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CHRISTOPHER NEAL OAKLEY'S RESUME

EDUCATION

QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Hamden, CT 2001-2004

Juris Doctor

Honors: Academic Scholarship

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE, Knoxville, TN 1994-2000

Bachelor of Arts, Economics Minor, Business

Honors: *G L Herrington Scholarship*

Semi-Finalist, Poetry Scholarship Contest

Work Published: *The Best Poems and Poets of 2002*

Activities: Alpha Tau Omega

Scholastic Chairman

House Kitchen Manager

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER

Legal Ethics Training

2017

CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION, New Britain, CT

Acts Affecting Children; P.A. 18-186—Timely Notice of Child Placements 2018

Adoption Assistance Project via UConn Health – Joselyn Benoit, LCSW 2020

Advanced Family Law 2006

Administrative Hearings for Treatment Plans - Attorney O'Shea 2018

Anders Briefs - Attorney Sexton 2018

Appeal Issues & Recognizing Final Judgments in CP Cases - Attorney Sexton 2019

Bankruptcy Law 2006

Court Ordered Evaluations – Dr Humphrey 2017

Court Ordered Evaluations - Dr. Schroeder 2019

Delinquency Court Programs – State Attorney Vallen 2020

Drafting Your Client's Will 2007

Drug and Alcohol Testing and Monitoring 101 - Steven Paymer 2018

Keeping Kids and their Families Safe.

Fair Housing Litigation 2007

Family First Prevention and Services Act 2019

Michael Williams, Deputy Director at DCF

<u>Family Law 101</u>	2006 & 2007
<u>First Amendment Lawsuit in US District Court by the Hartford Courant</u>	2020
Challenging state law making Juvenile Court cases transferred to Adult Court secret	
<u>Juvenile Court from the Judge's perspective</u> - Judge Conway	2019
<u>Juvenile Court from the AAG's perspective</u> - Attorney Mahon	2019
<u>Juvenile Court from the Commissioners perspective</u> – Commissioner Dorantes	2019
<u>Juvenile Court from the prior Commissioners perspective</u>	2020
Justice/Commissioner Katz	
<u>Juvenile Court and Probate Court from the Judge's perspective</u> – Judge Jalowiec	2019
<u>Lawyers for Children in America</u>	2007
<u>Policing Connecticut's Hallways: The Prevalence and Impact of School Resource Officers in Connecticut</u>	2019
<u>Point of Law Discussions:</u>	
Cases:	
<i>In re Anaishaly C.</i>	2019
No authority that the current decriminalization of marijuana lessened the relevance in CP matters for use prior to decriminalization.	
<i>In re Athena C.</i>	2018
No abuse of discretion for the trial court to decline to TOG to the grandmother in light of all the evidence presented	
<i>In re David W.</i>	2020
Communications with Court Ordered Evaluators	
<i>Dubinsky v. Reich</i>	2019
GAL are afforded absolute immunity	
<i>Early v Czaja</i>	2019
Enforcement of an Open Adoption Agreement	
<i>In re Elijah C.</i>	2017
Applicability of the ADA to CP matters.	
<i>In re Iliana T.</i>	2017
DCF does not have the right to vaccinate children on an OTC	
<i>In re Jacob W.</i>	2019
No ongoing parent-child relationship test for TPRs.	
<i>In re Madison M.</i>	2018
Specific steps for incarcerated parents in termination of parental rights proceedings.	
<i>In re Samantha C.</i>	2018
Adverse Inference.	
<i>In re Taijha H.-B.</i>	2019
An indigent mother had a Constitutional right to counsel under Due Process Clause of Fourteenth Amendment.	
<u>Office of Child Advocate Reports:</u>	
<i>Albert J. Solnit Center South and the Death of Destiny G.</i>	2018
<i>Conditions of Confinement for Incarcerated Youth</i>	2019
<i>In re Matthew Tirado</i> - Focus on the role of the AMC	2018
<u>CT Voices Report:</u>	
<i>Children on the disparate impact that presence of School Resource Officers has had on disciplinary removals.</i>	2019
<u>CT Mirror Report:</u>	2020
<i>Juvenile Justice Advocates: Let's 'Raise the Age' Again</i>	
<u>Psychological, Psychiatric, and Custody Evaluations</u>	2011
<u>Raising the Bar: A Bench-Bar Symposium on Professionalism</u>	2017
Panelist Speaker for Juvenile Break out session	
<u>School Expulsion Hearing</u>	2007

<i>Supportive Housing Supportive Housing for Families Program,</i>	2018
<i>Understanding the Impact of Child Trauma</i>	2018
Alice M. Forrester, PhD, Clifford Beers	
<i>Unexplained injury cases</i> - Attorney Rob Lewonka	2018
<i>Wheeler Clinic's Reunification and Therapeutic Family Time Program</i>	2018
Emy McGaffin and Laura Campbell	
<u>HARTFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u> , Hartford, CT	
<i>Tax Issues in Family Law Cases</i>	2007
<u>NATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER FOR COMMUNITY</u>	
<i>Supporting Military Families</i>	2008
This presentation discussed various Department of Defense initiative for children, youth and families. The prevention programs focus on multiple delivery approaches.	
<u>NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CONFERENCES</u>	
<i>Appellate & Respondent Briefs</i>	2011
<u>NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY</u>	
<i>Trial Advocacy for Child Advocacy</i>	2011
<u>STATE OF CONNECTICUT</u>	
<i>Connecticut Judicial Branch</i>	
Concurrent Permanency Planning Theory and Practice	2011
Middletown Family Short Calendar – Pilot Program	2010
New Detention Rules	2017
Visitation program for reunification and therapeutic family time	2015
<i>Connecticut Legal Research and Courthouse Resources</i>	2007
Connecticut Legal Research, Judicial Branch Law Library Services, E-Services and Web-Based Court Information, and Court Service Centers	
<i>Commission on Child Protection</i>	
AMC/GAL Family Matters	2010
Appellate Advocacy in Child Protection Proceedings	2008 & 2010
Conduct and Behavioral Disorders in the Foster and Adoptive Child	2007
Child Development and the Impact of Removal	2008
DCF Treatment Plan and Specific Steps	2008
Direct and Cross Examination of an Expert Witness	2008
Federal Child Welfare Legislation HR 6393	2008
Educational Stability Act: Educational Decision – Making	2011
GAL Representation in Delinquency Cases	2007
Juvenile Court Rules, effective January 1, 2009	2008
K.I.D.S. Time Tracking Training	2009
Litigating Termination of Parental Rights Cases	2008
Psychological Evaluations: Fact or Fiction	2011
Pre-Service Training presented by the Center for Children's Advocacy	2007
Significant Developments with the DCF Federal Court Consent Decree	2008
Strategy and Evidence in Child Protection Cases	2008
Sustaining Safety and Well Being of Children	2011
<i>Department of Children and Families</i>	
Considered removal	2013

DCF Permanency for Adolescents Training	2017
Permanency Teaming Practice, DCF Open Floor Collaborative	2015
Substantiation Appeal Process	2008

Department of Children and Families, DMHAS, and Court Operations in collaboration with CCPA

Connecticut Collaboration for Safe and Healthy Families	2008
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Office of the Public Defender & Center for Children's Advocacy

Children Exposed to Trauma Dr. Ford	2013
Child Welfare Law Symposium	2017
Revised Performance Guidelines and Expectations for Lawyers for Children, Update on Services and Procedures for Victims of Human Trafficking, Older Youth- How to Advocate for Young People Transitioning to Independence, & Changes to Delinquency Detention Process	
Child Welfare Law Symposium	2018
Housing: Rights and Responsibilities of Landlords and Tenants	
Attorney Havrilla, Connecticut Legal Services	
Social Security/SSI Disability: Definition of Disability for Children and Adults, Application and Appeals Process	
Attorney Spilka, Connecticut Legal Services	
Child Welfare Law Symposium	2019
Racial Justice and Implicit Bias in the Court System	
Chief Justice Robinson, CT Supreme Court	
Justice Kahn, CT Supreme Court	
DCF's Efforts to Address Bias in the Child Protection System	
Attorney Smith, Department of Children and Families	
Working to Address Bias in the Child Welfare System	
Ethics Seminar for Child Protection Attorneys and Juvenile Defenders	2019
Attorney Sullivan, OCPD & Chief Public Defender Rapillo	
Family Engagement through Child and Family Team Meetings	2013
Impact of Childhood Trauma	2015
Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children	2012
Mediation in Child Protection Cases	2014
Placement Options for Children and Youth	2012
Polyvictimization and Trauma among Court-Involved Children and Youth: Resources and Strategies Attorney Eva Klein	2013
Role of the Child's Attorney and Guardian ad Litem	2012
State v. Kitchens	2011
Strategies for Engaging Families and Maintaining Family Connections	2012
Talking to Children and Youth in a Trauma Informed Way	2013
Erin Cushing, Clifford Beer Clinic	
Tow Institute for Youth Justice:	2015
A New Resource for Child Welfare Policy	2015
What Will Become of Me?	2014
Kids who are transitioning out of DCF care without a permanent family, Panelist	
When a Family Matter Becomes a Juvenile Matter: How the Two Work Together	2015

URBAN INSTITUTE

<u>Building Better Children's Programs</u>	2011
<u>Children, the Recession, and the Economic Recovery Plan</u>	2009
<u>Fostering Connections Act: What You Need to Know</u>	2011

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY

July 2013-Present

Acted as presenter during training seminar for the new juvenile Court attorneys regarding Permanency Planning and Termination of Parental Rights

Acted as presenter for training seminar on the topic of Representing Incarcerated Parents/Parents Under Criminal Investigation 2016

OAKLEY LAW OFFICES, LLC in Middletown, CT

October 2015-Present

We have performed title searches for other attorneys. We have drafted wills for clients. We have represented clients in family matters including areas such as divorce, custody, visitation, child support, and paternity. In family Court, we have acted as the guardian ad litem for children and adults. The family Court has appointed us as the attorney for the minor child. We have represented juvenile clients in child protection and delinquency cases including areas such as order of temporary custody, uncared for specialized needs, neglect, abuse, termination of parental rights, adoption, and emancipation. We have accepted appointments to represent parents in child protection matters and we have represented parents as a private attorney in child protections matters. The firm includes five attorneys, two paralegals, and periodically a part time law clerk.

From July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, our Firm was asked to participated in the Civil Gideon Pilot Program. We provided legal services for indigent applicants at restraining order hearings at the Waterbury Family Court.

OAKLEY & CHIZINSKI LLC in Middletown, CT

July 2010-October 2015

We performed title searches, performed residential closings, represented clients in family matters, represented social security clients, represented juvenile clients in child protection and delinquency cases, and provided legal research for other attorneys. My firm includes three full time attorneys, a paralegal, and a part time office assistant.

JUVENILE APPELLATE CONTRACT in CT

Feb 2009-July 2010

Commission on Child Protection

Through a state contract, I performed an appellate review of a juvenile case to determine if there were any appealable issues. I presented three appeals to the Connecticut Appellate Court.

MENTOR IN JUVENILE COURT MATTERS in CT

2008-Present

Commission on Child Protection/Public Defender's Office

Acted as mentor for seven new contract attorneys representing parents and children in Juvenile Court.

AMC/GAL IN FAMILY MATTERS in CT

Dec 2008-Present

Commission on Child Protection/Public Defender's Office

Through a state contract, I have been appointed as the minor children's attorney and/or as the Guardian Ad Litem in Hartford, Meriden, Middletown, and New Britain.

PROBATE MATTERS in CT

Jan 2008-Present

Office of the Probate Court Administrator

Through Probate Appointments, I have represented parties involving a conservator hearing and removal hearings.

JUVENILE CONTRACT ATTORNEY

Oct 2007-Present

in Middletown, Waterbury, & New Britain, CT

Commission on Child Protection/Public Defender's Office

Through a state contract, I have acted as the father's attorney, mother's attorney, children's attorney, and Guardian Ad Litem. I have acted as a mentor for new State Contract Attorneys.

SOLO PRACTITIONER in New Britain, CT

June 2006-July 2010

Oakley Law Offices

I performed title searches, performed residential closings, represented clients in family matters, represented social security clients, represented juvenile clients in child protection and delinquency cases, and provided legal research for other attorneys. My office staff included a full time paralegal, a part time attorney, and a part time law student.

ROCKVILLE SUPERIOR COURT in Rockville, CT

Jan 2005-June 2006

Temporary Assistant Clerk – Complex Litigation

Supervisor: Flora Pizzoferrato

I clerked complex litigation cases, motor vehicle cases, assisted counsel, public relations, swore in witnesses and jurors, issued state subpoenas, marked exhibits, performed legal research with LoisLaw, drafted legal memorandums for Judge Sferrazza, coded motions & opinions in CATER, and used Edison.

KINGS COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE in Brooklyn, NY

June 2003-Aug 2003

Summer Intern—Gun Parts Unit

Supervisor: Sue Ellen Bienenfeld

I prepared discovery material, contacted police officers, and drafted sentencing memorandums.

JUDGE CLARANCE JONES in Middletown, CT

Spring Semester 2003

Law Clerk for Family/Civil Cases

Supervisor: Judge Clarence Jones

I performed research and drafting.

NEW BRITAIN SUPERIOR COURT in New Britain, CT

June 2002-May 2003

Temporary Assistant Clerk – Criminal Clerk's Office

Supervisor: Lisa Groody

I clerked criminal and infraction cases, assisted counsel, public relations, swore in witnesses and jurors, marked exhibits, prepared the next day's docket, and worked with JISCL.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

STATE/FEDERAL BARS

<u>CONNECTICUT BAR</u>	October 31, 2005-Present
<u>NEW YORK STATE BAR</u>	April 20, 2005-Present
<u>U.S.D.C. FOR THE DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT</u>	January 3, 2006-Present

STATE/FEDERAL ATTORNEY ASSOCIATIONS

<u>AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	2001-Present
Family Section Member	2006-Present
<u>CONNECTICUT BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	2001-Present
Family Section Member	2006-Present
Child Welfare & Juvenile Law Section Member	2010-Present
Executive Committee Member	2010-Present

The purpose is to discuss and consider issues impacting children and parents who become involved in the legal process as it pertains to child protection and juvenile justice and to promote the continuing education of CBA members and the general community with respect to such issues.

Legislative Liaison	2012-2015
	2020-Present
Chair	2017-2020

Organized and held over 20 meetings with section members and speakers for 20.75 hours of CLE. Acted as lead author for Amicus brief filed *In re Taijha H.-B.*, 333 Conn. 297 (2019), where the Court held as a matter of first impression that an indigent mother had a Constitutional right to counsel under Due Process Clause of Fourteenth Amendment, on appeal from judgment terminating her parental rights, which is the position we advocated for in the brief.

<u>NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNSEL FOR CHILDREN</u>	2008-Present
Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist	2010-Present
<u>NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	2001-2008

LOCAL ATTORNEY ASSOCIATIONS

<u>HARTFORD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	2006-Present
<u>JUVENILE MATTERS TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, INC</u>	2008
<u>MIDDLESEX BAR ASSOCIATION</u>	2007-Present

COMMUNITY SERVICE

AMERICAN RED CROSS 2007
Blood donor

DURHAM LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM SPONSOR 2016- Present
Alternating years between baseball & softball

LEGAL AID OF CONNECTICUT 2006-Present
I represented indigent persons in various legal situations.

MIDDLETOWN LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM SPONSOR 2007-2012
High School Girls Softball

NATIONAL MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY 2007-2008
I participated in a 25 mile MS bike ride to raise money and awareness for the cause. Team Lorenzo, the team that I joined, raised almost ten thousand dollars in donations.

PORTLAND LIBRARY BOARD 2010-2013
The Portland Library Board is a town commission which reports to the Board of Selectmen. In 2011 & 2012, I served as the vice chair.

PORTLAND LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM SPONSOR 2007-2008
Minors Girls softball team (Wildcats)

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE 2006-Present
I proudly serve as part of the United States Coast Guard Reserves as a Petty Officer First Class Machinery Technician.

On August 20, 2006 through September 1, 2006, I attended the Reserve Enlisted Basic Indoctrination (REBI) program in Cape May, NJ.

Since September 1, 2006, I have been assigned to the New London Station in New London, CT. I drill there one weekend every month. Since joining the station, I have been involved in survival swims, Navy submarine escorts, a research & development mission, search & rescue missions, and law enforcement.

I attended MK "A" school from January to March 2007 in Yorktown, VA. The USCG trained me in the following subject matters: Basic Safety, Plumbing, Motors, Pumps, Hydraulics, Electricity, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration, Outboard Motors, & Rebuilding and Repairs Diesel Engines.

In April 2010, I attended the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) and graduated from the Boarding Officer Practical Course (BOPC)

On July 5, 2010, the USCG issued my active duty orders in support of Operation Deepwater Horizon. I was assigned as: (1) Contractor Management Team, (2) Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Team, and (3) Emergency Response Team. My orders ended on December 2, 2010 and I returned to drilling at Station New London.

In January 2016, I attended the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) and graduated from the Radiation Detection Level II Operators Course.

In June & July 2017, I was mobilized in support of Operation Green Mountain.

In June & July 2018, I was mobilized in support of Operation Green Mountain.

In June 2019, I attended the Maritime Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA) and graduated from the Law Enforcement Instructors Course.

I was a qualified 25 boat crew member until the 25 RBSs was retired.

I am a qualified 29 boat crew member, boarding officer, law enforcement instructor, and RAD Level II Operator.

ACTIVITIES

INTRAMURAL & RECREATIONAL BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, AND SOFTBALL