

James D. Diamond

Curriculum Vitae

Yale Law School | 127 Wall Street | New Haven, CT 06511
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Academic Appointments and Leadership

Yale Law School, New Haven, CT

Visiting Clinical Professor | 2025–present

Visiting Lecturer in Law | 2024–2026

Yale Center for Environmental Justice, New Haven, CT

Senior Counselor for Indigenous Programs | 2024–present

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ

Professor of Practice | 2014–present

Interim Director, Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program | 2022–2024

Director, Tribal Justice Clinic | 2016–2019

Director, Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Certificate Program | 2016–2019

Teaching Fellow | 2014–2016

Roger Williams University School of Law, Bristol, RI

Adjunct Professor of Law | 2022

Visiting Professor of Law | 2021–2022

Adjunct Professor of Law | 2020–2021

National Tribal Trial College, Tucson, AZ

Dean of Academic Affairs | 2019–2022

Professor | 2016–2022

Pima Community College, Tucson, AZ

Adjunct Professor | 2013

Western Connecticut State University, Danbury, CT

Adjunct Professor | 1991–2006

Education

University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, Tucson, AZ

S.J.D., Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program | 2014

Dissertation: “The Aftermath of Rampage Shootings: Is Healing Possible? Hard Lessons Learned From The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and Other Indigenous Peoples.” On file at the Daniel F. Cracchiolo Law Library, CRG 14:2:2 2015 D53. Committee: Robert A. Williams, Jr. (Chair), Raymond D. Austin, Marc L. Miller (Dean).

Brooklyn Law School, New York, NY

J.D. | 1988

Brooklyn Journal of International Law; Senior News Editor, The Justinian

University at Albany, State University of New York, Albany, NY

B.A., cum laude | 1981

Scholarship and Publications

Books

Weaver, Burkoff, Hancock & Diamond, *Introduction to Criminal Law: An Interactive Approach* (West, 2021).
After the Bloodbath: Is Healing Possible in the Wake of Rampage Shootings? (Michigan State University Press, 2019).

Law Review and Journal Articles

- “An Uncomfortable Truth: Law as a Weapon of Oppression of the Indigenous Peoples of Southern New England,” 27 Roger Williams University Law Review, Iss. 2, Art. 3 (2022).
- “Colonial Legislation Affecting Indigenous Peoples of Southern New England as Organized by State,” 27 Roger Williams University Law Review, Iss. 2, Art. 8 (2022).
- “In the Aftermath of Rampage Shootings: Is Healing Possible? Hard Lessons Learned From The Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and Other Indigenous Peoples,” 11 Georgetown Journal of Law and Modern Critical Race Perspectives 101 (2019).
- “Practicing Indian Law in Federal, State and Tribal Criminal Courts, and An Update About Recent Expansion of Criminal Jurisdiction over Non-Indians,” 32 Criminal Justice, No. 4, at 8 (Winter 2018). Excerpt reprinted in Miller, Wright, Turner & Levine, *Criminal Procedures* (6th ed. 2019).
- “An Overview of Practicing American Indian Criminal Law in Federal, State and Tribal Courts, and An Update About Recent Expansion of Criminal Jurisdiction over Non-Indians,” *The Federal Lawyer* (April 2018).

Book Chapters and Reports

- Tribal Co-Management of Federal Lands: Opportunities and Challenges (Yale Center for Environmental Justice, Sept. 2025) (with Gerald Torres, Patrick Gonzales-Rogers, Michel Gelobter, Joshua Friedlein & Keala Carter).
- “Law Enforcement: The Relationship Between The U.S. Federal Government and American Indian Tribes,” in *Emerging Issues in Tribal-State Relations* (Aspatore/Thomson Reuters, 2014).
- “Who Controls Tribal Membership: The Legal Background of Disenrollment and Tribal Membership Litigation,” in *Best Practices for Defending Tribal Membership Cases* (Aspatore/Thomson Reuters, 2013).
- Big Campaign Spenders Love N.Y. Part I: The 1982 Gubernatorial Primary (New York State Common Cause, March 1983). On file at the New York State Library, C 324.7809747q D537, 84-2251.

Works in Progress

- American Indian Criminal Law* (with Leo KILLSBACK) (under contract with West Academic; manuscript in early development).
- The Imprisonment of the Chiricahua Apache: Property, Liberty, and the Limits of American Justice* (with Tobey Phillips) (manuscript in progress).

Teaching Experience

Indigenous law and clinical teaching: Federal Indian Law; Advanced American Indian Law; Tribal Courts and Tribal Law; Tribal Justice Clinic.

Criminal law and procedure: Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure: Investigation; Criminal Procedure: Adjudication.

Legal foundations and writing: Introduction to the American Common Law System I and II, with skills workshops; Legal Writing.

Communication: First Amendment/Communication Law; Introduction to Radio Broadcasting; Public Speaking.

Presentations and Professional Training

Panelist, *Black, Indigenous, and Denied: When Justice Tests Solidarity*, Northeastern University School of Law, October 7, 2026.

The State of American Indian Law in Rhode Island, Rhode Island Bar Association, June 11, 2026.

Maximizing Indigenous Knowledge: Why Indigenous Co-Management of Natural Resources Is Critical for the Planet, #ClimateActionLive online broadcast, PeaceOneDay.org, June 26, 2025.

Panelist, *Executive Power in the Classroom*, Roger Williams University School of Law, April 9, 2025.

Incorporating Indigenous Traditions in Modern Criminal Courts, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona, January 10, 2024.

An Uncomfortable Truth: Law as a Weapon of Oppression of the Indigenous Peoples of Southern New England, Law Review Symposium, Roger Williams University School of Law, October 22, 2021.

An Uncomfortable Truth: How Law Has Been Used to Oppress and Subjugate the Indigenous Peoples of New England, Hidden Truths Series: Stories of Race and Place, Roger Williams University, October 11, 2021.

Coordinating Enforcement of Civil and Criminal Protection Orders Across Tribal, State and Federal Jurisdictions, National Training Institute on Protective Order Practice for Attorneys and Advocates (webinar), June 3, 2021.

Why I Am the Wrong Speaker for Today: In Search of My Replacement, International Indigenous Peoples Cultural Conference, Portsmouth, RI, April 17, 2021.

Crime Scene Management for Tribal Law Enforcement in Sexual Violence Cases, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (webinar), October 26, 2020.

Panelist, *First Contact Nations and the Doctrine of Discovery*, Providence Cultural Equity Initiative (online), October 1, 2020.

Panelist, *Legal Issues Facing Indigenous Women*, United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island (online), September 24, 2020.

Panelist, *Race Relations and the Muscogee Nation: Where Do We Go From Here* (two-part series), Muscogee Creek Indian Freedmen Band, Online Town Hall Meetings, July 27 and August 15, 2020.

Interviewing Witnesses and Suspects in Tribal Sexual Assault Cases, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (webinar), June 30, 2020.

After the Bloodbath: Is Healing Possible in the Wake of Rampage Shootings?, Distinguished Speaker Series, Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, January 9, 2020.

Interviewing the Offender-Suspect in Domestic or Sexual Violence Cases, Building Cases for Successful Prosecutions, U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women and Mending the Sacred Hoop, Omaha, NE, September 24, 2019.

Panelist, *Federalism: An American Indian Tribe and a Proposed Border Wall*, Immigration Federalism Conference, The Rehnquist Center, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, February 24, 2017.

Panelist, *The Wall: An Educational Panel*, Tohono O'odham Nation, Sells, AZ, February 17, 2017.

The Aftermath of Rampage Shootings, Program in Criminal Law and Policy, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, January 18, 2017.

The Ethics of Tribal Court Practice, CLE Program, State Bar of Arizona, April 27, 2016.

Criminal Ethical Obligations and Considerations in Tribal Courts, Pascua Yaqui Tribe VAWA Trial Advocacy Training, Casino Del Sol, Tucson, AZ, May 5, 2015.

The Aftermath of Rampage Shootings: Lessons from the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and Other Indigenous Peoples, doctoral dissertation defense, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, December 10, 2014.

Panelist, Review of Legal Status of Marijuana Prosecution, ACLU of Connecticut, Yale Law School, April 7, 2010.

Law Enforcement and the Death Penalty: Concerns and Issues in Light of Recent Developments, Symposium, Western Connecticut State University, April 20, 2009.

Honors and Awards

President's Award, National Board of Trial Advocacy | 2024

Connecticut Super Lawyers | 2007–2017, 2021–present

New England Super Lawyers | 2007–2016

Man of the Year, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Fairfield County (CT) Chapter | 1992

Award for Excellence, American Bar Association | 1986

Legal and Public Interest Experience

Legal Practice

Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Tucson, AZ

Special Prosecutor | 2017–2019

Cacace Tusch & Santagata, Stamford, CT

Associate | 2013–2014

Law Offices of James D. Diamond, Danbury, Norwalk and Ridgefield, CT

Owner | 2004–2013

Reese, Hirsch, Diamond and Shoults, Ridgefield, CT

Partner | 1997–2004

Law Offices of Michael S. McGetrick, Danbury, CT

Associate | 1994–1996

State of Connecticut, Division of Criminal Justice, Danbury, CT

Assistant State's Attorney | 1988–1994

Government and Public Interest Leadership

New York State Department of Law, Office of Attorney General Robert Abrams, New York, NY

Executive Staff | 1985–1988

New York State Common Cause, Albany, NY

Executive Director | 1981–1983

Expert Testimony

Expert witness in criminal law, habeas corpus proceedings, State of Connecticut v. Chadwick St. Louis, Docket No. CV10-4003535-S (2014).

Professional and Community Service

Bar and Professional Leadership

Executive Committee, Media and the Law Section, Connecticut Bar Association | 2013–present

Executive Committee, Criminal Section, Connecticut Bar Association | 2011–present

Board of Examiners, National Board of Trial Advocacy | 2004–2006

Law Day Chair, Danbury (CT) Bar Association | 1995

Mock Trial Regional Coordinator, Connecticut Consortium for Legal Education | 1990–1995

Boards and Community Service

Board of Directors, Center for Indigenous Peoples Rights, Providence, RI | 2022–present

Advisory Board, Oklahoma Indian Territory Museum of Black Creek Freedmen History | 2021–present

Pro bono counsel, *T.O.N. v. Jalen Juan*, Tohono O’odham Nation Tribal Court

Competition Judging and Student Outreach

Judge, Esther Clark Moot Court Competition, Roger Williams University School of Law | 2020

Presenter, “True Crime,” Synavoice SOL Online High School Summer Camp | 2020

Judge, Arizona “We the People” Regional Competition, Tucson, AZ | 2015–2018

Judge, Arizona “We the People” State High School Competition, Phoenix, AZ | 2015–2017

Judge, Gunslinger College Mock Trial Invitational, Tucson, AZ | 2017

Judge, Arizona State High School Mock Trial Championship, Phoenix, AZ | 2015

Semifinals Judge, NNALSA Moot Court Competition, Tucson, AZ | 2015

Judge, “We the People” Showcase, Challenger Middle School, Tucson, AZ | 2014

Career Day Speaker, San Miguel High School, Tucson, AZ | 2014

Public Office and Civic Service

Connecticut Democratic State Central Committee, 27th District | 2004–2012

Stamford (CT) Democratic City Committee (Chair, 2011–2012) | 2004–2012

City Representative (elected), Stamford Board of Representatives, 11th District | 2005–2009

Deputy Majority Leader; Chair, Legislative and Rules Committee | 2006–2009

City of Stamford Sewer/Water Commission | 2002–2005

Ridgefield (CT) Democratic Town Committee (Chair, 2000–2001) | 1992–2001

Bar Admissions and Professional Certification

State courts: State of Arizona (2014); State of New York (2012); State of Wisconsin (inactive) (1990); State of Connecticut (1988).

Federal courts: Supreme Court of the United States (2016); United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2011); United States District Court, Southern District of New York (2011); United States District Court, District of Connecticut (1989).

Tribal courts: Tohono O’odham Nation Tribal Court (2017); Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court (2013); Pascua Yaqui Tribal Court (2012).

Board Certified Criminal Trial Specialist, National Board of Trial Advocacy (recertified 2024)

Public Commentary

- “#LandBack Offers Common Ground for Native Tribes, Trump Administration,” Newsweek, January 31, 2025.
- “When A Former Prosecutor Runs For President,” Program in Criminal Law and Policy Blog, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, October 22, 2024.
- “Life During The Age of Contagion: April and the Link To Mass Murder,” InsideSources, April 6, 2020.
- “After 15 Years, Red Lake Shooting Survivors Still Suffering,” Duluth News Tribune, March 20, 2020.
- “It’s Been Seven Years Since Sandy Hook. Is Healing Possible?,” Hartford Courant, December 14, 2019.
Related versions: “Opinion: Seven Years After Newtown—Is Healing Possible in the Wake of Rampage Shootings?,” Danbury News-Times, December 13, 2019; “Is Healing Possible In The Wake of Rampage Shootings?,” Indian Country Today, December 13, 2019.
- “Where Angels Play: Five Years Since The Newtown School Massacre,” Huffington Post, December 14, 2017.
- “Flynn Takes The Fifth: Just How Far Can the Law Be Stretched?,” Huffington Post, May 23, 2017.
- “What Grade Does The U.S. Deserve On Human Rights and Religious Freedom,” Huffington Post, March 18, 2017.
- “The Race To Execute A Racist,” Danbury News-Times, January 11, 2017.
- “When The Courtroom Lets You Down,” Huffington Post, September 26, 2016.
- “Parents of Mass Shooters Say They’re Sorry: It’s The Least They Can Do,” Huffington Post, June 20, 2016.
- “Dedicate 4/20 As A Memorial To Victims Of Rampage Killings,” Danbury News-Times, April 20, 2016.
- “With Scalia’s Passing Criminal Suspects Lost An Unexpected Ally,” Huffington Post, 2016.
- “A New Year’s Resolution for the Media: Stop Making Mass Shooters Famous,” Huffington Post, December 28, 2015.
- “Should Those Who Don’t Stop Shooters Be Arrested?,” Danbury News-Times, November 22, 2015.
- “Wichita Massacre Death Penalty Case Pits Brother Against Brother,” Huffington Post, October 12, 2015.
- “Has the Summer of Hate Ended?,” Huffington Post, September 8, 2015.
- “Even Mass Murderers Have Mothers And Fathers,” Tucson Daily Star, September 8, 2015.
- “Chattanooga Shootings Produce Heroes,” Huffington Post, August 3, 2015.
- “Believers, Rampages and the Church in Charleston,” Huffington Post, July 18, 2015.
- “Courage In The Face of Rampage Shootings,” Danbury News-Times, June 12, 2015.
- “Our American Hero,” Danbury News-Times, May 26, 2012 (with Marian Salzman).
- “Defending The Defender,” Danbury News-Times, November 14, 2010.
- “Can We Afford To Rebuild Afghanistan Now,” Danbury News-Times, February 7, 2010.
- “Civilian Trial Provides Higher Levels of Decorum,” Danbury News-Times, November 29, 2009.
- “Is it Time To Re-think Your Cyber Connections?,” CNBC.com, June 25, 2009 (with Marian Salzman).
- “Vote to Disagree with Joe Lieberman, Not Censure Him,” Hartford Courant, September 24, 2008.