

## Mary M. Gundrum

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### EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON, J.D. Sept. 1974–June 1977  
Wisconsin Law Review – Member and Editor; Order of the COIF (top 10% of  
graduating class); American Jurisprudence Awards - Criminal law and Property

ALVERNO COLEGE – MILWAUKEE, B.A.–Sociology–Cum Laude–June 1970

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW  
Miami, FL Sept. 2011—present

Lecturer and visiting professor directing Immigrant Children's Justice Clinic.  
Representation of unaccompanied minors who are abused, abandoned or  
neglected in Juvenile Court to obtain declaration of dependency so that they may  
apply for Special Immigrant Juvenile status. Teach clinical course with two  
seminars a week and supervision of students who handle all aspects of the case  
from the initial interview to drafting pleadings to argument in court on the merits.  
Teach skills including interviewing, counseling, oral argument, and advocacy to  
law students who learn with real clients how to handle cases.

FLORIDA IMMIGRANT ADVOCACY CENTER  
Miami, FL Sept. 2002--July 2011

Managing Attorney--supervised 17 attorneys and 8 para-legals who work with  
detained and non-detained immigrants, unaccompanied children who are abused,  
abandoned or neglected, immigrant workers, and survivors of domestic violence  
or trafficking in persons. Develop and supervise impact litigation and projects  
such as federal litigation naturalization delay and disability waivers, FOIA  
litigation, FLSA and civil trafficking, detainee access to medical care, etc. As  
part of Management Team, report and monitor services under various grants and  
contracts, assist in grant applications, work with board and staff to develop  
strategic plan.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MILWAUKEE  
Milwaukee, WI Mar. 1996—Sept. 2002

Associate Director – with primary role of Litigation Director. Supervised  
appellate work and initiated major litigation. Litigated class actions and did law  
reform work on behalf of low income clients including successful cases on behalf  
of inmates in overcrowded jail lacking access to medical care; persons with  
developmental disabilities (class successfully challenged group him distance rule

under ADA and FHA); consumers who succeeded against rent-to-own operation. Filed cases challenging discrimination against persons living with AIDS and cancer. Worked on action challenging nursing home abuse and fraud; predatory lending cases.

#### SOUTHERN LEGAL COUNSEL

Gainesville, Florida

Nov. 1991—Mar. 1996

Developed new docket of civil rights cases affecting low income persons and people of color statewide. Worked on right of low income, minority children to a quality education under the state constitution in action on behalf of children and NAACP, LULAC, Haitian Refugee Center, etc. Represented NAACP (local chapter) using desegregation case to bring about improvement in quality of education. Worked on class action on behalf of persons with mental illness in county jails which had unconstitutional conditions. Represented Native Americans opposing construction of toxic waste incinerator on top of ancient villages with burial grounds.

#### CENTER FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

New York, NY

Oct. 1988—Nov. 1991

Developed new docket of cases on behalf of low income women of color including discrimination cases and successful federal court ruling affirming constitutional right to access medical care. Developed cases seeking to establish such rights as: right of women who are HIV positive to equal access to health care and benefits; right of Native American women to open battered women's shelter free from race discrimination; right of first woman mechanic at university to be free from sex harassment; right of freedom of movement for women who are kidnaped, raped and abused. Litigated constitutional and civil rights claims including 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment, Equal Protection, Due Process, Title VII, Fair Housing, Rehabilitation Act, RICO, state discrimination claims.

#### NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF LAW

New York, NY

Sept. 1982--Oct. 1988

Litigation Section Chief – Bureau of Consumer Frauds & Protection – Supervised attorneys and para-legals at NY State Attorney General's office, edited briefs, established priorities, managed caseloads. Developed litigation, including contempt case against major New York slum-lord; defense of "Lemon Law" against General Motors. Before section chief, was lead counsel in state and federal litigation for Energy Section representing Governor Cuomo in cases involving unsafe nuclear power plant; defended Citizen's Utility Board billing inserts. Enforced energy conservation and environmental safety laws against major corporations, negotiating agreements with penalties against companies and restitution for large groups of consumers.

LEGAL ACTION OF WISCONSIN  
Milwaukee, WI

June 1977—July 1982

Represented low income persons in federal and state court at trial and appellate level. Specialized in consumer, housing, health, utility and municipal reform. Litigated class actions, law reform litigation raising constitutional issues in federal court including due process, just compensation, Fair Housing Act claims and claims against municipality for towing vehicles without due process. Community lawyering—responsive to community groups, trained staff attorneys, drafted and lobbied for legislation.

LEGAL ACTION OF WISCONSIN – MIGRANT June 1975—June 1977

As law clerk, did outreach to migrant labor camps, factual investigation, legal research, drafted pleadings and affidavits. Advocated for rural migrant workers on claims involving Federal Crew-leader Registration Act, OSHA, Housing, Workers' Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, Welfare Benefits, Immigration and NLRB claims.

### **ADVOCACY**

METROPOLITAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (1971-1974) and INNER CITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, Milwaukee, WI (1968—1971)

Tenant advocacy with landlords, before administrative agencies, monitored city displacement, lobbied before government agencies. Organized citywide tenants' rights group

### **ADMISSIONS and OTHER**

Wisconsin, New York and Florida Bar  
Proficient in Spanish