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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2025-present

Syracuse University College of Law  
Associate Professor of Law

2019-2025

Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University  
Assistant Professor of Clinical Legal Education,  
Director, Wills & Healthcare Decisions Clinic  
Director, Pro Bono Program,  
Director, Externships Program, 2019 present

2024-2025

Duquesne University College of Osteopathic Medicine

### EDUCATION

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Harvard Medical School, MSc Bioethics

Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, JD

Duquesne University School of Business, BS

### PUBLICATIONS:

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Dorothy Yam et al., Education in Advance Care Planning: A Novel Equity-Based, Interprofessional Service-Learning Approach, 2 JOURNAL OF INNOVATION IN HEALTH SCIENCES EDUCATION (2025), <https://soar.usa.edu/jihse/vol2/iss1/3>.

Grace W. Orsatti, Accompany the Dying, Comfort the Grieving: Counseling Clients About Organ Donation Decision, 16 Ne. U.L. Rev. 129 (2024)

Grace W. Orsatti, Restoring Rights — A Path Towards Guardianship Reform, The Hill, October 11, 2023

Grace W. Orsatti, Attorneys as Healthcare Advocates: The Argument for Attorney-Prepared Advance Healthcare Directives, 50 J.L. Med. & Ethics 157 (2022)

Grace W. Orsatti, Alison Colbert, Sibling Conflict Over a Parent's End-of-Life Care: A Legal Perspective. Nursing. 2020 Nov.

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

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Pennsylvania Department of Human Services Office of Long-Term Living, Long Term Care Learning Network

Unrepresented Patients and the Law, July 2025

American Geriatrics Society Annual Conference

Crossing the Divide: Medical-Legal Advance Care Planning, May 10, 2025

Health Law Professors Conference

Ethics of Care in Estate and End-of-Life Planning, May 2024.

National Aging and Law Conference, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging, The Healthcare POA: A Scalpel, Not a Sledgehammer, May 17, 2024.

Pennsylvania Bar Institute Estate & Elder Law Symposium

Healthcare Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, & POLST Decision-Making Tools in the Event of Temporary or Permanent Incapacity, Feb 7, 2024

Southeastern Association of Law Schools (SEALS) Annual Conference,

Experiential Learning Workshop, July, 2023:

Embracing Non-Traditional Experiential Projects,

Critical Evidence Concerns Across the Curriculum.

Emerging Considerations for Clinics

Mid-Atlantic Consortium of Externships (MACE) CLE (co-organizer)

Building Cultural Awareness in Externship Students, Feb 1, 2023.

Pennsylvania Bar Association Estate Planning Institute

Healthcare Powers of Attorney, Living Wills, & POLST Decision-Making Tools in the Event of Temporary or Permanent Incapacity.

## HONORS & AWARDS:

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2023: Thomas R. Kline Meritorious Service Award

2020: Feinstein Fellow Jewish Healthcare Foundation Death and Dying Fellowship

2018: Pittsburgh Courier Women of Excellence Award

## GRANTS:

- McElhattan Foundation Medical-Legal End-of-Life Planning Grant, 2024-2025.
- American College of Trusts and Estates Council (ACTEC) Grant, 2023-2025
- McElhattan Foundation End-of-Life Planning and Care Grant, 2022-2023
- E. Louis Feldman Charitable Trust Grant for Elder Justice Programming, 2022-2023

## SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS:

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### Academic Services

Syracuse University College of Law  
Curriculum Committee, 2025-2026

Duquesne Kline School of Law  
Curriculum Committee, 2024-2025  
Recruitment Committee, 2022-2024  
Student Support Committee, 2020-2022  
Admissions Committee, 2019-2020  
Dean's Task Force on the Evening Division, 2021-2022  
Dean's Diversity Action Council, 2020-2025  
Public Interest Law Association Advisor, 2019-2025  
ABA Site Visit Committee, 2022

### Other Service

2025-2026: Commissioner, American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging  
2025: Jewish Healthcare Foundation Researcher  
2022-2026: Pennsylvania Supreme Court Advisory Council of Elder Justice in the Courts  
2023-2025: Pennsylvania Bar Association Elder Law Section Council Member  
2021-2025: Allegheny County Bar Association Elder Law Committee  
Allegheny County Bar Association Amicus Brief Committee  
2021-2025: Neighborhood Legal Services Association Board Member  
2021-2024: Allegheny County Bar Association and Allegheny County Medical Association Advance Healthcare Directive Committee.

## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS:

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Supreme Court of Pennsylvania  
Law Clerk, 2006-2008  
Superior Court of Pennsylvania  
Law Clerk, 2009- 2015  
Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas  
Law Clerk, 2004-2005, 2016-2019

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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2016-2018 Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University, Externship Supervisor  
2015-2016 Bank of New York Mellon, Legal Compliance and Regulatory Enforcement  
2008-2009 W. Timothy Barry & Associates, Pittsburgh, PA, Associate Attorney,  
2008-2009 Pennsylvania Bureau of Mediation, Labor Arbitrator