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**EDUCATION**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION - Bloomington, IN

Ph.D. (ABD) in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

Dissertation Title: Autism-centric charter schools: legal and policy tensions

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW - Bloomington, IN

J.D.; May 2004; Admitted to the Indiana Bar and Domestic Relations Mediator

LONDON LAW CONSORTIUM - London, England

Studied abroad at law consortium of six U.S. law schools; 2004

COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON - Charleston, SC

B.S. in Psychology; Minor: Political Science; May 1997

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND - Toowoomba, Australia

Studied abroad at Australian University; 1997

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

INDIANA UNIVERSITY, CENTER FOR EVALUATION & EDUCATION POLICY - Bloomington, IN  
*Research Associate*, July 2009 - present

Design, execute, and manage a variety of evaluation and research projects. Develop evaluation tools, collect and analyze data, and prepare reports. Research legal issues related to equity in special education and charter schools. Work collaboratively with clients and research teams. Teach education law course to graduate students. Member of the School Choice Team.

OWEN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT - Spencer, IN

*Family Court Administrator*, October 2005 - present

Oversee the operations of the Mediation Project which provides mediations to low-income families in divorce, paternity, and CHINS cases. Coordinate with the judge to develop policy and procedures. Write grant applications, manage the budget, and secure funding. Conduct mediations and intake interviews, assess co-payments, research case histories, and supervise mediators. Maintain statistics and write evaluation reports for the Indiana Supreme Court.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION - Bloomington, IN

*Associate Instructor*, August 2005 - May 2009

*Research Assistant*, August 2007- June 2009

Taught multiple sections of E310/A308/A508: Legal and Ethical Issues in Education (a graduate and undergraduate course). Assisted in teaching and grading of A624: the Principalship K-12 (a graduate course). Researched and edited a variety of journal articles, book chapters, and textbooks for publication by Drs. Martha McCarthy and Suzanne Eckes.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY PURDUE UNIVERSITY INDIANAPOLIS - Indianapolis, IN

*Lecturer*, July 2008 and July 2009

Developed and taught a three-week intensive graduate course, A608 Legal Perspectives in Education, to students accepted to the Urban Principal Program.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW - Bloomington, IN

*Family and Children Mediation Clinic and Child Advocacy Clinic Fellow*, June 2004 - June 2006

Taught and supervised law students to become Domestic Relations Mediators and *Guardians ad Litem*. Drafted legal documents and edited students' legal writing. Assisted in administrative and curricular responsibilities; writing of appellate briefs; development and presentation of Continuing Legal Education trainings; and transition of the Child Advocacy Clinic into the Family and Children Mediation Clinic. Served as *Pro Bono* Project Coordinator for the IU School of Law.

J.R. CONSULTING - Bloomington, IN, and Princeton, NJ, August 2000 - December 2003

BARTHOLOMEW CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION - Columbus, IN, 2000 - 2003

*Behavioral Consultant*, 2000 - 2003

Designed and supervised Applied Behavior Analysis programs for children with autism. Trained and evaluated school personnel and parents. Created skill acquisition, behavior reduction, and Individualized Education Programs. Led workshops. Advocated for children at IEP meetings, due process hearings, and before the Indiana Legislature.

PRINCETON CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE - Princeton, NJ, January 1998 - August 2000

FUTURES IN MIND - Toowoomba, Australia, January - October 1997

JENNIFER AND KEN BOGGS - Charleston, SC, May 1996 - January 1997

*Teacher*, 1996 - 2000

Taught children with autism ages two through thirteen years old using an Applied Behavior Analysis methodology. Collected and analyzed data. Created curriculum. Implemented skill acquisition and behavior reduction in school, home, and community settings. Wrote progress reports. Trained parents and new teachers. Conducted and presented research.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Legal Perspectives on Education (graduate course taught online Spring 2010)

Legal and Ethical Issues in Education for Elementary Majors (undergraduate)

Legal Issues for Secondary Teachers (undergraduate)

School Law and the Teacher (graduate)

Legal Perspectives on Education (graduate)

Family and Children Mediation Clinic (graduate)

Child Advocacy Clinic (graduate)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Eckes, S. & Decker, J. (in press). Tort law and public schools. In C. Russo (Ed.), *The yearbook of education law*. Dayton, OH: Education Law Association.

Decker, J. (in press). *University of Pennsylvania v. EEOC*. In C. Russo (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of law and higher education*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

Decker, J. (in press). *Berea College v. Kentucky*. In C. Russo (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of law and higher education*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

Macey, E., Decker, J., & Eckes, S. (2009). The Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP): An analysis of one model's efforts to promote achievement in underserved communities. *Journal of School Choice*, 3(3), 212-241.

Eckes, S. & Decker, J. (2009). /Torts. In C. Russo (Ed.), *The yearbook of education law*. Dayton, OH: Education Law Association.

Eckes, S. & Rumble, J. (2008) Charter schools, accountability and achievement. *School Business Affairs*, 74(9), 8-10.

Rumble, J. (2008). *Bethel School District v. Fraser*. In C. Russo (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of education law*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

Rumble, J. (2008). *Hazelwood School District v. United States*. In C. Russo (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of education law*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

Rumble, J. (2008). *Owasso v. Falvo*. In C. Russo (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of education law*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, Inc.

### **REFEREED PRESENTATIONS AT ACADEMIC CONFERENCES**

Eckes, S., Plucker, J., Macey, E., & Rumble, J. (2008, March). *Closing the achievement gap for minority students and the KIPP charter school movement*. Roundtable presentation at annual meeting of the American Education Research Association, New York City, New York.

Gibbs, J., Rumble, J., & Steketee, A. (2006, October). *Schools in a Rapidly Advancing Technological Age: Is the Law Keeping Pace?* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Education Law Association, Nassau, Bahamas.

### **SELECTED INVITED TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, AND TRAININGS**

Rumble, J. (2008, June). Role Play Coach and Trainer for the Domestic Relations Mediation Training with a Focus on Low-Income and Unrepresented Mediation Parties. Indianapolis, IN.

Rumble, J. (2008, March). *How to decrease expenditures while better educating Indiana's growing number of students with disabilities*. Indiana Legislature Graduate Education Day, Indianapolis, IN.

McCarthy, M., Eckes, E., Rumble, J. & Bathon, J. (2007, October). *Current issues in school law*. Indiana Network of Women Administrators. Educational Leadership Conference, Bloomington, IN.

Rumble, J. & Bathon, J. (2007, April). *The changing legal landscape in reaction to changes in technology*. Education and Social Issues Seminar. Indiana University. Bloomington, IN.

- Rumple, J. (2006, October). *Public interest law*. Legal Professions Course. Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN.
- Eckes, S., & Rumple, J. (2006, August). *Legal issues in special education*. Special Education Licensure Group. Indiana University School of Education. Bloomington, IN.
- Applegate, A., & Rumple, J. (2006, July). *Overview of Guardian ad Litem role*. Continuing Legal Education: Representing the Child's Best Interest – GAL Training for Attorneys. Lake County Superior Court, Gary, IN.
- Applegate, A., & Rumple, J. (2006, July). *Best interest and the role of the Guardian ad Litem*. Continuing Legal Education: Representing the Child's Best Interest – GAL Training for Attorneys. Lake County Superior Court, Gary, IN.
- Rumple, J. (2006, July). *Indiana Parenting Time Guidelines and Child Support Guidelines*. Continuing Legal Education: Representing the Child's Best Interest – GAL Training for Attorneys. Lake County Superior Court, Gary, IN.
- Rumple, J. (2006, July). *Education and settlement issues*. Continuing Legal Education: Representing the Child's Best Interest – GAL Training for Attorneys. Lake County Superior Court, Gary, IN.
- Rumple, J. & Applegate, A. (2006, July). *How to conduct the Guardian ad Litem investigation*. Continuing Legal Education: Representing the Child's Best Interest – GAL Training for Attorneys. Lake County Superior Court, Gary, IN.
- Rumple, J. (2005, June). *Educational issues for Guardians ad Litem*. Continuing Legal Education Conference for *Guardians ad Litem*. Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN, June, 2005.
- Rumple, J. & Applegate, A. (2005, June). *Parenting time issues*. Continuing Legal Education Conference for *Guardians ad Litem*. Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN.
- Rumple, J. (2004, November). *The value of special education mediation*. Indiana Autism Coalition: Experts in Our Backyard Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Rumple, J. (2004, November). *Applied Behavior Analysis methodologies and myths*. Indiana Autism Coalition: Experts in Our Backyard Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Rumple, J. (2001, June). *An introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis and autism*. Continuing Renewal Unit Program. Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation, Columbus, IN.
- Krantz, P. J., McClannahan, L. E., Rumple, J., MacDuff, M. A., McLaughlin-Cheng, E., & Myles, S. (1999, April). *Peer tutoring: skill acquisition by tutors and tutees with autism*. Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC) Conference, Atlantic City, NJ.
- Rumple, J. (1997, March). *Introduction to Applied Behavior Analysis for children diagnosed with autism*. ABA Training Conference, Toowoomba, Australia.
- Rumple, J. & Portwood, S. (1996, November). *Deception in young children: Implications for legal contexts*. Ecological Community Psychology Conference, Charleston, SC.

## **SERVICE**

- Judge *Pro Tem*, Owen County Circuit Court, 2007
- Law and Disorder Journal, Reviewer, 2007
- *Guardian ad Litem*, Owen County Circuit Court, 2006
- National Advisory Board Member, Special Education Advocates Training (SEAT), 2005-2006
- *Pro Bono* Project Coordinator for the IU School of Law, 2004-2006
- President, Public Interest Law Foundation, IU School of Law, 2002-2003
- Chairperson, Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committee, IU School of Law, 2002-2003
- Executive Board, American Constitution Society, IU School of Law, 2002-2003
- Executive Board, Disability and the Law Society, IU School of Law, 2003

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

- Indiana Bar
- Education Law Association
- University Council for Educational Administration
- American Education Research Association
  - Law and Education Special Interest Group
  - Special Education Special Interest Group
  - Administration, Organization, and Leadership
  - Educational Policies and Politics

## **AWARDS**

- Beechler Pre-Proposal Dissertation Award, 2009
- David L. Clark National Graduate Student Research Seminar in Educational Administration and Policy, Indiana University Nominee, 2008
- Nancy Louis Kaye Memorial Fellowship, Indiana University Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, 2008
- Outstanding Associate Instructor Award, Indiana University School of Education, 2007
- Clinical Legal Education Association's Outstanding Clinical Student Award, Indiana University School of Law, 2004
- Public Interest Law Foundation Award, Indiana University School of Law, 2004