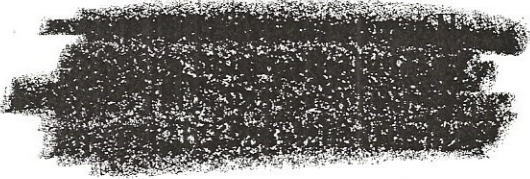


MARK STEVEN GIMPEL



EDUCATION

Stanford Law School J.D. 1988

Awards and Honors: Order of the Coif; graduated with distinction; Kirkwood Moot Court Competition semifinalist; Hilmer Oehlman, Jr. First Year Award for legal research and writing.

Yale School of Drama (1983-84)

Attended first year of MFA Directing Program.

Yale College B.A. 1982

Honors: magna cum laude with academic distinction in two majors: History and Theatre Studies.

LEGAL EMPLOYMENT

Mark Gimpel, Esq. (1996 to present)

Represented clients in criminal and civil matters, on appellate and trial levels, as sole practitioner and in Of Counsel capacity to the Law Office of Gerald B. Lefcourt and the Law Office of Joel B. Rudin.

- Representing mother of teenager, who committed suicide by jumping out courtroom window following appearance on drug charge, in civil suit against City of New York.
- Briefed and argued Second Circuit appeal in drug conspiracy case.
- Briefed and argued appeal in New Jersey Appellate Division involving contract and partnership law.
- Co-authored memoranda of law in successful *habeas corpus* petition based on ineffective assistance of appellate counsel.
- Won Second Circuit appeal in bankruptcy case involving 5th Amendment privilege.
- Served as consultant to Center for Constitutional Rights on appeal of prisoner's murder conviction.
- Negotiated favorable settlements for workers on city construction project on claims that contractor failed to pay statutorily required "prevailing wage."
- Represented developer in contract disputes.
- Representing nightclub in trademark and personal injury litigations.
- Representing plaintiffs in two sexual harassment suits.

Office of the Appellate Defender (September 1989-September 1996)

Series of promotions leading to Deputy Attorney-in-Charge, in not-for-profit law office specializing in direct appeals in New York State for indigent defendants and related litigation, including state post-conviction work and federal *habeas corpus*.

- Litigated more than 300 criminal appeals in Appellate Division and Court of Appeals as staff attorney and supervising attorney.

- Won reversal in high-profile murder case, upholding New York's requirement of reasonable suspicion as predicate for police requests for consent to search pursuant to traffic stops.
- Represented clients in various hearings and other trial level proceedings.
- Created and directed *pro bono* program that trained and supervised volunteer associates from 20 prominent sponsoring firms in representation of office clients. Program's reversal rate was well above average for First Department
- Managed office caseload and personnel and shared responsibility for all aspects of office operations with Attorney-in-Charge.

Judge Alfred T. Goodwin (September 1988-August 1989)

Law clerk to Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Wake Up Justice (March 1998 to present)

Director of not-for-profit organization engaged in advocacy and education regarding drug policy (particularly mandatory minimum sentencing and the Rockefeller Drug Laws) and other criminal justice issues, as well as representation of wrongly convicted individuals. Organized fundraiser; addressed community, student, and other groups; appeared on television (*The Charles Grodin Show*) and radio programs; networked and collaborated on projects with other likeminded organizations. The case of one Wake Up Justice client is the subject of an upcoming edition of "American Justice," on the Arts & Entertainment Network.

Criminal Practice Institute (1995)

Served on faculty of training program for appointed counsel in Washington, D.C.

Legal Assistance Committee (1993-1995)

Served on City Bar committee concerned with legal services organizations, *pro bono* work in firms and law schools, and related issues.

Summer Associate Positions

Paul Weiss Rifkind Wharton & Garrison (1987); Proskauer Rose (1986);
Employment offer received from each firm.

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Second Circuit; Southern District of New York; Eastern District of New York; New York State.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Bar Association of the City of New York; National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.