

# Margaret Moog Middleton

## EXPERIENCE

**GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW**, Atlanta, GA

*Assistant Clinical Professor, Co-Director Health Law Partnership (HeLP) Legal Services Clinic and Director of the Health Law Partnership*

August 2018- Present

- Co-teach the Health Law Partnership (HeLP) clinic an experiential learning class in which law students learn essential lawyering skills by representing children with health-harming legal needs and their families.

**CONNECTICUT VETERANS LEGAL CENTER**, New Haven, CT

*Executive Director and Co-Founder* September 2009- July 2018

- Co-Founded non-profit with mission to help veterans recovering from homelessness and mental illness overcome legal barriers to income, housing and healthcare.
- Established first-in-the-nation medical-legal partnership with a VA community mental health facility to serve most vulnerable veterans on-site with issues including VA and SSA benefits, military discharge upgrades, family, criminal pardon, and landlord-tenant. Recognized with VA's 2015 National Community Partnership Award.
- Expanded from one to 10 full-time staff. Diversified funding base to include corporate and law firm sponsorships, family, local, state and national foundation grants, and federal subcontracts. Recruited board members and managed board made up of leaders of corporate, legal and nonprofit sectors.
- Recruited over 600 lawyer, law student and paralegal volunteers. Built partnerships with CT's largest law firms and corporations to provide high quality pro bono representation. Recognized by the Pro Bono Partnership with the National Pro Bono Partnership award in 2017 with United Health Group.
- Started first practice in Connecticut devoted to military discharge upgrades in over thirty years. Supervising the writing of the first new practice manual for lawyers representing veterans in discharge upgrades since 1982.
- Drafted and successfully lobbied with team of Yale Law Students to establish CT laws that help veterans get treatment instead of jail time for low level offenses, and helps veterans transition from the war force to the workforce by properly crediting military training.
- Testified in Congress about the need to reform VA's handling of disability claims stemming from military sexual violence; helped organize lobbying and education around legislation authorizing VA to fund legal services for veterans by recruiting 40+ organizations to sign a letter of support, circulating a petition signed over 10,000 times, drafting written testimony, briefing partner agencies, and collaborating on white paper and briefing papers.
- Published outcomes of one of the largest academic research studies of MLP demonstrating that veterans receiving legal help integrated with VA care experienced improved mental health and reduced homelessness. Secured almost \$700,000 in funding from the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation to start the first-ever evaluation of whether legal help integrated into VA mental health care improves established measures of veteran well-being; Enrolled over 900 veterans at four sites across two states in partnership with NYLAG and VA researchers.
- Manage CVLC's communications including email marketing, public and media relations, annual reports and mailings.
- Supervise legal work of staff attorneys, law students, volunteers, and non-attorney staff.
- CVLC's Awards:
  - National VA Community Partnership Award, 2015
  - Connecticut Psychological Association Community Partnership Award 2017
  - Pro Bono Institute National Pro Bono Partnership Award, 2017

**YALE LAW SCHOOL VETERANS LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC, New Haven, CT**

***Clinical Visiting Lecturer*** Fall 2010- Fall 2015

- Co-taught a practice-oriented class in which students advocate for individual veterans and institutional reforms through supervised representation of clients.
- Supervised and co-supervised student teams of 2-4 students representing veterans in all stages of VA benefits, discharge upgrade and criminal pardon applications in administrative hearings and institutional clients in impact litigation, legislative advocacy, media strategy and administrative rule making. Supervised students in interviewing and counseling clients, legal research and writing, fact development, oral advocacy and managing team dynamics.
- Assisted in planning the clinic's docket and syllabus including planning and leading seminar sessions on veterans' law and lawyering skills.

**DAVID ROSEN AND ASSOCIATES, New Haven, CT**

***Thomas Emerson Fellow*** August 2008 – September 2009

- Lead counsel on a federal fourth amendment claim against the New London police for wrongful arrest and racial profiling. Work included conducting discovery and depositions and drafting the complaint and pre-trial memo.
- Assisted on a variety of plaintiff-side cases including wrongful-death, products liability, and employment discrimination. Work included legal research, drafting briefs, motions and complaints, preparing witnesses, defending depositions, analyzing evidence and testimony, and drafting witness examinations.
- Represented a criminal defendant in a criminal sentencing under a CJA appointment.

**LAW CLERK TO THE HONORABLE JANET C. HALL, U.S. District Court, District of Connecticut**

June 2007 – May 2008

- Drafted Opinions, Rulings, Orders, and Jury Charges on a wide variety of state and federal issues at various stages of litigation in Federal District Court.

**THE ADVANCEMENT PROJECT, Los Angeles, CA**

***Policy Analyst***, February 2003 – February 2004

***Volunteer Research Analyst***, February 2002-February 2003

- Conducted policy research on education finance, public school choice, universal preschool and police reform.
- Research included quantitative analysis, creating databases and GIS maps, conducting and presenting case studies and conducting interviews and literature reviews.

**CITY OF PASADENA'S HOUSING AFFORDABILITY TASK FORCE, Pasadena, CA**

***Task Force Member***, September 2002 - July 2003

- Appointed by the City Council to serve on 15-member task force to review city programs and recommend policies to address the city's affordable housing shortage. Wrote an editorial on the misuse of publicly-owned property published in the Pasadena Star-News.

**NASA'S JET PROPULSION LABORATORY, Pasadena, CA**

***Attitude Control Fault Protection Engineer***, June 2001-January 2003

- Tested software algorithms that allowed Cassini, a \$2.5 billion spacecraft investigating Saturn, to autonomously correct problems in deep space. Investigated problematic software behavior using high-fidelity simulations. Worked with flight software team to implement software changes.

## EDUCATION

**NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW**, New York, NY

J.D., May 2007

Honors: Root-Tilden-Kern D'Agostino Public Interest Scholar – *full-tuition scholarship*

Allen Scholar – *awarded to top 10 percent of class after 4 semesters*

**CORNELL UNIVERSITY**, Ithaca, NY

B.S., Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, *magna cum laude*, December 2000

Overall GPA: 3.83

Awards: Dean's list six semesters, Lockheed-Martin and GE Faculty for the Future Scholarships

## PUBLICATIONS

### **MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIPS AT VETERANS AFFAIRS MEDICAL CENTERS IMPROVED HOUSING AND PSYCHOSOCIAL OUTCOMES FOR VETS**

JACK TSAI, MARGARET MIDDLETON, JENNIFER VILLEGAS, CINDY JOHNSON, RANDYE RETKIN, ALISON SEIDMAN, SCOTT SHERMAN, AND ROBERT A. ROSENHECK

HEALTH AFFAIRS 2017 36:12, 2195-2203

### **LESSONS LEARNED BY AN INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH TEAM EVALUATING MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS.**

MIDDLETON, M., TSAI, J., ROSENHECK, R., 68 SOUTH CAROLINA LAW REVIEW 2 (WINTER 2016).

### **PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN HEALTH CARE AND LEGAL PROVIDERS IN THE VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION.**

TSAI, J., MIDDLETON, M., RETKIN, R., JOHNSON C., KENNEALLY K., SHERMAN S., ROSENHECK, R. PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES (2016, DECEMBER 1).

### **HELPING VETERANS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OVERCOME CIVIL LEGAL ISSUES: COLLABORATION BETWEEN A VETERANS AFFAIRS PSYCHOSOCIAL REHABILITATION CENTER AND A NONPROFIT LEGAL CENTER.**

WONG, C. F., TSAI, J., KLEE, A., UDELL, H. R., HARKNESS, L., & MIDDLETON, M. PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES. (2012, SEPTEMBER 17).

### **INCLUSIONARY ZONING FOR NEW YORK CITY: PREDICTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HUDSON YARDS, GREENPOINT-WILLIAMSBURG, AND BEYOND,**

Jennifer Coady, Margaret Middleton, and Aaron Yowell, 14 N.Y.U WAGNER REVIEW 1, (2007).

## AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

**NEW LEADER IN ADVOCACY AWARD** -- NATIONAL LEGAL AID AND DEFENDER ASSOCIATION (ONE AWARD GIVEN ANNUALLY) – 2014

**FORTY UNDER FORTY** -- CONNECTICUT MAGAZINE – 2014

**NEW LEADERS IN THE LAW AWARD** -- CONNECTICUT LAW TRIBUNE — 2012