

## **Curriculum Vitae Wallace Holohan**

### **Home Address**

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### **Teaching Experience**

#### **Clinical Instructor**

October, 1980 - Present

#### **Northeastern University School of Law**

Dockser Hall  
65 Forsyth Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02115-5000  
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#### **Prisoners' Assistance Clinic**

(1979-present)

Responsible for overall operation of the clinic during the fall and winter quarters each year. Supervise approximately twelve law students working on parole release hearings, parole rescission hearings, and parole revocation hearings; controlling assignments and scheduling of cases; conducting classroom instruction and simulations; case reviews and conferences with law students, liaison with law school officials, outside agencies and correctional officials. Periodically law students testify at legislative hearings involving changes in correction and parole law and at public hearings involving proposed regulatory changes in these agencies' regulations. Teach class twice a week about parole, probation corrections, and Massachusetts sentencing law as well as advocacy skill training.

#### **Poverty Law and Practice**

(1985-present)

Co-teach this clinical course with James Rowan during the summer quarter. The clinic operates in much the same manner as a small legal services office. Students handle individual cases involving a wide range of state and federal welfare issues, unemployment compensation, and medical care programs for low income people. Students also periodically provide representation to grass roots organizations with regard to community education, non-profit status, and related issues. Co-teach class twice a week in the areas of Unemployment Compensation, Transitional Assistance To Families with Dependent Children, Emergency Assistance to the Elderly, Disabled and Dependent Children, and Food Stamps, as well as advocacy skill development.

#### **Juvenile Clinic**

(spring 2003)

Third-year students in this program provided direct representation to youngsters facing juvenile delinquency adjudications in the Boston Juvenile Court at arraignments, motion sessions, trials and during sentencing proceedings. Classroom instruction involved teaching criminal law and procedure, juvenile law and trial skills. Each student was assigned to handle three or four individual cases from beginning to end and was

responsible for a duty day in court where he or she had to handle all of the arraignments for indigent defendants that day. In a number of these cases, students also had to provide direct assistance with some type of educational problem, such as an expulsion or suspension hearing from public school, due to impact it would have on the pending juvenile case.

**Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School** (1985-1993)

During this period Northeastern University Law School had a joint clinical program with Harvard Law School that offered students clinical opportunities in areas of family law, state and federal welfare, unemployment compensation, immigration, and landlord-tenant disputes. While at the Legal Services Center I taught classes and supervised students who appeared at administrative hearings concerning Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), General Relief, Medicaid, Social Security Disability, and the appeals arising therefrom. I also taught classes and supervised students working on unemployment compensation proceedings and in a wide variety of immigration cases.

**Paralegal Experience**

**Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, Inc.** 1977 - September, 1980  
Boston, Massachusetts

Responsible for interviewing clients, factual investigation, searching records, negotiating client claims with administrative agencies, legal writing, legal research, writing self-help manual on detainers, assisting clients on access to court problems, developing parole programs, analyzing proposed administrative regulations and legislation, organizing and teaching law classes in prisons and supervising law students and interns. Represented clients at final parole revocation and rescission hearings, disciplinary, classification, early parole consideration, furlough and work release hearings. Types of cases included medical, protective custody, detainers, speedy trial, criminal appeals, brutality claims, sentence computation, visiting rights, and CORI.

**Central Massachusetts Legal Services** 1974 - 1977  
Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Responsibilities included drafting court papers, testifying at public hearings, interviewing clients, factual investigation, social service referrals, conciliation of client claims with administrative agencies and legal research. Represented clients at welfare and unemployment hearings, Registry of Motor Vehicle appeals, security and privacy councils and show-cause hearings pertaining to traffic violations. Types of cases included domestic, landlord tenant, welfare, unemployment, consumer, privacy, motor vehicle violations and juvenile.

**Resource Center** 1976  
Clinton, Massachusetts

Responsibilities included interviewing and referral to legal agencies. Types of cases included consumer, domestic and welfare.

## **Training Experience**

**Instructor** December 1981  
**Case Analysis and Strategy Seminar**  
**Legal Service Corporation**  
Boston, Massachusetts

Curriculum consisted of defining issues, analyzing and gathering evidence, applying law to fact patterns and developing an overall case strategy.

**Instructor** May 1981  
**Advance Advocacy Training for Paralegals Seminar**  
**Legal Service Corporation**  
Madison, Connecticut

Curriculum consisted of interviewing hostile witnesses, factual investigation, the art of direct and cross examination, techniques of opening and closing statements, how to maintain control in administrative hearings, and simulated hearings.

**Instructor** May 1980  
**Legal Reasoning for Paralegals Seminar Series**  
**Massachusetts Law Reform Institute**  
Boston, Massachusetts

Curriculum consisted of interpreting statutes, reading cases, legal truth/administrative agencies and principles of precedent.

**Instructor** November 1979  
**Administrative Advocacy Training for Paralegals**  
**Legal Services Corporation**  
New Haven, Connecticut

Curriculum consisted of interviewing techniques, case preparation, the art of persuasion, rules of evidence, dynamics of administrative hearings and simulated hearings.

## **Publications**

“A Practitioners Guide to Representing Inmates at Parole Release Hearings on Second Degree Life Sentences” (revised September 2012) by Wallace Holohan and Patricia Garin, used as course material for Prisoners’ Rights Clinic

“A Practitioners Manual for Representing Claimants at Massachusetts Unemployment Hearings” (2006) Poverty Law & Practice course materials.

“Fundamentals of Advocacy Skills” (2004) Poverty Law & Practice course materials

“Advocacy in Disciplinary Hearings” (1982) Northeastern University Press

“North Carolina’s Death Penalty and Post Conviction Procedures” (with Barbara Pollack)  
(1980) Southern Prisoners’ Defense Committee

“Detainees” (1979) Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services

“Parole Revocation Manual” (1979) used as part of the Prisoners Rights Clinic

### **Education**

*Mead Data Company, Boston, Massachusetts* October 1981  
Lexis Training  
Computerized Legal Research

*Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, Boston, Massachusetts* June 1980  
Forensic Investigation of Violent Death

*Policy Training Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts* May 1980  
Mechanics of Proposal Writing

*Practicing Law Institute, New York, New York* February 1979  
National Prison Seminar

*Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Boston, Massachusetts* September 1978  
Advanced Paralegal Training

*Bentley College, Waltham Massachusetts* 1976 - 1977  
Intensive Paralegal Program  
Curriculum: Criminal Law and Procedure; Civil Litigation; Consumer Law;  
Landlord/Tenant Law; Legal Research and Writing.

*Certified Paralegal* January 15, 1977

*Fitchburg State College, Fitchburg, Massachusetts* 1973 - 1975  
Major: Psychology  
Degree: B.S., Summa cum laude

*Mount Wachusett Community College, Gardner, Massachusetts* 1970  
Degree: Associate, Magna cum laude

### **Activities/Professional Associations**

Massachusetts Paralegal Association  
Board of Directors, Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services

Advisory Committee Aid to Incarcerated Mothers  
Advisory Committee, Massachusetts Campaign Against Restoration of the Death Penalty

