

Jennifer Schultz, Esq.

EXPERIENCE

Community Legal Services, Inc.

May 2007 – present

Senior Staff Attorney, January 2016 – present

Supervising Attorney, September 2008 – January 2016

Staff Attorney, June 2007 – August 2008

Represent clients in federal, state, and bankruptcy court on issues relating to mortgage foreclosure, homeownership, and consumer rights. Coordinate and conduct professional trainings state-wide for attorneys. Provide substantive support for housing and credit counselors. Conduct community education and media outreach. Advocate for systemic legal change at city and state level. Provide supervision and substantive support to paralegals, interns, and fellows within Homeowner and Consumer Rights unit.

Community Impact Legal Services, Inc.

May 2005 – May 2007

Staff Attorney

Responsible for all aspects of litigating housing, consumer rights, and predatory lending cases in Chester, Bucks, Delaware, and Montgomery Counties. Litigated in federal, state, and bankruptcy court. Conducted public outreach and present seminars to public on predatory lending and consumer rights. Supervised paralegal.

Hon. A. Richard Caputo, U.S. Dist. Court for the M.D. Pa.

August 2003 – April 2005

Law Clerk

Reviewed motions, drafted opinions, and researched legal issues on topics including § 1983, ADA, Title VII, immigration law, RICO, and Pennsylvania state law. Prepared jury instructions. Attended trials, hearings, pre-trial conferences, and settlement conferences.

Cornell Legal Aid Clinic

January 2002 – January 2003

Law Intern

Appeared in family and criminal court, counseled clients, prepared youth offenders for parole hearings, prepared divorce filings, conducted settlement negotiations, researched legal issues and wrote legal briefs, prepared sentencing memoranda, and conducted fact investigations.

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia

July 2002 – August 2002

Law Clerk

Assisted trial attorneys in all stages of defending indigent clients from criminal charges. Researched legal issues, drafted jury instructions, drafted closing argument, attended client and witness meetings, prepared exhibits documents for trial, observed court proceedings, and served subpoenas. Analyzed federal habeas corpus doctrine.

Shea & Gardner

May 2002 – July 2002

Summer Associate

Researched legal issues and wrote memoranda in the areas of white collar crime, insurance law, tax law, and family law. Analyzed patterns in judicial decisions for why and how judges use scholarly articles in their opinions.

Robert Hillman, Cornell Law School

May 2001 – September 2001

Research Assistant

Researched legal and non-legal topics for upcoming journal articles. Focused on contract and consumer protection law. Wrote memoranda summarizing findings and recommending use of material in manuscripts.

A D M I S S I O N S

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania	October 2003 – present
United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit	August 2018 – present
United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania	May 2005 – present

P R O F E S S I O N A L A S S O C I A T I O N S

Philadelphia Legal Services Union	
Healthcare Committee	January 2017 – present
Negotiations Committee	2011 & 2016
Student Loan Assistance Fund Committee	2008 & 2018
Bylaws Committee	2019
Secretary	January 2012 – January 2017
Member	June 2007 – present
Philadelphia Bar Association, Delivery of Legal Services Committee	
Intake Subcommittee, Co-Chair	January 2013 – November 2015
Intake Subcommittee, Member	June 2009 – November 2015
National Association of Consumer Advocates	
Ethics Committee	January 2018 – present
Member	June 2007 – present
National Association of Bankruptcy Consumer Advocates	2011
Community Services Planning Committee, Board Member	December 2005 – May 2007
Chester County, Pennsylvania	
The committee administers funding streams of federal, state, and local grants which serve local homeless populations. The committee reviews applications from local organizations, prepares grant applications submitted to HUD, Community Service Block Grants, distributes the funds awarded, and performs the routine oversight of grant recipients. Sub-Committee on Forms and Rules; Sub-Committee on Inter-Organization Communications.	
Chester County Bar Association	May 2005 – December 2007
Young Lawyer's Division, Pro Bono Committee, Mock Trial Attorney Advisor	
Scranton Bar Association	August 2003 – August 2005
Young Lawyer's Division, Mock Trial Attorney Advisor	

E D U C A T I O N

Cornell Law School, Ithaca, NY	J.D., <i>cum laude</i>, May 2003
G.P.A.: 3.62	
Honors: <u>Journal of Law and Public Policy</u> , Associate Editor	
Legal Information Institute, Special Projects Managing Editor	
Dean's List	
CALI Award for highest grade in Evidence class	
Cornell Legal Aid Clinic recognition for dedicated legal service	
Stanley E. Gould Award for Public Interest Law	
Boston University, Boston, MA	B.A., Psychology, <i>magna cum laude</i>, May 1999
G.P.A.: 3.63	
Honors: Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, Summer Stipend	
Dean's List	
Golden Key National Honor Society, Psi Chi – Psychology National Honor Society	

H O N O R S & A W A R D S

AAUW – West Chester Branch “Member Making a Difference”	2017
Unsung Hero Award The Legal Intelligencer For dedication to helping the community	2012
Legislative Acknowledgement issued by State Rep. Harold James in recognition of outstanding achievements “which bring distinction to you, your community, and your state.”	2008

C O M M U N I T Y I N V O L V E M E N T

Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks Chair, Grumblethorpe House Committee Chair, Oktoberfest Fundraiser Member, Grumblethorpe House Committee	January 2016 – present 2015 – 2018 November 2013 – present
American Association of University Women (AAUW) Member – National, Pennsylvania, and Chester County – West Chester branch GETT Expo Coordinator Start Smart Trainer Handbook Committee Chair	2013 – present 2016 – present 2016 2018, 2019
Foreclosure Prevention Task Force Urban Affairs Coalition A member of the Education and Awareness Work Group. Co-authored the Foreclosure Prevention Resource Guide. Assisted with the design of UAC’s website which provides information on foreclosures. As part of the work-group, prepared recommendations for UAC on response to the foreclosure crisis in Philadelphia area.	January 2008 – present
University of Pennsylvania Mock Trial Judge, Benjamin Franklin Invitational Tournament Mock Trial Judge, Quaker Classic Tournament	2018, 2019 2018
Junior Achievement Career Day Volunteer	2016
Simon Gratz High School Mastery Charter Career Mentor and Career Day Panelist	2014
The People’s Law School (run by Philadelphia Bar Assc.) Volunteer Teacher, Consumer Credit Section	2011
American Constitution Society Constitution in the Classroom Trainer	2009