

**Negar Katirai**  
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## EDUCATION

**The University of Pennsylvania Law School**, Philadelphia, PA May 2005  
*Juris Doctorate*

**Wesleyan University**, Middletown, CT May 1999  
*Bachelor of Arts*

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## EMPLOYMENT

**University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law**, *Jul. 2014 - present*  
Tucson, AZ  
*Clinical Professor of Law and Director, Domestic Violence Law Clinic* *July 2020 - present*  
*Associate Clinical Professor and Director, Domestic Violence Law Clinic* *Jan. 2017 - June 2020*  
*Assistant Clinical Professor and Director, Community Law Group* *Jul. 2014 - Dec. 2016*

- Courses taught: Domestic Violence Law Clinic, Family Law, Children & Domestic Violence Seminar
- Supervise students to represent survivors of intimate partner violence (IPV) in family law cases and engage in systemic change projects designed to improve the lives of survivors.
- Collaborate with local and national partners on systemic change projects designed to improve conditions for survivors of IPV.
- Engage in research and produce academic scholarship that draws from the work of the Domestic Violence Law Clinic.

**Stanford University Law School**, Stanford, CA *Aug. 2011 - Jun. 2014*  
*Assistant Director, Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest*

- Directed and supervised students in research regarding civil legal services and access to justice, including evaluations of pilot projects and the impact of federal and state law and policy.
- Planned and implemented public interest programming, including trainings, roundtables, and annual symposia.

**Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia**, Washington, DC *Nov. 2010 - Aug. 2011*  
*Staff Attorney* *Mar. 2008 - Nov. 2008*  
*Loaned Associate from Steptoe & Johnson LLP*

- Provided direct legal services to clients in District of Columbia Superior Court in domestic violence, child custody, divorce, and child support matters.
- Assisted in the development and implementation of Legal Aid's innovative child support project, employing a multidimensional

strategy including individual casework, community outreach, and policy and legislative advocacy.

- Collaborated with other advocacy organizations to maximize legal services for low-income client community.

**Break The Cycle, Washington, DC**

*Staff Attorney*

*Aug. 2009 - Nov. 2010*

- Provided direct legal services to young survivors of dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.
- Provided technical assistance to organizations servicing teens and young adults regarding legal issues specific to experiencing domestic violence.
- Engaged in community outreach and education to promote understanding of healthy relationships.

**Stephoe & Johnson LLP, Washington, DC**

*Associate*

*Oct. 2005 - Aug. 2009*

*Summer Associate*

*Jun. - Aug. 2004*

- Conducted internal investigations and provided compliance advice with respect to U.S. and foreign anti-corruption and export control laws and regulations.
- Engaged in legislative and administrative advocacy regarding child victims of trafficking in collaboration with the Women's Refugee Commission.
- Represented *pro bono* clients in obtaining asylum.

**United Nations Development Programme, Bratislava, Slovakia**

*Jun. 2003 - Aug. 2003*

*Legal Intern*

**Council on Foreign Relations, New York, NY**

*Jul. 1999 – Jul. 2001*

*Research Associate, Middle East and North Africa*

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**HONORS AND AWARDS**

2021 James E. Rogers College of Law Distinguished Public Service Scholar Award

2019 Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona Laura Penny Community Impact Award

2016-2017 Tucson Public Voices Fellow

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**SERVICE/OUTREACH**

Member, District of Columbia and Arizona State Bar

Member, Board of Directors, Family Law Executive Council of the Arizona State Bar

Member, Board of Directors, Arizona Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

Member, Arizona Intimate Partner Risk Assessment Instrument System (APRAIS)

Member, Board of Directors, Institute for Women in Migration (IMUMI)

Member, University of Arizona Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Consortium

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ARTICLES

*Retraumatization in Family Courts*, 62 Arizona Law Review 81 (2020).

*Codifying Shari'a: International Norms, Legality & The Freedom to Invent New Forms*, 2 AM. J. COMP. L. 1 (2007).

*NGO Regulations in Iran*, Int'l J. Not-for-Profit L. 7, 28 (2004).

### LEGAL BRIEFS

Brief for Susan McLaughlin as Amicus Curiae, *McLaughlin v. Jones*, 243 Ariz. 29, 401 P.3d 492 (2017).

Brief for L. M. Oakley as Amicus Curiae, *Turner v. Steiner*, 242 Ariz. 494 P.3d 110 (Ct. App. 2017).

Brief for Susan McLaughlin as Amicus Curiae, *McLaughlin v. Jones*, 240 Ariz. 560, 382 P.3d 118 (Ct. App. 2016).

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Sanctuary cities are not breaking the law, *The Hill*, May 12, 2017.

Who are the real bad hombres? *Garnett News*, May 12, 2017.

We need unity in Arizona, *Arizona Star*, Mar. 18, 2017.

Family Court is no place for ICE, *Texas Trib.*, Mar. 1, 2017.

We must protect the Violence Against Women Act, *Ms. Mag.*, Feb. 6, 2017.

Scapegoats in America, *USA Today*, Feb. 1, 2017.

Hate towards Muslims is growing, *Time Mag.*, Dec. 2, 2016.

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## **SELECTED MEDIA**

*The Crime Report*, “‘Trauma-Informed Lawyering’ Can Help Domestic Violence Survivors: Paper,” June 4, 2019.

*UA News*, “Negar Katirai Honored for a Career Empowering Women and Girls,” March 13, 2019.

*Buzzfeed News*, “Domestic Violence Victims Aren’t Coming Forward Because They’re Scared of Being Deported,” March 16, 2017.

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## **SELECTED CONFERENCES AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

*Family Law Scholars and Teacher’s Conference*, Presenter, “Children and Intimate Partner Violence,” Washington, D.C., May 29, 2019.

*AALS 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference on Clinical Education*, Concurrent Session Speaker, “Media Advocacy in Clinical Teaching,” San Francisco, CA, May 4-7, 2019.

*AALS 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on Clinical Education*, Concurrent Session Speaker, “Interdisciplinary Experiences from Clinic to the Classroom: Easier Than You Think,” Chicago, IL, April 29 – May 2, 2018.

*Family Law Scholars and Teacher’s Conference*, Presenter, “Administrative Closure, an End-Run Around Asylum?,” Washington, D.C., June 22, 2015.

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## **AWARDED GRANTS**

PI, Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award, 2021-2022

PI, George L Shields Foundation, 2020-2021, \$6,500

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PI, Gender-Based Violence Consortium Innovation Fund, 2018-2019, \$15,900

PI, Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona, 2017-18, \$25,000

PI, Women’s Foundation of Southern Arizona, 2016-17, \$25,000

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## **LANGUAGES**

*Persian*: native

*Spanish*: proficient

*French*: intermediate