABA’s Child Advocacy Award—Distinguished Lawyer (2011), the National Network for Youth Advocacy Spirit Award (2010), and the Congressional Angel in Adoption Award (2005). From 2006-12, Trupin served as the Inaugural Chair of the William H. Gates Public Service Law Program at the University of Washington School of Law, from which he graduated with honors in 1999.

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practices. She helps lead teams on child welfare, juvenile justice and education issues in federal circuit courts, state supreme courts and in the appellate and trial courts of Florida where she has been focusing on the representation of victims of immigrant children and trafficking victims in Miami and from around the nation. In addition, her legal work includes human rights and public international law projects for global pro bono clients of the Firm. She is a frequent speaker at national and international conferences on issues including U.S. Supreme Court decision relevant to defenders at the National Juvenile Defender Summit, sessions at the Pro Bono Institute’s national seminar, sessions at the Equal Justice Conference of the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association and the ABA, a human rights perspective on the legal needs of street-connected children at the International Summit on the Legal Needs of Street Children as well as other organizations. She recently helped found the Children’s Rights Summit that is now an annual event in Silicon Valley for in-house counsel and children’s advocates. She also helped lead the first-ever White House Hackathon on foster care and technology and has continued the work started there in other technology developments around the country focusing on at risk and vulnerable children and youth.

She is member and helps lead efforts of the American Bar Association in public interest law including the Working Group on Unaccompanied Minor Immigrants of the ABA, Section of Litigation’s Children’s Rights Litigation Committee, the Coordinating Committee on the Legal Needs of Homeless Youth, and the Pro Bono Task Force for the Section of Litigation. Angela is a board member and active faculty for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and a member of the Standing committee on Pro Bono for the Florida Bar. She is a Board Member of the Florida Bar Foundation. Her past work includes service as a Pro Bono Task Force member of congressionally-appointed Legal Services Corporation (LSC), the single largest funder of civil legal aid for low-income Americans in the nation and a special advisor and former chair of the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence.