

SHIRA M. DINER

EXPERIENCE

Boston University School of Law

July 2023 – Present

Lecturer and Clinical Instructor

- Supervise clinical students in legal representation of indigent defendants in the Boston Municipal Court
- Teach in the Defender Clinic, Trial Advocacy Program, and Criminal Law Clinic

Todd & Weld LLP

March 2019-Present

Director of Associate Development and Recruitment

- Deliver and enhance associate orientation programs and provide continuing training for associates.
- Advise associates to develop CLE and professional development goals.
- Monitor individual workload of associates, review and respond to partner workload requests, and prepare monthly workload status report.
- Direct all aspects of attorney and summer associate hiring, including liaising with the hiring committee to establish hiring goals and serving as the point of contact for applicants.
- Maintain relationships with local law schools and other local organizations to promote firm's diversity goals in hiring and retention.
- Construct and oversee Associate Development Department budget
- Collaborate with other firm managers on day-to-day operation of the firm.

Suffolk University Law School

Adjunct Clinical Professor of Law, Innocence Clinic

August 2017 – Present

- Supervise students in screening and investigating applications submitted by prisoners who are seeking to challenge their convictions based on a claim of innocence.
- Teach a weekly seminar focusing on the Massachusetts criminal justice system and how the system can give rise to wrongful convictions as well as an exploration of types of cases which most commonly lead to wrongful convictions and ideas for reform.

Massachusetts Sentencing Commission

Commissioner

August 2016-Present

- Appointed by Governor Charlie Baker to formulate uniform sentencing policies, develop systematic sentencing guidelines, and integrate intermediate sanctions within the sentencing guidelines.
- Design and deliver trainings for judges and practitioners on the revised Sentencing Guidelines.

Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education, Boston, MA

October 2008-Present

Volunteer Lecturer, Program Planner and Criminal Law Curriculum Advisory Committee Member

- Organize a wide array of complex, high-level legal programs for various audiences including the Annual Criminal Law Conference (2013-18, 2021), Legal Services Conference (2018), First Look at the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Reform Bills (2018) and Probation Violations: Effective Advocacy (2016.)
- Edit and design legal books, including *Massachusetts District Court Criminal Defense Manual* (2019) and *Trying Drug Cases in Massachusetts* (2015.)

- Present and serve as small group faculty for numerous programs including; SJC’s Rule 3:16, Practicing with Professionalism Program (2016-2020), Criminal Justice Reform for Legal Services (2017), MCLE Professional Development Plan: Common Defenses (2014) and Post-Conviction Relief & Appellate Advocacy: Developing a New Narrative on Appeal (May 2011)

Massachusetts Legislature Special Commission on Bail Reform January 2019-December 2019

Commissioner

- In conjunction with the members of the Special Commission, drafted recommendations for the legislature on possible reforms to related to the Commonwealth’s current bail system.

Committee for Public Counsel Services, Boston, MA

Supervising Attorney, Criminal Defense Training Unit (CDTU)

May 2012- February 2019

- Supervised and evaluated CDTU staff and supported their professional development to meet the agency’s long term goals.
- Developed training curricula after assessing needs. Teach, recruit and coach faculty.
- Developed strategic planning initiatives for CPCS Public Defender Division employees and bar advocates who accept appointments through the Private Counsel Division.
- Developed litigation strategies on new and cutting edge legal developments as well as training initiatives to communicate those strategies and best practices.
- Delivered training and serve as faculty for a wide array of criminal topics and programs.
- Responding individual lawyer and organizational requests for CDTU training assistance

Legal Training Attorney Criminal Defense Training Unit (CDTU)

March 2008 –May 2012

- Designed, developed, delivered and oversaw training programs and other written training resources.
- Taught and evaluated the CPCS core curriculum and specialized training events.

Staff Attorney Superior Court Office

September 2002 – March 2008

- Represented indigent defendants in Barnstable and Suffolk Counties who were charged with serious felonies in all aspects of criminal litigation, from pretrial arraignment through trial.

Superior Court of Massachusetts, Boston, MA

Law Clerk

September 2001 – August 2002

- Prepared draft decisions, legal memoranda and proposed jury instructions for criminal and civil trials, hearings and motion sessions.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- **Massachusetts Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Board of Directors**
 - President Elect, September 2021
 - Vice-President, October 2019-Present
 - Chair, Young Lawyers Committee (2013-2015) and Membership Committee (2015-2019)

BAR ADMISSION

- Massachusetts, 2002

EDUCATION

Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, MA

Juris Doctor, May 2001

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Hebrew, with Certificate in Women's Studies, 1997

Leadership: Senior Class President