

LYNETTE F. PETTY

EDUCATION: Washburn University School of Law, Topeka, Kansas
Juris Doctor Degree, cum laude; May 1987

University of Texas at San Antonio
Master of Arts Degree in Education; May 1978

Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas
Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education; May 1972

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EXPERIENCE:

WASHBURN SCHOOL OF LAW

Visiting Associate Professor, 1992-present
Supervise legal interns representing low-income clients.

Assistant Dean for Accommodations, 1996-present
Determine accommodations for students with disabilities in the Law School.

1996-2005
Direct supplemental instruction and academic assistance program.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Review Officer, 1996
Review special education cases on appeal from administrative law judge hearing.

KANSAS LEGAL SERVICES

Project Director, 1992
Wyandotte-Leavenworth Legal Services
Managed six-attorney legal aid office in Kansas City, Kansas.

Assistant Managing Attorney, 1991
Developed and implemented state-wide grant to represent children in foster care who could be eligible for Supplement Security Income (SSI).

Staff Attorney, 1987-1990

Law Clerk, 1985-1987

PERRY LECOMPTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teacher, 1979-1984

SOUTH SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teacher, 1972-1979

PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S HOME, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

House parent for group home of dependent-neglected teenage boys, 1976-1977

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- PUBLICATIONS: "Paternity" (chapter updates) **Practitioner's Guide to Kansas Family Law**, Kansas Bar Association (2010)
- Law Related Issues in Special Education** (primary author (1986), update (1988))
- Rehabilitation Services in Kansas: A Desk Manual for Advocates** (primary author) (1986)
- Resource and Operation Manual for Attorneys and Social Workers Serving Homeless Persons** (1987)
- "Section 504 Transportation Regulations: Molding Civil Rights Legislation to Meet the Realities of Economic Constraints," 26 **Washburn Law Journal** 558 (1987)
- "A Defendant's Right to Effective Assistance of Counsel on First Appeal," 25 **Washburn Law Journal** 153 (1985)
- ACTIVITIES AND HONORS: Kansas Bar Association Pro Bono Certificate of Appreciation (2009)
- Kansas Legal Services Pro Bono Award (2009)
- Kansas Continuing Legal Education Commission Member (2005-present); Chair (2009-10)
- Center for Law and Education - Board Secretary (national support center for legal aid and other attorneys representing low income clients on educational issues) (1991-present)
- Equal Access to Justice Committee of the Kansas Bar Association (1990-present)
- Pro Bono Panel Member, Legal Aid Society of Topeka (1994-present)
- Kansas Association of Counsel for Children, Board Member (2003-08)
- Kansas Legal Services - Board Member (1996-99) (2004-09); Treasurer (2005-07); President (2008)
- Shawnee County School Attendance Coalition Member (2003-06)
- Truancy Task Force Member (2003-06)
- Families First Advisory Board Member (2003-05)
- Kansas Bar Foundation Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (IOLTA) Committee Member (1998-01)

Citizen Review Board Member (panel appointed by district court judge to review child in need of care and juvenile offender cases at disposition hearings) (1994-00)

Kansas Bar Association Outstanding Service Award (1997)

Topeka AIDS Project - Board Member (1994-96)

Trinity Respite Care - Board Member and President (a private not-for-profit organization providing temporary caregiver relief to families of people with disabilities) (1991-96)

Grant Reviewer for Legal Services Corporation, Legal Services Clinical Education Program, Washington, D.C. (1994)

Legal Aid Committee of the Topeka Bar Association (1992-94)

Full Citizenship - Board Member (a private not-for-profit organization serving persons with developmental disabilities) (1986-89) (2004-06)

Compliance Monitor for Department of Education Review of Implementation of Special Education Laws, Wichita U.S.D. and Capital City High School of Topeka, (1988)

Outstanding Woman Law Graduate, Washburn School of Law (1987-88) presented by National Association of Women Lawyers

Member **Washburn Law Journal** (1985-87)

PRESENTATIONS: “The ADA—How Law Schools Try to Level the Playing Field,” National Network of Law School Officers Conference, Chicago, 2009

“Kansas Rules of Ethics in Context and Practice—Challenges Representing Children and Families in Trauma,” Kansas Association of Counsel for Children and Washburn School of Law Children and Family Law Center Conference, “Establishing Best Practices for Working With Children and Families in Trauma,” 2009

“Navigating the Slippery Slope Representing the Client With Diminished Capacity,” Topeka Bar Association Conference, 2009, and Kansas Legal Services Conference, 2009

“Advocating for the Best Interest of Children in Need of Care,” Panel Coordinator and Moderator, Kansas Association of Counsel for Children and Washburn School of Law Children and Family Law Center Conference, “Advocating for the Child With Mental Disabilities,” 2008

“Confidentiality in the Wide, Wide World of the Web,” Kansas Bar Association Seminar, 2007

“Ethical Challenges to Practice: Panel on Professional Responsibility and Immigration Law,” Panel Coordinator and Moderator, Kansas Association of Counsel for Children and Washburn School of Law Children and Family Law Center Conference, “Immigration and Children: Searching for the Voice of the Child,” 2007

“The Judicial System and Child Welfare,” Lecture for University of Kansas Social Work Department, 2006

“Ethical Challenges to Practice: Professional Responsibility and ICWA,” Kansas Association of Counsel for Children and Washburn School of Law Children and Family Law Center Conference, “The Indian Child Welfare Act in Kansas: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Going, and Where Do We Want to End Up?” 2006

“Teaching Cross Cultural Understanding: The Importance of Communicating With Our Clients,” Midwest Clinical Conference, “Carrying Brown’s Legacy Forward: Justice, Service, Teaching,” 2005

“Privatization of Child Welfare: Reflections on Change and Prospects for the Future,” Washburn School of Law Children and Family Law Center, Program Coordinator, 2004

“Back to Their Future: Representing Children in Need of Care Transitioning to Adulthood,” Kansas Trial Lawyers Association, Washburn School of Law Children and Family Law Center, and Kansas Association of Counsel for Children, Topeka, Leavenworth, Hays, Chanute, and Wichita, 2003

“Recent Developments in the Law of Third-Party Child Custody and Visitation Rights,” Washburn School of Law Continuing Legal Education, 2001

“Protection Against Discrimination for Persons With AIDS and HIV: Current Status of the Americans With Disabilities Act,” Representing the Invisible—Conference presented by the Washburn Gay and Lesbian Student Network, 2001

“Legal Ethics for Guardians ad litem,” Training presented by Kansas Legal Services, 1999 and 2000

“Recent Developments in Disability Law,” Washburn School of Law Continuing Legal Education, 1999

“National Disability Policy: A Progress Report on the Current Status of Disability Issues in America,” Presentation with Senator Robert J. Dole, Washburn School of Law, 1999

“ADA Employment Case Law,” Access Midwest Conference, 1999

“Recent Developments in Employment Law Under the Americans With Disabilities Act,” Kansas ADA Coordinators’ Training, 1998

“Recent Developments in Disability Law,” Washburn School of Law Continuing Legal Education, 1998

“Recent Developments in Social Security Law and the Americans With Disabilities Act,” Washburn School of Law Continuing Legal Education, 1997

“The ADA, IDEA, and Section 504—Puzzled?” Kansas Assistive Technology Conference, 1997

"Legal Updates: Recent Court Decisions" and "The ADA and Post-Secondary Education," Access Midwest Conference, 1997

"Section 504: Guidelines for Educators," Kansas State Board of Education, 1995

"Recent Developments in Disability Law," Washburn School of Law Continuing Legal Education, 1995

"Determining Fitness and Character for Admission to the Bar for Persons With a History of Alcohol and Psychological Treatment: How the Americans With Disabilities Act Has Been Applied," Washburn Law Faculty Development Presentation, 1995

"Legal Rights to an Education," Juvenile Offenders: Developing Community Options Conference, University of Kansas School of Social Welfare, 1994

"Educating Students With Special Needs," Midwest Clinical Teachers Conference, 1994

"Introduction to Forensics," Menninger Psychiatric Residency Seminar, 1994

"Overview of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act as it Applies to Special Education," Families Together Parent Training, 1994

"Recent Developments in Disability Law and Medical Treatment Rights," Washburn School of Law Continuing Legal Education, 1994

"In the Interest of Children: Special Education Services as a Community Resource for Providing Best Efforts to Reintegrate Foster Children With Their Families," Kansas Bar Association, 1994

"Least Restrictive Environment for Providing Special Education," Families Together Annual State Conference, 1994

"Representing Clients With Disabilities and the Family Lawyer," 9th Annual Family Law Institute, 1993

"Clients' Rights and Self-Advocacy in Guardianships and Conservatorships," National Association for Rights Protection and Advocacy Conference, 1992

"Representing Clients With Disabilities," Kansas Legal Services, 1991

"Legal Issues Affecting Low Income Children," Annual Forum Kansas Conference on Social Work, 1991

"The Americans With Disabilities Act: Effects of Enactment," Annual Kansas Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, 1990

"Special Education Hearing Officer Training," Kansas Department of Education, 1987 and 1988

"Current Issues in Special Education Law," Kansas Association of School Board Members Conference, 1987

"Law Related Issues in Special Education," Kansas Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Seminar, 1987

"Rehabilitation Services Law and Procedure," Kansas Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Seminar, 1987

"Training Independent Living Advocates in the Basics of Vocational Rehabilitation," National Conference on Independent Living, Washington, D.C., 1987